

Brother Dave's Grass is Only Sleeping Under the Ice

PA ROURKE SIGNS TWO MORE PLAYERS

Ray Miller, First Baseman, and Mack Allison, Pitcher, Purchased from American Association.

SCHEDULE MEETING ON MONDAY

Pa Rourke yesterday announced the purchase of two players from the American Association. Ray B. Miller, first baseman, from the Columbus club, and Mack Allison, pitcher, from the Kansas City club, are the men.

Miller last year hit .289 with Columbus. He was a member of the club for four years. He is an experienced and finished ball player. Miller made 114 hits last year, of which seventeen were of the two-base variety, two were three-basers and five were home runs. Miller fielded .973, made 1,023 putouts, sixty-three assists and twenty-three errors. Miller will battle with Fritz Schellenberg for the initial corner job.

Allison didn't make much of a mark in the association last year, but his club wasn't much to boast about. His pitching average was .313. He won five games and lost eleven. Marty Krug, however, says Allison will be a star in the Western. He has had major league experience.

Schedule Meeting Monday.
The schedule meeting of the Western league will be held at Lincoln Monday. The meeting has been called by President Frank C. Zehrung and will be the first meeting at which the new prexies will preside.

The magnates have about agreed among themselves to play the 154-game schedule this year. Last year 140 games were played and the year before 138 games. Neither the extremely long nor the short schedule are considered satisfactory. The major leagues play 154 games and this length has been decided the best.

John Savage of Topeka is the only man likely to object to the 154-game chart. Savage favors 140. He expressed himself, along this line, however, before the peace pact was consummated and it is thought he will have the same confidence of the other magnates regarding the success of the approaching season, and swing into line for 154 games.

Pa Rourke of Omaha favors opening on April 15, the same day as the American association. In case the moguls do not want to open April 15, Rourke believes April 17 would be the logical date.

All Want Opening Dates.
The usual scramble after opening dates and holiday dates is expected. Most of the club owners want to open at home. Rourke doesn't care overly much. He is entitled to open at home as he has started the season away from home for two successive years. The Omaha manager, however, is willing to play away from home if the other club owners are anxious to start the ball rolling on the home lot.

Rourke has a plan which he will present before the meeting as regards the distribution of holiday dates. In Nebraska and Iowa the law prevents the double bill on Memorial day. Thus Sioux City, Lincoln, Des Moines and Omaha are up against it on this date. In the other four cities there is no such law. Rourke suggests that each year Topeka, Wichita, St. Joseph and Denver play at home on Decoration day, while Omaha, Sioux City, Des Moines and Lincoln play at home on July 4. The Labor day play could be divided fifty-fifty, each city getting the date on alternate years.

Santel, Who Will Wrestle Gotch, Is Also Adolph Ernst

Omaha wrestling fans are wondering who Edward Santel, who is booked to meet Frank Gotch in the champion's first come-back match at San Francisco, February 22, may be. For their information Santel is none other than Adolph Ernst, more or less well known around these parts.

Ernst has been wrestling on the coast for some time under the name of Santel and he has licked everything in sight. Included in this number is one Jack Meyers of Omaha, who recently returned from California.

Ernst is the chap, who wrestled Stecher for seventy minutes at Fremont before the Dodge youth beat him with the scissors. If Gotch throws Ernst twice in one hour as he has contracted to do, the wrestling public will know the champion is himself, for the man who can stay with Stecher as long as Ernst did, is some grappler, and Ernst is all of that.

A local paper reporter said Ernst threw Santel on the coast. Perhaps it can be done, but it would seem rather difficult matter for Ernst to throw himself.

Nonpareils Give Minstrel Show

The Nonpareil Athletic club staged its first minstrel show at the Favorite theater Friday evening. The entertainers consisted entirely of club talent and put on an exceptionally clever show. The soloists and comedians were greeted with prolonged applause by the large audience and all were obliged to give encores. The cast included the following:

Interlocutor—William F. Lynch.
Solo—Huck Casey, James Sanders, Phil Tracy, Oscar Steinhausen.
Duet—Robert Gerhardt.
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Mandolin—Robert Gerhardt.

PLAY FINALS IN Y. M. C. A. CHECKER TOURNAMENT MONDAY

Much interest is being manifested in the winter checker tournament, which has reached the final stage at the Young Men's Christian association. Louis Melens and F. E. Mollin are the survivors of twenty-two entrants, and they will settle the argument Monday evening.

Friday noon they played the first four games in the final round, with one game drawn, two won by Mollin and one by Melens. At least six more games will be played to settle the championship. "Y" watch fans of gold and silver will be awarded the winner and runner-up. F. W. Mosher is judge of the finals.

FRANK ZEHRUNG TO TALK BEFORE SIOUX PRESS CLUB

Frank Zehrung, the new western league president, has been invited to attend the Press club banquet at Sioux City, February 23, and has accepted.

LIGHTEST BASKET BALL STAR IN THE STATE



William Graham

William Graham, star forward on the South high floor quintet, is the smallest player in Nebraska. He weighs but 128 pounds and it would seem that heavier opponents would find it an easy matter to remove him from any play. But Graham is some basket ball player despite his handicap in weight. Recently in a game with the Omaha Independents the diminutive forward scored fourteen baskets.

BILL PICKENS MAY RUN OMAHA RACES

Omaha Auto Speedway Negotiating with Veteran of Racing Game to Handle Local Contests.

IS THE WISE BIRD OF THEM ALL

Bill Pickens, who has been connected with the automobile racing game ever since the first steel steered rolled onto a track, may become the director of contests for the Omaha Auto Speedway. The management of the local speedway is now dickering with Pickens to stage the two races which will be held here this year.

Pickens is the daddy of all race veterans. He promoted races in the old days out of blue sky. Any old kind of a track and any old kind of a coffee grinder and Pickens put on an automobile race that was a race.

He didn't need any expensively constructed speedways. Any pieces of level ground was good enough. He didn't need any guard rails and retaining walls to protect the lives of the drivers. He built for 'em to run into.

Speedway managers have found it a tough job to get drivers on their tracks. Appearance money, the presidential suite at the best hotel in town and a lackey to fan the flies away are offered only to have the drivers sniff disdainfully and demand half of the Atlantic ocean in addition.

But Pickens, when he wants to hold a race, merely beckons and the drivers come flocking in.

First Race in July.
Pickens is now building a two-mile track at Kansas City and plans to have it completed for a race the latter part of April. After the Kay See race he would jump into the saddle at Omaha and get ready for the first race here on July 25. The second race will be held during the Ak-Sar-Ben festivities.

The Omaha speedway management declares it does not intend that 1918 shall be a repetition of 1915. The race last year was in many ways a failure because the local chaps were given the triple-cross by everybody who got a chance to do it. That is why they are anxious to do it. That is why they are anxious to do it. That is why they are anxious to do it.

Long Ski Race at Miller Park Today

A ten-mile cross-country ski race will be held at Miller park today, starting at 9 o'clock. That is, it will be held if the weather man consents to leave a sufficient amount of snow in the park.

Eric Backlund, who holds a score of skiing trophies won in Sweden; Ernest Lindberg, Neils Erickson, Fabian Jader, Olaf Anderson, Israel Iversen and several other Omaha lads who are proficient at the Norwegian sport are entered.

OMAHA DANES MAY GO TO CHICAGO FOR PULL

Captain Emil Tolsted's crew of championship Danes may go to Chicago for a pull in about three weeks. Jack Prince, who staged the recent pull in Omaha, will stage a tournament at the Coliseum in Chicago, in a couple of weeks, and is planning to take the Omaha Danes to the Windy City to pull the winners of the tournament.

PERFECT SCORES FOR THREE OF THE TEAMS

Brandeis, Omaha Nationals and Methodists Lead in Race for the Flags.

OTHER QUINTS CLOSE BEHIND

Standing of Teams	W.	L.	Pct.
Brandeis	4	0	1.000
Townsend	3	0	.750
Walter G. Clark	2	0	.667
Burgess-Nash	2	0	.667
Omaha High School	2	0	.667
University of Omaha	2	0	.667
Bellevue College	2	0	.667

Standing of Teams	W.	L.	Pct.
Omaha National bank	5	0	1.000
Joe Smiths	4	0	.800
Townsend	3	0	.600
High School Reserves	2	0	.400
Omaha Independents	1	0	.200
M. E. Smiths	1	0	.200
Fairmont Creamery Co.	1	0	.200
Commercial High	1	0	.200

Standing of Teams	W.	L.	Pct.
First Methodists	4	0	1.000
South Side Presbyterians	3	0	.750
Calvary Baptists	2	0	.500
South Side Baptists	1	0	.250
St. Mary's Congregational	1	0	.250
First Christians	1	0	.250

Schedule for the Week.
Tuesday at Young Men's Christian association—Townsend 7:30 against First Methodists, at 7:30; St. Mary's Congregational against South Side Baptists, at 8; Omaha High school against Bellevue college, at 8:45.

Tuesday at University of Omaha—Walter G. Clark against the Townsends, at 7:30; South Side Presbyterians against Calvary Baptists, at 8:30.
Thursday at Young Men's Christian association—Omaha High School Reserves against Omaha National Bank, at 7; M. E. Smiths against Omaha Independents, at 8; First Methodists against Hancock Park Methodists, at 9.

Thursday at University of Omaha—First Christian against Calvary Baptists, at 7:30; Burgess-Nash against Walter G. Clark, at 8:30.
Friday at Council Bluffs—Joe Smiths against Omaha Independents, at 8:30.

The first leg of the basketball season shows only three teams that have been able to withstand the onslaught of their contemporaries with a perfect average. In the Tri-City loop, the J. L. Brandeis' men are hugging the first rung of the ladder with a tenacious grip. All opponents essaying to dislodge them have themselves been bumped down the average column.

However, have a hard road to travel for some of the quintets they trimmed earlier in the season are showing unusual strength. The Townsends with their unusual performance of winning five consecutive games are looming up as the big opponents of the Merchants. Weisels' Gunners were defeated by the Brandeis in an early season game, but since that time have greatly improved. The next game between the teams is carded for February 22.

Bankers Lead Commercials.
In the Commercial league, the Omaha National Bank has humiliated every five in the league by a decisive victory. The banking men have had no opposition this season and their easy wins have been one of the jokes of the league. The Joe Smiths of Council Bluffs, who made a strong start were given their first set back, when they encountered the Central High School Reserves, last Thursday. This loss throws a hamper on their chances, for the Iowans are matched to play some of the strongest fives in the league during the next few weeks.

Play in the Commercial league the last few weeks has proven such a strenuous vociferous that Creighton Law found it impossible to continue the floor game. They last week turned their franchise over to the Omaha Independents, who will continue where the lawyers left off.

Methodists Lead Churches.
The First Methodists have been having their own way in the Church league. Under Captain Moore, the Methodists have made the rounds of the loop and found every five wanting. The final supremacy of their ability will be tested Thursday evening, when they meet the first game takes place with the Hancock Park Methodists. Although the First Methodists cleaned up on the Hancock Parkers early in the season, the latter, under Chet Willard, have propped up the weak spots and as a result feel certain of making amends for the former loss. Since losing to the Methodists, the Hancock Parkers won four consecutive games.

Signs for More Games.
The game between the Brandeis and Wesleyan last Thursday, proved such a successful one that the managers have agreed to play two more for the near future. The first will be a return match with Fort Dodge, Ia. The Iowans defeated the locals some time ago. The match was to take place Thursday, but was called off for a later date, not yet definitely agreed upon.

The second big game will be played the early part of March with the Olympic five of California. The Californians pass through Omaha on their way to Chicago, where they will defend their title for the Amateur Athletic union championship of the country.

Isaacson is trying to arrange for a free throw game with Wesleyan at University Place.
EBSON CLOSMAN HOOKS UP WITH A TEXAS CLUB
Ebson Clozman, the little southpaw hurler, who was formerly a member of the Rockies and the latter part of last year played with a semi-pro team at Atlantic, Ia., has hooked up with Waco, in the Texas league. Clozman's shoulder, which caused his retirement from the Western league, is said to be well again and the Omaha lad expects to make a good showing in the south.

KILDUFF AND IRELAN ARE SOME BIG CITY PERSONS

Pete Kilduff and Harold Irelan, Pa Rourke's new keystone combination, is some big city duo. Kilduff makes his home in Chicago, Kan., and Irelan is a prominent citizen of Huronets Creek, Ind. Anybody who ever heard of can discover or locate either of these towns on the map is entitled to a patch with Rand-McNally.

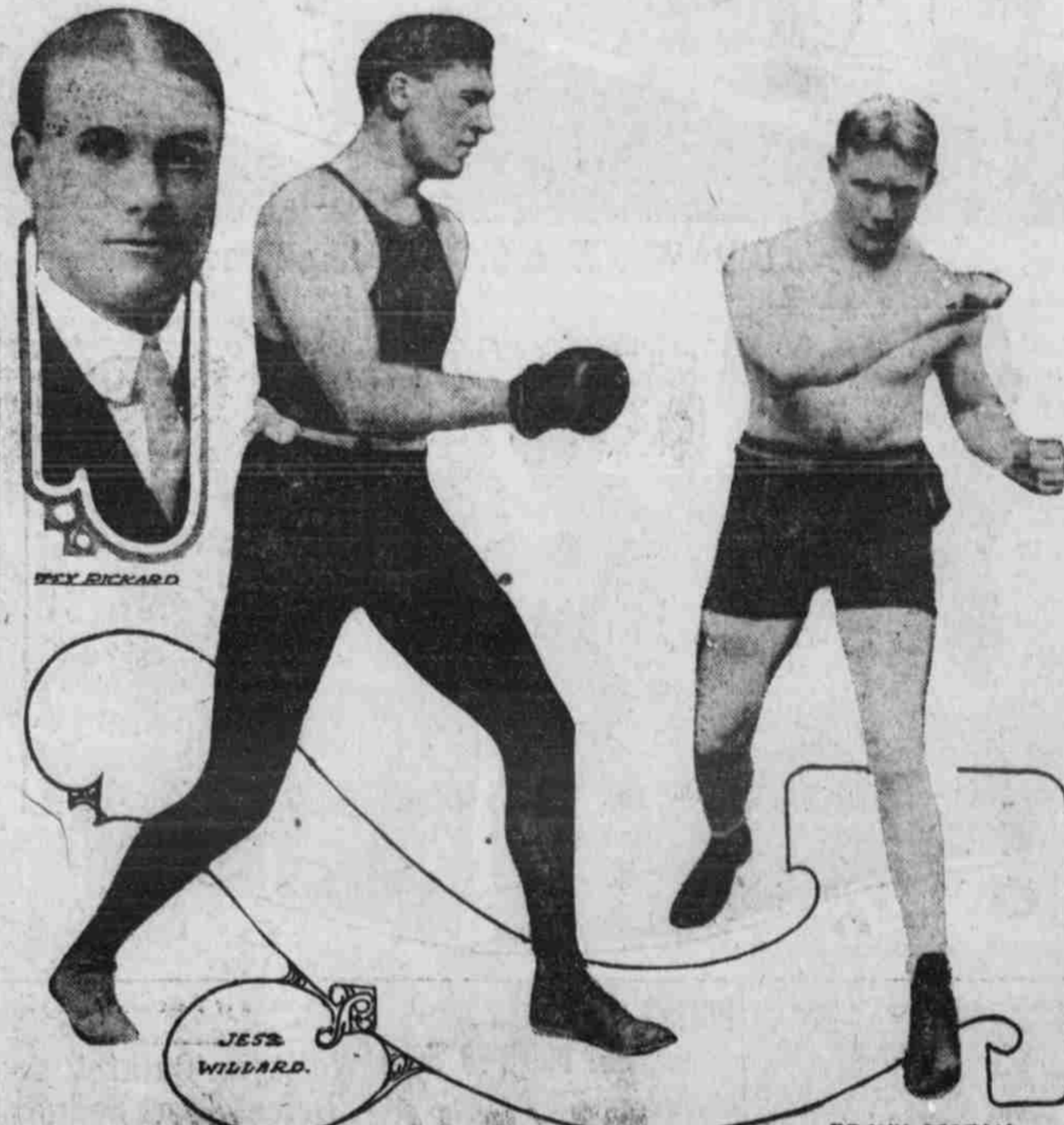
CHARLEY JACKSON GETS JOB AS CHIEF OF POLICE

Charlie Jackson, the veteran Western league pitcher, has been made chief of police in his "home town," Scott's Bluff, Neb.

SPORTS SECTION of THE OMAHA SUNDAY BEE

OMAHA, SUNDAY MORNING, FEBRUARY 13, 1916.

Big Figures in Heavy weight Fight



The eyes of the sporting world are now centered on the ten-round boxing match between Champion Willard and Frank Moran, which Tex Rickard, the veteran fight promoter will stage in New York on St. Patrick's day.

HUSKERS SAVED BY RUTHERFORD

Nebraska Athlete Comes to Front Nobly at Close of Game with Kansas Aggies.

SEVEN CONFERENCE VICTORIES

LINCOLN, Neb., Feb. 12.—(Special Telegram)—The Nebraska Cornhuskers led it seven conference basketball victories without defeat last night and forged into the lead for the Missouri Valley title, by defeating the Kansas Aggies in the first of a series of two, by the score of 21 to 20.

It was a contest for blood, the Cornhuskers shooting goals better than the Kansas, but falling down on fouls committed in the last ten minutes of play, when the Aggies climbed up to one point ahead of the Nebraskans. Then Rutherford shot a basket in the last minute of play that settled the contest.

The Aggies were closely guarded throughout the game, while Rutherford shot goal after goal in the first period putting the Huskers ahead at the end of the half, 14 to 7. The Aggies played a defensive game at the start of the second period, watching Rutherford closely and the ball weaved back and forth across the floor.

Then suddenly they cut loose, Adams shot a pretty goal and added a free throw, while Reynolds and Ramsey added a goal each and came up into the running again. Two more free throws put the Aggies ahead and then Rutherford clamped on a victory for the Cornhuskers with his goal.

Tel Jed Sokols Win At Tug-o-War Again

The Tel Jed Sokol tug-o-war team added another victory to its long list by defeating the Rember crew Friday night in three minutes fifty seconds. The Ramblers, however, protested the victory on an alleged foul by Kulhanek the Sokol anchor man. The Sokols agreed to pull the match over again and this time yanked the Ramblers off the cleats in one minute and thirty seconds.

THIS LEAGUE WILL MAKE JUMPS BY MOTOR METHOD

The Blue Ridge league may come to be known as the Automobile league. It is reported the various clubs plan to make their jumps the coming season by auto, the distances being short and the roads good.

NEW COACH AT IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY.

Howard H. Jones

Harley Davidson, Champ on Rollers, To Show in Omaha

Harley Davidson, champion roller skater of the world, will appear at the Auditorium all this week, starting Monday night.

Davidson is without a peer at the roller skating game. It is a science with him. For a decade he has held the championship against all comers in every branch of the game. He is the professional speed champ, trick champ, acrobatic champ and champ of fancy skating.

Each evening at the Auditorium he will compete against the best local field can offer. Anybody is welcome to challenge him at any kind of roller skating. He will also give exhibitions of speed, fancy and acrobatic skating.

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FRED SCHMARDER EASY FOR PETERS

Louisville, Neb., Wrestler Succumbs to Celebrated Scissors in Seven and Four Minutes.

OMAHA FANS SEE THE MATCH

Fred Schmarder, the pride of Louisville, Neb., ran up against a little too much class when he tackled Charley Peters at Papillon Friday.

Peters easily won two straight falls via the scissors rule. The first fall occurred in seven minutes and the second fall came in four minutes.

Peters went after Schmarder at the start and in a minute both men were on the mat, with Peters on top. Peters instantly went after the scissors, but failed to hold it. Schmarder by remarkable agility wiggled out.

A moment later, however, Peters wrapped his legs around Schmarder again and this time Schmarder couldn't get out, try as hard as he could. Peters held the leg clamp on Schmarder fully five minutes and with the aid of an arm hold gently turned him over.

The second fall came quickly. The two men went to the mat at the start, with Schmarder on top. A second later Peters bowled away and Schmarder went to the bottom. Peters pined the scissorer immediately and had no trouble in turning the Louisville man over in four minutes.

Peters outweighed Schmarder ten or twelve pounds. Schmarder is a fast wrestler and he certainly has his share of gameness, but he isn't in the same class with Peters.

The next big wrestling match on the card for Omaha fans is the contest which will be staged between Joe Stecher and Joe Rogers of Buffalo at Council Bluffs, Tuesday night, in the Auditorium of that city.

A keen interest is being manifested by Omaha fans in this match. Rogers is a big husky, weighs 285 pounds and is 6 feet 11 inches tall. He is under the direction of Emil Klank, former manager of Frank Gotch, and Klank seldom hooks up with lemons. Klank has a grievance against Stecher and it is his hope that Joe will be shorn of his laurels. Klank thinks Rogers is the man to turn the trick and that is sufficient unto itself to assure Omaha fans that Rogers is a real wrestler.

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HUSKER TRACK MEN GET DOWN TO WORK

Only Two Veterans of Cinder Path Are Back This Year and Need Depends On New Blood.

STEWART WILL VISIT LINCOLN

By JAMES E. LAWRENCE.
LINCOLN, Neb., Feb. 12.—(Special)—Dr. E. J. Stewart, newly elected athletic director of the University of Nebraska, will probably spend the second week in March in Lincoln getting acquainted with the undergraduate body and conferring with the athletic board. The board asked Dr. Stewart to arrange to spend some time here before the close of school.

Dr. Stewart desires to spend the second week in March, as over 130 high school basketball teams of Nebraska will be in Lincoln at that time for the annual tournament conducted under the auspices of the university. He feels that he will be able to get acquainted with the high school superintendents and athletes. At the same time he can leave the Oregon Agricultural college for a week at that time without seriously interfering with his coaching duties there, inasmuch as the basketball season will have been finished and the track work only starting.

Athletes in all branches at the university are beginning to "perk up." Wrestling has taken a wonderful hold on the students and the largest class in history is daily reporting.

Dual Meets on Track.
Manager Guy E. Reed announces dual meets have been arranged with the Iowa State college at Ames and Iowa university. The Huskies will come to Lincoln on the afternoon of March 11 to wrestle before the boys attending the high school basketball tournament. Iowa won by a very narrow margin last year, but the Husker squad was amply re-venued in the western championships in April.

Captain Otoupolk is looked upon as a sure winner in the light-heavyweight division in this meet of the year. Rutherford, in the middleweight, has not a peer in the west. Rutherford carried off first honors in the western championships. David Bowman of Omaha is perhaps the most likely candidate among the lightweights. Pascal in the featherweight class is a veteran and was a winner in last year's battles. In the heavyweight class Captain Corey of the foot ball team, Dale and Kostitsky are prominent.

Ames, under the tutelage of Coach Mayer, is said to be developing a strong wrestling team. The Huskers meet them on the Ames floor February 18. Nebraska is looking for at least one more bout before the western championships, but will probably have to go outside the Missouri Valley conference to get it, as the schools are just starting wrestling and don't care to risk an encounter with the Huskers now.

Charter Day Event.
Track work at the university has gained impetus despite the unfavorable weather conditions. The first meet of the season comes next Tuesday afternoon in celebration of Charter day. The events include a twenty-five-yard dash, high jump, pole vault, rope climb, fence vault, high kick and interclass relay.

Nebraska has an exceptionally attractive schedule this year. The dates are: April 15—Drake relay games at Des Moines.
April 23—Home meet, varsity and freshmen trophies.
April 25—Iowa State college at Ames.
May 12—Kansas at Lawrence.
May 13—Western at Lincoln.
May 20—Minnesota at Minneapolis.
May 26—Missouri Valley at Columbia.
June 2—Western at conference.

The track prospects received a big setback during the past two weeks because of the uncertainty of the return to school of "Cub" Wiley, who is one of the greatest athletes in the Husker institution. Wiley was having scholastic difficulties and was not sure he would re-register for work. Final reports will have to determine his case. William Maxwell, a hurdle prospect, has found it impossible to return the second semester and Gribble and Garrison, the two most prominent distance men, also dropped out. Gribble had a severe tussle with pneumonia during the winter, which kept him out of school so long he was forced to drop his studies. Garrison must remove a condition in mathematics before he will be able to compete.

Only Two Veterans.
Only two veterans will be in the running this year and new men will have the opportunity of a lifetime to win letters. Captain Scott, Irvin and Bates in the sprints should be able to take care of all comers.

There is a bunch of new material, however. G. H. Owen, a sprinter and quarter miler, is one of the best prospects. Owen was a star sprinter in high school and a brother of Owen, the little basketball star. Although he weighs but 135 pounds, Owen is a first-class man and Reed believes he will prove one of the best 220 and 440-yard men in the Missouri Valley.

E. M. Sturn is a middle distance man, W. P. Grau, a Fremont high school boy, who won the mile last year, and the good Ed O'Brien, a sprinter and a jumper from Kearney Military academy, who has the chance to develop into a (Continued on Page Two, Column Three.)

Germany Schaefer Plays Second Base With Raincoat On

"Germany" Schaefer tells an amusing story how he once routed Bill O'Loughlin in The Detroit Tigers playing at home one afternoon when, along about the sixth inning, it started to rain. The shower increased and Schaefer went over to one of the fans and borrowed a raincoat and an umbrella. Thus equipped, he went out and played second base. The crowd went into an uproar and the first batter hit one down to Schaefer, who whipped the ball up and threw it first without ever shifting his hold on the rain stick. Bedlam then let loose and O'Loughlin admitted his defeat, but even in defeat he won a partial victory. "Schaefer," yelled Bill, "you're dead!" Then, turning to the stands, he called the game, while the fans went into convulsions.

Stecher and Rogers Meet at the Bluffs This Tuesday Night

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Oscelola Defeats Stromberg.
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