

THE OMAHA SUNDAY BEE

SPORTS

Now is the Time for All Good Men to Join in a Welcome to the Home Team

WESTERN LEAGUE TO BE OPENED FRIDAY

Omaha Will Meet Sioux City in First Game of Season in Annual Championship Race.

BUSINESS HOUSES TO CLOSE
Retailers of Omaha Will Suspend Business and Attend Game.

PLAN INTERESTING PROGRAM
Usual Automobile Parade Will Be Followed by Stunts at Park.

OMAHA COMES HOME TUESDAY
Will Hold Practice Tuesday Afternoon and Wednesday, and Rest Up Thursday for Opening Game on Friday.

By C. MASON YOULD.
An agitation was started last week by the Retailers of Omaha, Knights of Ak-Sar-Ben and the Commercial club, to close every business house in Omaha on the afternoon of the opening day of the Western base ball league. The season will open Friday, April 18, with Omaha playing Sioux City in Omaha. The mayor has issued a proclamation declaring Friday afternoon a half holiday.

Every business house in Omaha will be visited by a member of the executive committee of the Commercial club, and requested to close during the afternoon. Edicts and proclamations of every description poured in on Dick Grote last week and these he was requested to make public. Samson and his knights are excited over the opening and the prospects of the Western league season and they are working with all the other organizations of the city. An attempt will be made to break all former opening day crowds and efforts are being bent to bring 10,000 fans out to Rourke park Friday afternoon.

Samson Issues Edict.
The lord high chamberlain of King Ak-Sar-Ben's knights issued the following edict to the subject:

Whereas, It pleases our royal heart at all times that these, our beloved subjects within our ancient demesne, should be a happy and contented people, and should have diversions and pastimes to lighten their every day task and toil, and
Whereas, It has seemed well that we should lend our royal countenance to the innocent pleasures of our feudal city, so it is our will that our court be called together at diverse times, where our people are assembled for games and pleasures.
And since there are banded together each succeeding year a company of gallant champions of the West, to contend in honorable contest against our sister cities and uphold the name of Omaha against all who challenge, we should send our presence and shouts at Rourke park on Friday, April 18, at the opening of the festive base ball season.
Thus will we make that King Ak-Sar-Ben and his valiant knights stand afar for what exalts the glories of fair Omaha.

To Support Team.
That the Omaha club will have the support of the Commercial club is shown in the following letter to Pa Rourke, from George H. Kelly, president of the club:

As president of this organization, I have directed that notice be given all members that the club will recognize the official opening of the 1913 base ball season. They are being urged to attend the opening game at Rourke park next Friday, April 18.

We wish the Omaha team a most successful year and intend to be on hand next Friday to give you an enthusiastic send-off.

An interesting program is being prepared by the various organizations which will take part in the opening day festivities. The usual parade is a fixture, but several stunts which are being kept quiet will be pulled off at the park before the game starts. The Sioux City ball players will arrive in Omaha the morning of the day of the game and will be met at the depot by a committee from the Commercial club, which will escort the players to the Millard hotel, where they will make their headquarters while in Omaha.

The Omaha team will play its last exhibition game this afternoon at Oklahoma City when they meet the Denver Grizzlies. Tomorrow morning they will leave for Omaha arriving here at 11 o'clock Tuesday morning. Tuesday afternoon and all Wednesday they will be practicing and on Thursday will have an off day and be given a chance to rest up for the first game of the season the next afternoon.

Retailers to Front.
The Retailers of Omaha are taking unusual interest in the opening game this year and plan to turn out to the game in a body. The association will ask all its members to close their business houses during the afternoon and induce their employees to occupy seats in a section which is to be reserved for them. The association has issued the following edict yesterday:

Believing that the national game of base ball is one of the most healthful and beneficial of sports and
Believing that the money which is invested, and whose time is being devoted to furnishing Omaha with a first-class ball team, are giving to Omaha the best possible kind of publicity; therefore, the Retailers of Omaha recommend to the retail stores to suspend their business on the afternoon of the opening day of the base ball season on Friday, April 18, in honor of the occasion, the greatest in Omaha's history.

Following is the lineup of the two teams on the opening day:
OMAHA. First.....Lindsay Schipke.....Second.....Smith Strub.....Third.....James Justice.....Fourth.....Conroy Coyne.....Fifth.....Marshall Thomson.....Center.....Davidson Congalton.....Catcher.....Happ Johnson.....Pitcher.....Stangee Johnson.....Pitcher.....Young Brown.....Pitcher.....White

Sioux City to Come Back.
Jack Holland got rid of Chief Johnson, who was drafted by the White Sox and returned this spring. He was sent at once to Cincinnati, but he will come back

ST. LOUIS WINS FROM CUBS

Victors Opening Game Jump Into Lead in First.

EVERS GIVEN CHEST OF SILVER
Mayor Makes Presentation Speech—Chilly, Damp Weather Keeps Crowd from the Ball Park.

CHICAGO, April 12.—The belated opening of the National league base ball season took place today when Chicago lost to St. Louis, 5 to 2. St. Louis jumped into the lead when a base on balls, a sacrifice, a double and single netted two runs. Two more runs were scored in the fifth when the victors bunched hits. The final run resulted from a pass, a stolen base and a single. The locals played an uphill game, but could not overtake the victors.

A chest of silverware and several floral pieces were presented to Manager Evers, the gifts of his admirers. The presentation speech was made by the mayor.
A chilly, damp air blew across the field and caused the small opening crowd to shiver through the game. Score:

ST. LOUIS	CHICAGO
AB. H. O. A. E.	AB. H. O. A. E.
Huggins, 2b, 2 0 1 1	Clymer, cf, 1 1 2 0 0
Morse, 1b, 1 0 0 0	Shibe, cf, 0 0 0 0 0
Mower, 2b, 4 0 0 0	Mitchell, lf, 2 0 0 1 0
Kelly, 3b, 1 0 1 0	Shelton, 2b, 2 0 0 0 0
Evers, rf, 2 0 0 0	Archer, lf, 4 1 2 0 1
Shockark, lf, 2 1 0 0	Watts, 2b, 2 0 0 0 0
Allen, 2b, 2 0 0 0	Wright, cf, 1 0 0 0 0
O'Leary, ss, 4 0 0 0	Dresbach, cf, 0 0 0 0 0
Wingo, p, 4 2 1 1	Lavender, p, 2 0 0 0 0
Grider, p, 4 0 0 0	Moore, p, 0 0 0 0 0
Totals, 34 19 27 11	Totals, 32 17 21 10

PITTSBURGH BESTS CINCINNATI

Adams Safe All the Way—Reds Try Out Two Youngsters.
CINCINNATI, O., April 12.—With Adams in midseason form and the Pittsburgh team batting three Cincinnati pitchers hard, the victors won from the locals here today, 9 to 2. A cold raw night held down the attendance for the opening of the season.

Pittsburgh took the lead in the opening inning and practically had things their own way, thereafter getting hits when they counted for runs, while Adams was most invincible in the pinches. Cincinnati tried out two youngsters, McManus and Butler, of Ottawa, and Smith, a local product, after Promme had been hammered hard during the first five innings. McManus was wild, but Smith did fairly well. The hitting of Wilson, Butler and Viox was good, all of the nine safeties that were distributed among the three, being timely and well placed. The score:

PITTSBURGH	CINCINNATI
AB. H. O. A. E.	AB. H. O. A. E.
Carey, lf, 4 1 2 0 0	Shoemaker, lf, 4 2 1 1 0
Herman, cf, 2 0 0 0	Blanco, cf, 0 0 0 0 0
Byrne, 2b, 5 2 1 2	Stinson, ss, 4 1 2 0 0
Miller, 1b, 4 1 0 0	Miller, 1b, 4 1 0 0
Wilson, rf, 4 2 4 0	Stinson, ss, 4 1 2 0 0
Gibson, 3b, 3 1 0 0	McManus, rf, 3 0 0 0 0
Adams, p, 1 1 0 2	Promme, p, 0 0 0 0 0
Totals, 34 19 27 11	Totals, 32 17 21 10

Batted for Promme in the fifth.
Batted for McManus in the seventh.
Pittsburgh.....2 0 1 1 0 4 1 0—3
Cincinnati.....0 0 0 0 1 0 1 0—1
Two-base hits: Viox (2), Butler. Sacrifice hits: Hoffman, Gibson, Viox. Stolen bases: Butler. Struck out: By Promme, 2; by Adams, 1; by Smith, 2; by Adams, 2.
Passed ball: Clarke. Base on balls: 2.
Off Adams, 2; off McManus, 4; off Smith, 1; off Adams, 2. Wild pitch: Adams, 1.
Innings: off McManus, 3 in two innings; off Smith, 3 in two innings. Time: 2:35. Umpires: Brennan and Eason.

Rivers Says Abe Attell Has All of His Old-Time Vim

NEW YORK, April 12.—There is at least one prominent pugilist person who is firmly convinced that Abe Attell, featherweight champion, lacks none of the vim and ability he possessed before he was released from his title by Johnny Kilbane. Joe Rivers, the Mexican light weight, vows Attell today is just as good as he was when he was king of the 125-pound boys. Not only that, but Rivers offers to bet \$2,500 that Attell can defeat every man his weight in the world, including Kilbane.

Rivers should know whom he speaks for, for he is sparring with Attell daily. Yesterday the two went through three three-minute rounds together. The bout was certainly a hummer. Neither spared the other, for they punched with all the power they could put behind their blows. The set-to was an acid test for the featherweight, who had to box in his old-time form to save himself from the aggressive Mexican.

While Rivers was being rubbed down by his trainer after the bout he said: "You can't tell me that Attell can't come back. I saw him fight on the coast when he was champion, and I feel no hesitancy in saying that he is every bit as good now as he was then. I think he can lick all the featherweights. Poor physical condition is not his loss of title. Kilbane is a good man, but he was fortunate when he fought Attell. Abe held him too cheap and did not train as he should have for that bout."

"If Attell will buckle down to hard work, go to bed early of nights, cut out rich food and all the other things that a fighter should do to reach the height of physical condition, I think he could regain the championship. I feel so certain of it that I'd bet \$2,500 on it, providing, of course, that Attell trains as he should. Abe can 'come back' because he hasn't 'gone back.' With proper training he will be as good as he ever was."

Read Over Around the World.—The Columbian Park Band, band in enroute from San Francisco on a tour of the world in the interest of the Panama exposition. The band will be in Omaha an hour between trains Sunday evening. The organization made up of nineteen boys over 12, and twenty-one boys under 12 years of age. It is under the leadership of Major Sidney Pleasants and is traveling in two special cars.

Davenport Basket Ball Team Iowa High School Champions



Basket ball critics of the Iowa State university accord Davenport High school the honor of being the fastest high school quintet that ever exhibited on the Iowa gymnasium floor. Davenport defeated all comers for the state championship in the annual tournament held there. Rhodes, star forward, has been re-elected captain for the coming year. He was easily the classiest player in the tournament. Davenport's record for the year shows the following: 23, West Liberty 31; 35, Alcorn 18; 42, West Liberty 26; 50, Rock Island 10; 46, Clinton 20; Cedar Rapids 13; Muscatine 5; 46, Clinton 29; 35, Hock Island 19; 31, Melrose 13; 25, Columbus Junction 16; 25, Muscatine 27; 35, Cedar Rapids 8; 64, Moline 17; tournament 24; Jefferson 11; 41, Ottumwa 34; Sioux City 15. Rooding from left to right in the picture: Top row, King, Yager, Sanford, Bornheldt (coach), Kauffman, Fabricus; middle row, Hansen, Allen, Tomson; lower row, Rhodes (captain).

BEDIENT EASY FOR MACKEN

Philadelphia Takes Five-Four Game from Boston Americans.

GAME PLAYED IN MUD AND RAIN
Collins' Single, a Stolen Base and Two Outs at First Put Across Winning Run for the Athletics.

BOSTON, April 12.—Philadelphia defeated Boston by a score of 5 to 4 this afternoon in a game that, barring the first inning, proved interesting. In the first, poor pitching by Bedient and some timely batting by the victors enabled them to score four runs. Then Combs and Pennoch in the box permitted the champions to tie the score in their half. Philadelphia secured what proved to be the winning run in the third inning on Collins' single, his steal of second base and two outs at first. Leonard pitched an excellent game. The playing field was muddy and rain fell at times. Score:

PHILADELPHIA	BOSTON
AB. H. O. A. E.	AB. H. O. A. E.
McPhay, rf, 1 1 0 0	Oliver, rf, 2 0 0 0 0
Daring, lf, 4 0 1 1	Oyerke, 2b, 4 1 2 2 0
Collins, 2b, 2 1 0 0	Freese, 2b, 2 0 0 0 0
Miller, 1b, 2 0 0 0	Wagner, 1b, 2 0 0 0 0
Stearns, 3b, 4 1 0 0	Stearns, 3b, 4 1 0 0 0
Barry, cf, 4 1 0 0	Stearns, 3b, 4 1 0 0 0
Lepp, 2b, 2 2 2 2	Wagner, 1b, 2 0 0 1 0
Combs, p, 0 0 0 0	Wagner, 1b, 2 0 0 1 0
Pennoch, p, 0 0 0 0	Wagner, 1b, 2 0 0 1 0
Flank, p, 4 0 1 1	Wagner, 1b, 2 0 0 1 0
Totals, 34 17 21 10	Totals, 30 17 21 9

Batted for Bedient in the fifth.
Batted for Leonard in the ninth.
Batted for Hooper in the ninth.
Score by innings:
Philadelphia.....4 0 1 0 0 0 0 0—5
Boston.....0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0—4
Two-base hits: Collins. Hit by pitcher: Pennoch, 2 in five-ninths inning; off Pennoch, none in two-ninths inning; off Flank, 4 in eight and two-ninths innings; off Bedient, 2 in one inning; off Leonard, 5 in eight innings. Stolen bases: Speaker, Collins, Stearns. Sacrifice hits: McInnes, Lewis. Sacrifice hits: Oldring, Lewis. Left on bases: Philadelphia, 8; Boston, 6. Bases on balls: 1 off Combs, 1 off Pennoch, 2 off Bedient, 1 off Leonard, 2. First base on errors: Philadelphia, 1. Hit by pitcher: By Combs (Speaker); struck out: By Combs, 2; by Leonard, 4; by Leonard, 2; by Leonard, 2. Umpires: Hart and Dineen.
Based on nine men batting in one inning.

CHICAGO DEFEATS CLEVELAND

Home Pitchers Wild and White Sox Score at Expense.
CLEVELAND, O., April 12.—Cleveland pitchers were wild and ineffective today and Chicago scored almost at will, winning, 13 to 2. Steen, who replaced Mitchell in the fifth with the bases full, allowed hits which resulted in five runs, while Glavich, a California recruit who finished the game, gave Chicago a chance to score five more. Seven Chicago players were given first on bases on ball. The game was called in the seventh inning to enable Chicago to catch a train for St. Louis. The score:

CLEVELAND	CHICAGO
AB. H. O. A. E.	AB. H. O. A. E.
Johnson, 1b, 2 1 1 0	Flath, 2b, 2 2 1 0 0
Chapman, ss, 4 1 1 0	Lepp, 2b, 2 2 1 0 0
Case, 2b, 4 1 1 0	Collins, 2b, 2 2 1 0 0
Johnson, rf, 4 0 1 1	Boile, cf, 4 1 2 0 1
Lepp, lf, 2 1 2 1	Shotton, lf, 4 1 4 0 0
Flank, 1b, 2 0 0 0	Wagner, 1b, 4 1 2 0 0
Gray, 3b, 2 0 0 0	Weaver, ss, 2 1 1 0 0
Lepp, 2b, 2 1 2 1	Wagner, 1b, 4 1 2 0 0
Wright, cf, 2 0 0 0	Wagner, 1b, 4 1 2 0 0
Steen, p, 0 0 0 0	Steen, p, 4 1 2 0 0
Glavich, p, 0 0 0 0	Steen, p, 4 1 2 0 0
Totals, 30 17 21 9	Totals, 32 25 21 10

Batted for Weaver in the fifth.
Batted for Steen in the sixth.
Called by agreement.
Cleveland.....0 0 0 2 1 0 0—3
Chicago.....1 0 2 0 5 0 6—13
Sacrifice hits: Mitchell, Schalk. Stolen bases: Weaver, Mastery, Schalk, Mastery. Hit by pitcher: 4 in four and two-ninths innings; off Steen, 4 in one and one-third innings; off Glavich, 7 in one inning. Bases on balls: Off Mitchell, 4; off Steen, 4; off Glavich, 3; off Steen, 1. Struck out: By Mitchell, 4; by Steen, 1; by Glavich, 1; by Steen, 2. Passed ball: Schalk. Wild pitcher: Mitchell, 2. First base on errors: 1.
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CREIGHTON'S NEW SCHEDULE

Will Play South Dakota and Not University of Nebraska.

VERMILION HERE ON MAY 15
Cornhusker Schedule is Full and the Local Management Has Given Up Hope of Securing a Game.

South Dakota state university will be on the Creighton varsity base ball schedule for the coming season and the University of Nebraska will not. Such have been the developments of the last week. While the weather has been too wet for practice, Manager Daley has been busy fixing up his schedule, with the above results.
South Dakota university will play Creighton in Omaha on May 15, and preparations are already under way to beat them. Creighton supporters are after revenge for the bitter doses handed to the Creighton foot ball teams by the Dakotas for the last two years. And to make matters worse the Vermilionaires scored a victory over the Creighton debating team in the annual debate between the two teams at Vermilion recently.

It was intended that two games should be played between the two institutions, one in Omaha and the other at Vermilion, but the latter will not be played.
Will Not Meet Cornhuskers.
It has been definitely ascertained that Creighton will not meet Nebraska state university. The Creighton management has been in communication with the state university authorities for some time. Letters have been written to both the manager of the base ball team and to Coach Jumbo Stehm, and a reply has just been received, stating that the Nebraska schedule is full. Creighton supporters no longer hold any hope of a game between the two institutions.

The bad weather of the last week made it impossible for the Creighton players to don their uniforms for even one night's practice. The game scheduled for yesterday with Omaha High was called off because of wet grounds, and the two teams will meet on Creighton field April 23.

The inactivity of the last week has gotten on the nerves of the players and they are anxious to again get into the harness. The new suits will arrive this week. A catcher's outfit has already been purchased.
Lawrence Bushman is another acquisition to the pitching staff of the varsity. Bushman is a tennis shark, and was twirler for the junior class team of last year. A distinct loss will be felt, however, when Bill Madden, counted on for his regular turn in the box, leaves for Fremont of the state league. Madden pitched for the arts department last year, and is leaving up strong this year.

No definite lineup can as yet be picked. Omaha university will be played on Creighton field next Saturday afternoon.

Base Ball Bulletins

CHICAGO, April 12.—Manager Evers of Chicago Nationals was presented with a chest of silverware by fans. Mayor Harrison was spokesman.

CINCINNATI, April 12.—Wagner is playing shortstop for Pittsburgh.

MINK LEAGUE WILL MEET MONDAY AT FALLS CITY

NEBRASKA CITY, April 12.—(Special.)—A meeting of the Mink league base ball directors has been called to meet Monday afternoon at Falls City. An effort will be made to keep the league alive. Atchison, Kan., has agreed to purchase the Hiawatha franchise, and there may be other towns offered to take the place of any of the towns that may drop out.

FRANK CHANCE DAY MAY 17

Demonstration Led by Governor, Mayor and Other Dignitaries.

BASE BALL'S BIGGEST FESTIVITY
Day When Peerless Leader Leads His Old Friends, All but Murphy, Will Turn Out.

Chicago people are arranging a big demonstration on May 17 for a former citizen now residing in another city, who will be there on a business engagement. The demonstration is so big that a committee consisting of 150 prominent men, including the governor of the state, the mayor of the city, chief of police, judges of the courts, other public officials, leading business and professional men, has been appointed to direct it.
The day is to be somewhat of a holiday in token of the event. There will be a street parade led by mounted police and a military escort, in which 1,000 automobiles filled with people will have a part. Bands will play, orators will speak, the governor and mayor leading them. And the festivities will culminate with a great banquet in one of the leading hotels in the evening.

And Who is the Hero?
And who is the hero? A merchant king come back among his people? No, not that. A beloved public spirited leader of civic life? No. A philanthropist, whose benefactions have endeared him to thousands? No. A patriot, who has served the state so well as to bind all the people to him by a debt of obligation? Oh, no. Has there ever been such a man in Illinois?

No, this hero is only a ball player, Frank Chance by name, who was thrown into the discard last winter by the Hon. Charles Webb Murphy, the debonaire owner of the Chicago Cubs. It is the crippled old manager of that successful Cub-machine, who, after leading his team to four league pennants and two world's championships, was of so little value to the game that Mr. Murphy sold him to Cincinnati for the meagre little value price of \$15,000.

"I want young, energetic men, and a manager who can play and win games," said Mr. Murphy, and so he flipped Frank Chance overboard as a worthless bit of flotsam and jetsam.
Honor to an Old Spav.
This is he. This is the old spav, to whom the governor of the state, mayor of the city, judges, other officials, business and professional men—all true sportsmen and good fans, are now preparing to do homage on Saturday, May 17, "Frank Chance Day."

To them he is still the "Peerless Leader," though he leads another team in another league in another city. But for fifteen years he was a Chicago Cub, for seven of those years its leader and he led as no other Chicago leader ever did and the Chicago fans have not forgotten Mr. Murphy has but they have not.

Mr. Murphy may be able to refresh his memory, though, if he will take the day off on May 17 from his West Side park and perch himself on a conspicuous place somewhere along the line of travel between Grant park on the lake front, say at Michigan avenue and Randolph street and the Cornskey White Sox park on the South Side. The rest of Chicago will be there and Mr. Murphy may, just as a means of refreshing his memory.

What a Great Game.

But what a great game base ball is! After all to occasion and make possible such an event. Who else beneath the station of the president of the nation could arouse Chicago like that?
The committee on arrangements has issued posters topped with the screaming legend, "Base Ball's Biggest Day," announcing the event. There stands Chance, now manager of the New York American.

LAST PRACTICE GAME TODAY

Rourke Meet Denver at Oklahoma City in Final Exhibition.

HICKS MAY PITCH IN OPENER
Rourke Probably Will Use Shestak as Backstop in the First Game, Beebe on Pitching Line.

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla., April 12.—(Special.)—One more crack at the champion Grizzlies today and then the Rourke will break camp for their return to Omaha to prepare for the opening of the Western league season next Friday. Oklahoma City is loath to give up the athletic Rourke tribe, which has been here for the last month, and evinces Omaha its best fortune in having such a superior aggregation of base ball players to represent it on the diamond this season.

During their stay here, the Omahas won their way to the hearts of the fans, as much by their deportment as by their victories on the field. A more gentlemanly and clean looking base ball club never played ball in Oklahoma City, and they have proven their caliber by taking with good grace what small portions of defeat has fallen to their lot, and they have been gracious victors. Winning or losing, they have been true sportsmen.

The stay of the Rourkes has been one of varying fortunes. Some days have been ideal for conditioning and others have been even better, but the lot in this respect has been better than any other club in the circuit.

A Classy Aggregation.
The class of the organization Pa Rourke has gathered together for the pennant race is shown in the exhibition games of the month. No club has won a series over the Omahas. No club, save the White Sox and Lincoln, has secured an even break, and in the 2 to 1 victory of Omaha over the Chicago Americans, the Rourkes demonstrated their real ability. Sioux City won one game out of four with Omaha, Lincoln won two out of four, Topeka was beaten the only time it went against the Rourkes, and Omaha shows much stronger than the Grizzlies. In fact, from present indications, if the race lies between the clubs which were fighting for the lead at the close of last year, Omaha will have a walkover, for unless Denver strengthens its pitching staff and improves its hitting department, the Colorado does not seem to be in it, and Rourke does not fear it.

In spite of the disagreeable, cold weather of the last few days, the Omahas will return home in good condition and without a sore arm. The thoroughness with which their muscles have been hardened this spring is evidenced by the fact that there has not been a single "charley," and the only man kept out of the game on account of an accident was Schipke, who was struck on the leg by a batted ball during the warming up practice last Wednesday. This put the little second baseman on the shelf for a couple of games, but he is as good as ever again. Reed and Beebe, who were complaining of sore arms one week ago, have eliminated their trouble. This accounts for all ailments.

Hicks May Open Season.
The lineup for the Sioux City game has been decided upon with the possible exception of the battery. Rourke, however, probably will insist that his wonderful young catcher, Shestak, be introduced in the initial game, and the indications are that either Hicks, the little southpaw, who led the league last season, or Beebe, will be chosen for mound duty. A cold day or a cloudy, dark sky, will mean that the game will be called off. All the pitchers will be ready and willing. On account of the failure to have more time to try out a new batting order, with Grubb, the new third baseman, at the top, Manager Abroskat did not favor changing the present arrangement unless an experiment in the yanigan games next week will warrant it. Then the only change would be in placing Grubb in the sacrifice position, for he has not yet developed enough speed on the bases to give him the call over Eddie Justice as lead man. But to place him second, thereby saving Coyle for a hitter, may prove a good scheme. According to present plans, Justice will play short and lead off; Coyle, left field, will be second; Thomson, center field, third; Congalton, right field, fourth; Kane, first base; fifth; Grubb, third base, sixth; Shestak, or Johnson, catcher, seventh; Schipke, second base, eighth, and the pitcher ninth.

Ducky Holmes has announced that if he is ready, Cy Young will be the opposing pitcher. Young has been an opening pitcher for years. The only time he failed to open was the last year he was with Oklahoma City in the Texas league, and Oklahoma City lost the game. He never has been beaten in an opening contest.

Cincinnati Playing Ground Still Soft
CINCINNATI, April 12.—Cloudy weather early in the day did not hold out much promise for the playing of the opening game of the National league season between Cincinnati and Pittsburgh here today. The playing ground was very soft as the result of the recent flood and rain, and more rain would put the field in such a condition that it would be unfit to play on.

Both the Cincinnati and Pittsburgh teams were eager for the fray. Manager Clarke of Pittsburgh, said he was not sure Warner, his great shortstop, would be able to play. Warner was injured in a practice game at Kansas City and was said to be in poor shape. In case Warner could not play, Viox was slated to cover short.

Manager Tinker announced that Promme was his choice for pitcher and Clark as catcher. Manager Clarke said his choice probably would be Adams and Gibson.

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Rangers in Fine Form and Grizzlies Prove Unable Second Time to Make Good.

CLOSSMAN THERE WITH GOODS
Proves Himself Heady Pitcher, Ever on the Watch.

PA'S MEN COUNT UP FOUR
Hit Safely Five Times, but Make Them Good.

RAMEY RELIEVES KING
Two Men Slightly Unnerved by Success of Omaha Team and Make Mistake that Lets in the Scores.

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla., April 12.—(Special Telegram.)—Playing with all the snap and spirit of a championship game, Omaha and Denver battled five innings without either making the circuit, and then in the sixth, Omaha registered twice and followed with two more in the seventh, all the scoring done.

The four to nothing victory of the Rourkes, was the result of their getting Ramey off at the time when they were needed, and Clossman's invincibility in the pinches, for Omaha hit only five times and Denver four.

Clossman had plenty of opportunity to prove his ability to work himself out of holes, fast work on the bases by the Grizzlies after they had been started on the paths by free tickets, or through errors on more than one occasion imperiling his record.

Clossman Shows Mettle.
The first inning came in the very first inning. Maney drew a walk, was sacrificed a second by Cassidy, but died there when Channel was thrown out at first by Schipke and Butler whiffed. In the second, Keller, the first man up, also walked. Flasher hit into a double play, Kane and Justice and back to Kane at first, and again Clossman fanned the last man.

It was in the fourth and sixth innings that he proved how well he was situated in hand. Cassidy opened the fourth by rolling a single into center, and went to second. Clossman was throwing out Channel at first. Butler made up for his strikeout by hitting through short, but not hard enough to put Cassidy over. Keller was given the hit and run signal. He met the ball all right, but hit directly to Clossman who fielded it cleanly to Johnson. Doubling Cassidy at the plate, Clossman then retired Fisher on strikes.