

## University of Omaha Basket Ball Team Ready for Its Hard Schedule



LEFT TO RIGHT—PARISH, PARSONS, (CAPTAIN), JENKINS, CROCKER, DOW, HALSEY, RHODEN. THE UNIVERSITY OF OMAHA BASKET BALL SQUAD HAS BEEN PRACTICING MOST STRENUOUSLY FOR THE BIG GAMES WHICH COME SOON ON THE SCHEDULE AND EXPECT TO SHOW WELL IN THE STATE ASSOCIATION.

### GUEST LIST IS NOW ABOVE THE 150 MARK

Great Crowd Coming to Omaha as Guests of Local Alumni for the Banquet.

### ALL BIG SCHOOLS REPRESENTED

Some Have Fifteen Players, Some Ten and Some Less.

### OLD CORNHUSKERS ALSO COMING

Great Linemen Plan for Happy Time Here with Youngsters.

### AMUSEMENTS ARE ATTRACTIVE

Theater Managers So Much Interested that Some of Them Draft Their Bills in Order to Have Acts for Cornhuskers.

The out-of-town guest list at the banquet of the Omaha alumni of the state university for the Cornhusker foot ball eleven on the evening of January 8 now exceeds 150, a number much larger than was expected to be present. The high schools of the state have responded to the invitation to send their gridiron teams. So many have accepted the bids that nearly every large high school in the state will be represented, some with fifteen players, some with ten, some with five and some with two.

With the guest list exceeding 150, the banquet will be attended by more than 200 persons. The committee in charge of the dinner figures that the total number present will be 400, for there are more than 300 Nebraska alumni living in Omaha, and practically all of them will be present. In addition to the Omaha Nebraska alumni, there will be graduates from the other college alumni in this city. The Cornhusker committee will have a representative from each college and university that has any alumni in this city.

### Other Alumni Coming.

Former Cornhusker foot ball captains who were invited to be guests have accepted. John Westover and Glen Mason are both coming from Lincoln. Nebraska alumni who live out in the state have written to the committee asking if they may come. Requests of this kind have been received from ten different towns, and in each case the local committee has answered the letter by saying that all Nebraska alumni are welcome to the banquet, but that the man in charge of the dinner must know before January 4 just how many persons will attend. This information must be had because the committee needs to raise sufficient money to take care of its guests, and it must also have accommodations to take care of the diners. It is now believed that the new University club quarters will be too small for the big banquet and that the Commercial club dining hall will have to be used. Most of the members of the Nebraska alumni are members of the Commercial club, so they are permitted to use this room according to the laws of the commercial organization.

### Theater Managers Interested.

The theater managers of the city are interested in the banquet, even to the extent of offering suggestions which will be helpful to the committee in getting the entertainment feature of the program up to a high standard. Manager Johnson of the Gayety is endeavoring to book two acts for the Hippodrome that also can appear at the banquet and furnish a lot of comedy and singing for the visitors. One of these acts may be a quartet, one of the best on the circuit. Manager Franke of the Orpheum also are getting behind the alumni and throwing their support to the amusement end of the big dinner.

### Soccer Game Results in Tie.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 28.—The business men's team of the St. Louis Soccer association and the West Hudson eleven from Harrison, N. J. played a fast tie game here this afternoon. The score was 1 to 1.

### GETTING BASE BALL DATES

Cornhuskers Plan to Play Several Games in the Spring.

### WANT REPEAL OF SOME RULES

Policy of Nebraska Mentors Will Be One Looking to Removal of Certain of Present Restrictions on Game.

BY JAMES E. LAWRENCE.  
LINCOLN, Neb., Dec. 28.—(Special.)—The organization of a base ball team and the drafting of a schedule for the Cornhuskers in this department of sport is the latest move in the affairs of the Nebraska state university.

Cornhusker and Manager Reed have been working for some time with other schools of the Missouri valley and other western colleges to secure enough games to warrant the organization of a squad and team. Last spring an attempt was made to reorganize the ball team, after its untimely demise when the Missouri valley conference became so much purified that it could not permit the base ball players to play summer base ball.

Other teams had already drafted their schedules, however, so it was impossible to get games. As a result one of the most promising squads in years was lost to the university as the players refused to devote valuable time each day to a branch of sport where it was sure no schedule could be prepared. After playing two or three practice games with neighboring secondary colleges and with other similar organizations the squad disbanded for the season.

### Getting Dates Now.

It is to avoid just this happening that the management is already stirring around for dates. The Cornhuskers, according to present plans, will play from eighteen to twenty games. At least half of them will be played away from home, the team taking a ten-day trip over Missouri valley territory.

### Policy of Cornhuskers.

Nebraska, with a good base ball record and basket ball season, can go before the conference and ask the repeal of those objectionable features of the rules. Provided the smaller schools manage to frigate the remaining larger ones, then it means that the University of Nebraska can also use its club of withdrawal.

### PACKEY THROWS CLUB DOWN

Stock Yards Fighter Fails to Show Up Against Daniels.

### ENGLISH FILLS HIS PLACE

Big Crowd Enjoyed Match Between Two, Which Went Eight Lively Rounds, with No Decision.

That much touted and vindictive fighter, Paakey McFarland, the hero of the Chicago stock yards, did not show up for his eight-round battle with Freddie Daniels at the Flamben club's midwinter boxing carnival at the Armory last night.

The fame of the stock yards gladiator tested the capacity of the house at \$1 and \$2 a throw, and while the disappointment was both deep and general, the animus of the club was so thoroughly understood that there was not a single serious protest and no unfavorable demonstration of any kind.

All felt that the club had been thrown down in a most cowardly and culpable manner and were perfectly willing to make the best of it. And let it be said here, from a fighting viewpoint, the best of it was vastly superior to anything that McFarland and Daniels could have supplied.

### Fighter's Fame Drew Well.

While it was known beyond the shadow of a doubt that Daniels could in no way be considered even a fair sparring partner for McFarland, who stands at the head of his class, not only in this country, but everywhere else, it was McFarland's name that jammed the hall to suffocating point.

### English Steps In.

As a substitute for McFarland the club had selected Jack Gorman, but Clarence English was on hand, and mounting the platform, he said that he would step into McFarland's gaiters, and meet Daniels and give his end of the money to any charity that might be named by the newspaper men. The crowd made it vigorously evident that they preferred English, and so the Omaha man was determined upon.

### FOOT BALL RULES PRAISED

Present Game Satisfactory, is Report to Association.

### COLLEGIATE DELEGATES MEET

Chairman of Rules Committee Thinks Long Experimenting at Last Has Produced Regulations Almost Ideal.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—Praise for the 1912 foot ball rules, with the statement that they "made possible the best game of foot ball ever played by American colleges," was expressed by Henry L. Williams, coach of the University of Minnesota foot ball team, in his report today before the national Collegiate Athletic association, as chairman of the rules committee.

The association, with delegates from nearly ninety colleges and universities present, met here for its seventh annual session.

Mr. Williams told of the difficulties that had been overcome and the many radical changes that had been made, all of which he said had proved most fortunate. For several years back, he said, the proper adjustment of the balance between offense and defense, with just the right equilibrium between these forces, has been a serious problem. The advantage, he contended, had been on the side of the defense and it had been well recognized that as the goal line was approached the defense became stronger through the drawing in of the backs to support the line, so that the scoring of touchdowns by equally balanced teams was exceedingly difficult. For these reasons, he said, the rules were changed to give four downs in ten yards instead of three, a change which he characterized as the most important and beneficial introduced since the ten-yard rule was adopted.

### Onside Kick Too Uncertain.

The elimination of the onside kick was another change which he said was most important for the best interests of the game and was made because the committee felt that the advantage of the attack over the defense might be too great, because of the decided danger to the defensive backs and because of the decided element of chance and luck in the play.

### After reciting the disadvantages of annual changes in the rules, both to the players and the spectators in general, Mr. Williams closed his report with the statement that now at last we seem to have a game that is the most satisfactory, popular alike to players, spectators and coaches, where the balance between attack and defense is nicely adjusted; where a team that is properly instructed and properly directed upon the field of play ought always to be able to score, unless outclassed, and where the team of superior ability and skill almost invariably wins.

George W. Ehler, director of physical education at the University of Wisconsin, rendering a report on "foot ball fatalities among college men," announced that there were no deaths among college men last season, but that a school boy was killed.

### NEWS FOR ALL BOWLERS

Many Team Games and Special Matches Scheduled.

### SOME NEW CHALLENGES OUT

Local Employees of the Standard Oil Company Organize New Club and Put Four Teams in the Field—Other Notes.

MAGIC CITY LEAGUE—Garlow's alley. Monday, December 30—Oulkin's Cubs against South Omaha Ice Co.; Stellings against Hinchey Laundry Co. Thursday, January 2—Boyer's Cracker-Jacks against Garlow Colts; Markin's Tigers against Juvont Tappers. Friday, January 3—Peterson's Kandy Kids against Jerry's Gold Tops.

COMMERCIAL LEAGUE—Metropolitan alley. Monday, December 30—Brodegaard's Browns against O'Brien's Monte Christos. Tuesday—Jerry's Gold Tops against Omaha Bicycle Indians. Thursday—Roger's Permits against Sporting News. Friday—Gordon's Fireproofs against Naneses. FAIRMONT CREAMERY LEAGUE—Morrison's alley. Friday, January 3—Diadems against DeHolia; Fairmont Ranch against Better Butlers.

### SPECIAL MATCHES.

Tuesday afternoon—Hamlet and Huntington, five games on Morrison alleys and five games on the Garlow alleys. Wednesday afternoon—Hamlet and Huntington, five games on the Association alleys and five games on the Metropolitan alleys. Sometime—Tracy and Shaw, three games on Morrison alleys and three games on Garlow's alleys.

### Challenges.

Angelsburg and Prestone will meet any two men for a series of three games on the Morrison, Metropolitan and Garlow alleys for a purse of \$100, Neale and Conrad preferred.

### Standard to Have Team.

A new boost was given to bowling in Omaha when the Standard Oil employees organized a bowling club to be run along the same lines as a league. This organization will be somewhat different from the other leagues inasmuch as they roll their matches on Saturday afternoons. The games will be played in the Metropolitan basement alleys. The club is composed of four teams and represent the Standard's leading oil, gasoline and axle grease departments. The names of the teams are: Polarine Auto Oil, Mica Axle Grease, Crown Gasoline and Perfection Oil. Each team has a membership of six men, but only three of these will be used in the matches. The handicap system was adopted and a complete schedule of five rounds was drafted, making the season close April 5. At the meeting the following officers were elected and team captains appointed: Grand Oil Miler—C. Holstelt. Hustlers—Conner—J. A. Gilmore. Noble Stock Clerk—C. Cain. Keeper of the Sweet Room—H. A. Hathaway. Captains—Polarine Auto Oil, C. J. Cain; Mica Axle Grease, Leo Bryne; Crown Gasoline, Charles Verity; Perfection Oil, Tony Johanson.

### NEW FRATERNITY ORGANIZED

Seven Universities Join Honor Athletic Association.

### THIRTY MORE WILL COME IN

Sigma Delta Psi Society Holds First Meeting at Indiana University—Physical Efficiency Object of Organization.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Dec. 28.—Representatives of seven universities today pledged their support to the new honor athletic fraternity, the Sigma Delta Psi, founded at Indiana university. The seven representatives at the meeting here today were: Dr. L. J. Cooke, Minnesota; Dr. C. P. Hutchins, Indiana; Prof. H. D. Haine, Wabash; President W. A. Mills, Hanover; Dr. C. H. Barnes, DePauw; Athletic Director Westphal, Indiana State normal, and Prof. E. P. Johnson, Butler, Columbia, Notre Dame and Lehigh.

Stanford, Jr. university practically have become affiliated with the fraternity and letters from thirty other universities were received. Dr. Cooke said he believed that at least thirty more universities, from coast to coast, would ask for charters within the next sixty days.

### Gunboat Smith's Wife Ties Up the Fight Proceeds

BAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Dec. 28.—Gunboat Smith, who won a decision last night from Frank Moran of Pittsburgh, did not collect his winnings today. They are tied up by an injunction issued by Superior Judge Graham at the request of Mrs. Elmore Smith, the fighter's wife, who also filed a suit for divorce and asks alimony of \$300 a month, placing her husband's income at \$700 a month. She charges infidelity, abandonment and failure to provide.

### UNIVERSITY OF OMAHA TEAM READY FOR ITS SCHEDULE

With a lull of two weeks in athletic activities, due to the holiday recess, athletes at the University of Omaha are planning to start off in January with a rush. Basket ball, which has not had a good start, will be undertaken with energy, and everything points to a very successful season.

### Speed Limit Suspended.

In every town across the state, on both of the roads traversed by the racing cars, the speed limit rules were suspended by order of the mayors and chiefs of police. A clear field down the streets to be used by Peterson and McClure was kept by the police, and thus there was no chance for danger to anyone.

### DON MCCLURE WINS IOWA ROAD RACE

Oskaloosa Man Travels Faster of Two from Davenport to Council Bluffs.

### HAS EDGE ON PETER PETERSON

Starts with Handicap of Thirty Minutes' Time.

### GREAT WHITE WAY WINS OUT

Merits of Two Highways Tested by the Contest.

### RIVER-TO-RIVER ROAD LONGER

In One Stretch McClure Makes Sixty-Six Miles in One Hundred Twenty-One Minutes—Fast Work by Cars.

Don McClure of Oskaloosa, traveling over "The Great White Way," won the cross state race that started from Davenport, Ia., at 8:15 o'clock yesterday morning from Peter Peterson of Davenport by a margin of thirty-six minutes. Peterson traveled over the "River to River" road.

### Early Morning Start.

Peterson and McClure had breakfast served together in the morning in the New Kimball hotel at Davenport. Just at 6:30 o'clock they both started on their long, cold and fast ride across Iowa. McClure's route, over the Great White Way, took him first to Blue Grass, Muscatine, Columbus Junction, Washington, Oskaloosa, Prairie City, Peella and Des Moines, and then on west to Council Bluffs. Peterson followed the River to River road throughout from the east to the west.

### Take on Slip.

Peterson figured on slipping better than a forty-five-mile an hour average for the entire cross state drive. By having experienced pilots taken on at different cities, who knew the road perfectly for the next fifty miles or so ahead, fast driving was possible. The roads were in better condition than they have been in for a number of months. There was very little dust, as the roads are to an extent frozen on the crust, and yet there were but few bumps which have not worn down smooth. The only handicap was the approaches to the bridges. Many of these were allowed to get bumpy during the fall and nothing has been done to them, of course, since the advent of winter weather.

### The Cars Used.

Peterson drove his sixty-horsepower Pope-Hartford, built for racing, and McClure drove his specially built Oakland sixty-horsepower roadster.

### You Never Can Tell

when you will need a rain coat or cold weather supplies, so come in and see us now before the rush. Omaha Rubber Company.—Advertisement.