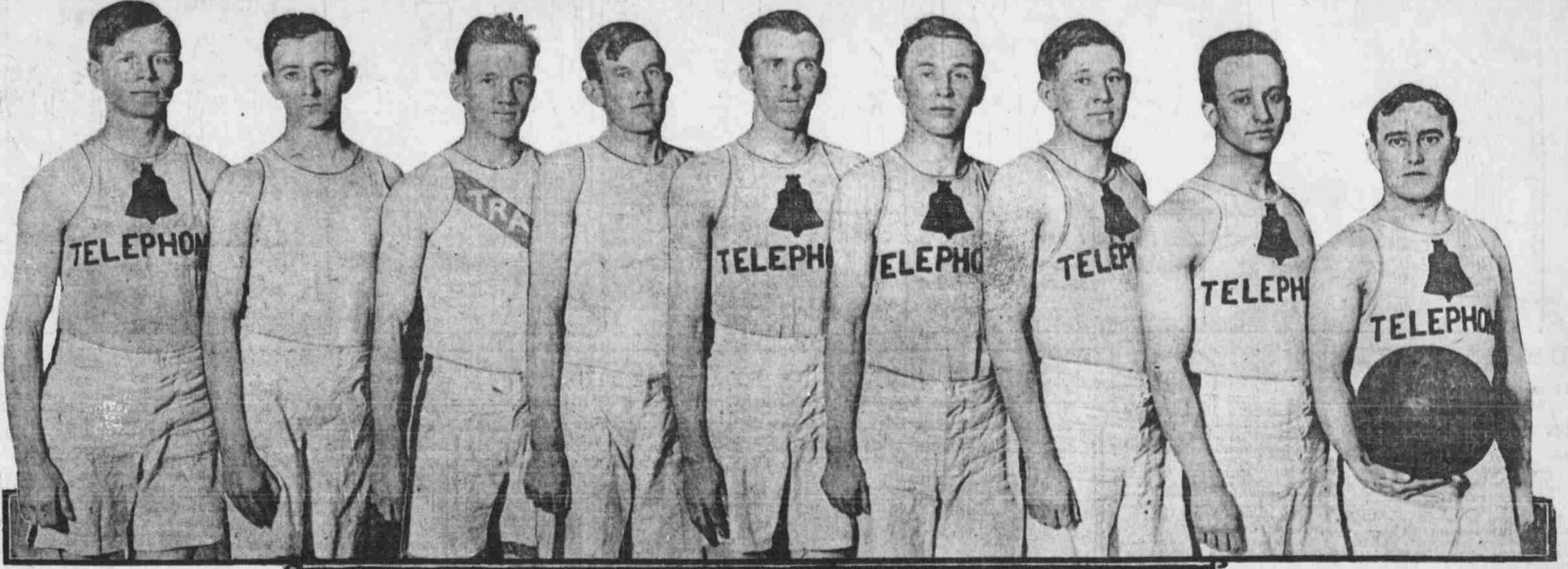


# Trouble Shooters, Wire Benders and Pole Climbers Who Toss the Big Ball



Left to Right—O. E. Stowell, C. H. Meis, W. L. Harris, A. H. Still, B. F. Noland, H. E. Fellows, W. C. Hutchison, L. D. Brobeil. The Telephone company put a basket ball team in the field this year which could not help but be a winner, for not only was it composed of splendid players, but it had the backing of all the "hello" girls as well as the officials of the company, who were always on hand to help root.

## ROURKE TEAM READY FOR TRAINING CAMP

Twelve Members of the Omaha Club Will Leave Here Saturday for Oklahoma City.

### FUGATE SIGNS HIS CONTRACT

Veteran Pitcher Who Has Been Holding Out Comes Into Fold.

### BILLS IS TO REMAIN AT HOME

Last Year's Twirler to Study and Do Training in Omaha.

### SEVERAL EXHIBITION GAMES

Eleven Games Already Scheduled to Be Played in the South and Oklahoma University Will Fill Up All Open Days.

BY C. MARON YOULD.  
Accompanied by twelve members of the Omaha base ball club Pa Rourke will leave for Oklahoma City Saturday afternoon, there to train for twenty-five days preparatory to the opening of the 1913 Western league on April 12. Among the players who will accompany Rourke are veterans and recruits. They are Schipke, Goding, Robinson, Thomson, Fugate, Cleaman, Kingdon, Neff, Shesak, Reed, Bright, Lotz, and Applegate. Those who will go to the training camp without passing through Omaha are Kane, Congalton, Beebe, Hicks, Johnson, Seaman, Justice, Arbogast, Coyle and Grubb.

Joe Hillis, one of last year's twirlers, will not go south with the team. Bills is studying pharmacy at Creighton college and does not wish to drop his studies for the training south, believing that he will be able to get into condition in Omaha. Therefore, Rourke has given Hills permission to train here.

Coyle a Hothead.  
Norman Coyle, outfielder with the Bourkes last season, has not yet signed up his contract, although Rourke expects he will come around and show up on time at training headquarters. Coyle has been holding out for a salary in excess of the limit placed on the clubs at the recent league meeting. However, if he fails to come through and play with Omaha he will place himself liable to suspension either by Rourke or Secretary Farrell.

Jack Fugate and "Hickory" Johnson, both of whom have been holding out, have agreed to their contracts and will be seen with Omaha again this season. Johnson came through with his contract about a week ago and Rourke received a letter yesterday from Fugate saying he would be on hand to go south next Saturday afternoon.

Transportation Forwarded.  
Transportation was forwarded to all the twenty-eight Rourke players yesterday and all the players instructed to be on hand by March 17. Manager Arbogast will arrive at the training camp at least three or four days in advance of the other players and will make final arrangements. The Omaha contingent will arrive in Oklahoma City on March 1. Arrangements are being made for the players to start active training on the morning of March 12. Ball playing will be put on the shelf for the first few days and the players will take long runs, lay out on the field and the boys given practice throwing. No pitcher will be allowed to try out his steam of curves, however, for at least two weeks. Rourke is not going to take any chances with his twirlers getting stiff muscles and sore arms.

## HIGH SCHOOL LIMBERING UP

Spring Weather Brings on Active Spirit Among the Athletes.

### ARE IN NEED OF MATERIAL

Many of the Departments Looking for Available Fellows Who Can Handle Themselves in Different Sports.

Spring athletics have been backward among the high school sport lovers for the last week since the bad weather has prohibited any active work along the lines of tennis and track work. Track men have, however, received consent of Miss Kate McHugh to use the halls for the sprinters and the distance runners, and those out for that branch of athletics have had considerable practice and have limbered themselves up for the outdoor work which will begin with the renewal of good track weather. Coach Mills has been too busy with the basket ball team to put in much time on track and so work in that line has been going on under the coaching of Robert Wood, high school track star, who has done much with the track candidates in Mills' absence.

A track manager will be selected by the athletic board and active work will be commenced as soon as possible. There are some departments of the track team that will be hard to fill this spring for many of the old time track stars have left. This is the case in the hurdles, pole vault, high and broad jump, and discus. Consequently it is scouting around the high school trying to find some promising men for these vacancies.

The weights are well filled. Arthur Rouner being about the best there is in the high school for the shot put and discus. No promising high jumpers or pole vaulters have yet come to light and it is feared that that department will be unfilled throughout the season.

The high school tennis courts are in fair condition and with some care will be in good condition for playing in a week or so. As soon as any active interest is displayed in tennis, the annual singles tournament for boys will be commenced and the girls semi-annual tournament will be started at the same time. The recent bad tennis weather has kept many tennis enthusiasts from the game and so as soon as the weather opens up there will be crowds of players waiting their respective turn.

## Courtney Starts to Build Cornell Racing Machine

ITHACA, N. Y., March 8.—Coach Courtney has begun building up the Cornell crew after a preliminary testing of the material, and although he has only three veteran oarsmen available for the varsity this year, the quality of the varsity squad is such that the Old Man is not worrying over material, but is somewhat concerned as to where the crews will practice when the ice breaks up in the inlet and lake.

Courtney was asked the other day what he thought of the scheme of teaching American college oarsmen the English stroke. "The plan of bringing the English stroke into use by American college oarsmen is a chestnut," he said. "It has been tried frequently before and never with any great success. "The English stroke is a good stroke," he said, "but American oarsmen have never had much success in mastering it. For myself, I believe that the Cornell stroke is far more serviceable than the English stroke. You can see that it is radically different," he remarked, pointing to a number of photographs in the crew room illustrating the English stroke, and comparing it with the Cornell stroke. "The English stroke has been tried time and time again by crews in this country without any appreciable success," he continued. "Whether the Yale crew will make a success of it remains to be seen. If they develop a first class crew this year with a new stroke they will be accomplishing a feat that few crews can do, let me tell you. Success under the first year of the new system will be something they can well be proud of."

## STAGG'S MEN WILL RUN HERE

May Be Pitted Against the Nebraska Uni Relay Team.

### ENTRY LIST IS TO BE LARGE

Colleges and Universities Are Responding Nicely to the Invitations to Take Part in the Meet.

According to latest plans Chicago university relay team will compete against the Nebraska university team at the second annual indoor amateur athletic and gymnastic meet of the Omaha Young Men's Christian association which will be held at the Auditorium on the nights of April 4 and 5.

J. Truitt Maxwell, director of the big meet, has written Coach Stagg of the Crimson Uni asking if his men will be able to attend the meet. There is hardly a doubt, however, but that Stagg's men will come here as that renowned mentor not long ago asked for entry blanks and much information which was gladly furnished him by Mr. Maxwell.

Entries to the big meet are coming in every day and Mr. Maxwell does not hesitate to say that it is going to be the largest of its kind ever held in this part of the country. Already over 100 athletes are entered. Omaha will be well represented at the meet, as forty runners and jumpers from the Young Men's Christian association are training faithfully daily for the events. The University of Omaha and Bellevue college will enter strong teams and their men are now working hard to get into shape.

Local Teams to Enter.  
The local athletic organizations and clubs all over the city are taking unusual interest in the coming tourney and it is understood that about twelve clubs will be entered in addition to the public school boys and the various church federations. Out in the state many colleges, high schools and associations are planning to come to Omaha and take part. Nebraska Wesleyan, Peru Normal, Kearney Normal, Cotner, Doane, Grand Island, and Hastings colleges have all sent for entry blanks and undoubtedly will enter in the various runs and jumps.

In addition to the track numbers there will be many field events, including pole vault, running broad jump, high jump, shot put and gymnastic events. The

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## Grubb May Prove Great Help to the Omaha League Team

The trading of third baseman Bert Niehoff of last year's Omaha team for third baseman Harry Grubb of the Morristown team of the Appalachian league, has created a stir amongst local fanatical circles, that has roused a certain amount of adverse criticism against those connected with the deal.

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## SUCCESS MARKS TOURNAMENT

A. B. C. Meet in Toledo Brings Out Increased Interest in Game.

### OMAHA TEAMS MAKE SHOWING

While They Will Not Come Away with First Prize, They Demonstrated Remarkable Skill with Shave.

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## NEEDED CHANGES IN RULES

Intercollegiate Athletic Association Revises the Code.

### INCREASE HAMMER WEIGHT

Winner of Race in Man Any Part of Whose Body Covers the Tape First—Meaning Torso.

NEW YORK, March 8.—Several needed amendments were made to the college athletic rules at the annual meeting of the Intercollegiate Athletic association in this city, the most important being in favor of the complete abolition of all weight contests, on the ground that only the heaviest and strongest men in the colleges can take part in them, and that, compared with other field and track sports, the number of competitors is so small that few will be hurt by the abolition of all such contests at the championships.

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## STATE HIGH SCHOOLS TO MEET AT LINCOLN

Representative Basket Ball Teams Will Battle Last of Week to Decide State Championship.

### ALL ARRANGEMENTS COMPLETED

Referees Selected and Places Drawn for Preliminaries.

### SILVER CUP FOR FIRST PRIZE

Goes to Winning Team, While Each Player Gets Silver Medal.

### FOR VALLEY CHAMPIONSHIP

Nebraska and Kansas Will Contend Monday and Tuesday Nights for High Title in the Missouri Valley Conference.

BY JAMES E. LAWRENCE.  
LINCOLN, March 8.—(Special)—Three hundred and forty-two high school athletes, representing forty-four high schools of the state, will be in Lincoln March 12, 13 and 14 for the annual basket ball tournament to decide the championship of the state. The tournament is held under the auspices of the University of Nebraska athletic board and this year entries are nearly double those in previous years. Twenty-nine high schools, the second largest number, competed last year in the tournament, in which Omaha High school won championship honors.

Final arrangements for the tournament were completed this week with the selection of referees for the various games and the drawing of places in the preliminaries. Following are the officials selected for the tournament: Sam Waugh, W. E. Kavan, A. H. Hillner, M. O. Haman, Earl Hawkins, August Schmidt, Sam Carrier, C. A. Meier, Charles Myers, Ben Beck, C. O. Underwood and Owen Frank. For the preliminaries Thursday afternoon the following teams were drawn, the remainder having been fortunate to draw a bye and thus escaping the early elimination round: Lincoln against West Point, De Witt against Osceola, Fremont against Temple, Geneva against Herman, Omaha against Newman Grove, Auburn against Ottawa, Norfolk against Blue Springs, Crete against David City, Columbus against Swanton, Nebraska City against Cortland, Beatrice against York, Hardy against South Omaha.

Teams Drawing Byes.  
Of the teams drawing byes, the following will play in the second elimination round Friday: Minden, Wilber, Lexington, Gettysburg, Central City, Kearney, Fairbury, Trenton, Tecumseh, Oakdale, Grand Island, Elmwood, Benkelman, University Place, Holdrege, Sutton, Elgin, Albion, Kearney Military academy and Schuyler.

The prize offered the winner of the tournament is the large silver Sheen cup. Each member of the winning team will receive a silver medal from the university athletic board and winners of second and third places in the meet will receive large pennants. Individual members of the teams will receive bronze medals.

List of Players.  
Following is the list of teams and athletes taking part in the meet:

Albion—Amos Casey, Lee Halstead, Gilbert Katsch, James Fox, Paul Casey, Madison Lehr, Marion Watworth, Auburn—Ivan Mastin, Willard Whitmore, James Allen, Ray Robertson, Harry Saunders, Kenneth Klapper. Beatrice—William Maxwell, Harry Maxwell, Charles De Land, Schell Grant, Clyde Dempster, Leslie Van Horn, Harold Duncan, Ralph Herman, Emil Powell, Henry Schliacter. Benkelman—John Hamburg, John Dunn, Harvey Dunn, Henry Ewing, Leigh Hamilton. Blue Springs—Richard Herman, Eugene Haskins, Justus Smith, Gordon Mason, Charles Salisbury, Arthur Kraus, Ralph Falwell. Central City—Carl Lutes, Vaughn Lutes, Clark Grieve, William Stubbs, Claire Grieve, Newton Bankson, Victor Fleming, Oliver Williams, Walter Wasicka, George Lehr. Columbus—George Brown, Don Paulie, Fred Hector, Albert Phillips, Jacob Gut, Clyde Weaver, Earl Trumbach. Cortland—Milton Jungmeyer, Walter (Continued on Page Two.)

## Cornhusker Coaching System Needs Overhauling

## Athletic Board Should Give Jumbo Stiehm Help He Needs

(Amos Thomas is one of the most prominent alumni of the University of Nebraska. Until recently he was secretary of the Omaha alumni of the state school, and now he is secretary of the University club of Omaha. He is one of the Cornhuskers who journeys back to Lincoln for all the games each fall and who always is boosting for Nebraska. His expression represents the sentiment of all the Cornhuskers who live in Omaha.)

BY AMOS THOMAS.  
In no spirit of "knocking" is this article written, though I believe there are times when a knock is a boost; but now this expression is one of sincere, earnest criticism, penned because I truly believe that the foot ball system at Nebraska is in a deplorable, yet remediable state, and I only seek to effect—or suggest means of effecting—a cure for the evils which give the University of Nebraska second class foot ball teams when they should have sixteens of first rank in the middle west. No severe criticism of Coach Ewald Stiehm is meant; he has done well, and deserves credit for his achievements; but those men who control athletics at Nebraska are the men who should be censured—censured for permitting Stiehm to struggle along with insufficient assistance in forming the teams that represent Nebraska on the gridiron.

Clyde E. Elliott, who has followed Nebraska foot ball closely for several years, has taken exactly the position that I wish to assume; he believes Stiehm is the man for the first position, but that the board of athletic control should provide other coaches—three or four to give Stiehm the help that he should have—that he must have if the Cornhuskers are to get from the material each fall its full fighting, game-winning value. Under the present one man system, teams of first-class ability cannot be produced. Stiehm is not to blame; the fault is at the hands of the board of control, whose policy of cutting down the expenditure for coaches is not necessary, but is parsimonious.

No Successful Examples.  
In no great school of the country, east or west, is there an example of a one-man system which is successful. Williams at Minnesota, gets credit for the successful Gopher eleven, but the men who aid him each fall are fully as competent of coaching big teams as the leader himself is; there Gophers therefore have several coaches of high ability, and they get good teams—teams that whip Nebraska almost as regularly as fall comes around.

I know that Nebraska, with two or three high class assistants for Stiehm, could turn out an eleven next fall which would make the critics of all sections of the country take cognizance of this state.

Individual Awakening Needed.  
Players must have individual attention, particularly at Nebraska, where most of the students who enter the big school are youngsters from small towns without proper scholastic foot ball training. Only Omaha and Lincoln give the university men who have had experience under capable coaches. These men, new at Nebraska, have not been taught the fundamentals of the game and they go into their big intercollegiate contests ill-prepared to do battle with such teams as Minnesota, coached by experts. Every man at Nebraska ought to have individual attention—and he cannot have (Continued on Page Four.)