Anyhow, the Stecher-Gotch Match is Nice to Talk About

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WESTERN LEAGUE WILL BE FASTER

Every Team in League Will Be Composed Largely of New Men of Superior Playing Ability.

LINEUPS OF ALL THE TEAMS

Western league base ball experts from the most pessimistic to the most optimistic have agreed that the Western league is bound to be faster this year than it has been before. And it looks very much as if the experts have hit the nail on the head for once at least.

A glance over the lineups of the Western league clubs shows that a wonderful transformation has occurred during the winter months. There isn't one team that looks the same. The spavened veterans have disappeared and the names of newcomers are enrolled in their places.

Western league fans will find but a smattering few of old faces on the diamond this year. Even 50 per cent of the managers have gone their way.

Four New Managers.

Of the eight managers four are new. The new managers are Dock White, the famous old White Sox hurler, at Denver; Lattimore at Topeka, Denny Sullivan at St. Joseph and Ducky Holmes at Lincoln. A fifth manager, Jimmy Jackson, has transferred his affiliation from Topeka to Wichita. Marty Krug, Frank Isbell and Harry Gasper are the only managers to return to their old jobs.

That every team in the league has been strengthened during the winter months is unquestionable. Take, for instance, Omaha.

Of eight pitchers on the Rourke squad but two were here last year. They are North and Thompson. Harry Krause, once a sensation in the American league until Connie Mack killed his future by working him too much; Mack Allison, former Brown; Otto Merz, Ainsworth, Meyers and Brown are all newcomers.

Three New Infielders.

In the infield Ray Miller, Harold Irelan and Pete Kilduff, who are expected to pastime at first, second and third, respectively, are new.

And it is the same way with the other clubs.

At Topeka Snow and Weising behind the bat, Caroll, West, Lambeth and Larson in the box; Agler and Finnegan in the infield, and Mundy, Widell and Hanson, all of whom are expected to be regulars in the lineup, are new.

Pitchers Johnson, Davis, Malarkey, Fleharty and Helfrich; Infielders Rossman, Abstein, Blue and Litschi, and Outfielders Tobin and Fox are new men at Wichita.

Catcher Spahr, Pitchers Kinsey, Halstead and Berger; Infielders Shanley and Kramer, and Outfielders Cass, Harvey and Kearney are new men at Des Moines.

New Team at Lincoln.

At Lincoln Catchers Johnson and Lee, Pitchers East, Crowley, Kahler and Halla; Infielders Schmandt, Hinchman, Luttrelle and Morgan, and Outfielders Carlisle, Thomason and Lober will make their first appearance this spring.

Sioux City has Catcher Livingstone, Pitchers Gaskill, Watson and Tadisco; Infielders Connolly and Mueller and Outfielder Watson, while St. Joseph and Denver will come to bat with practically entirely new teams.

All of the new men come well recommended. In a great many cases it is only because the passing of the Federal league swamped the market with players that it was possible to get the majors and Class AA leagues to waive on them. The class of Western league ball is going to be 50 per cent better this year. If you don't believe it take a slant at the following lineups and see the class of the new men:

Omaha—Catchers: Krueger, Claire. Pitchers: Krause, North, Thompson, Ainsworth, Merz, Brown, Meyers, Allison. Infielders: Miller, Schlichter, Irelan, Kilduff, Krug. Outfielders: Forsythe, Smith. Manager: Marty Krug.

Topeka—Catchers: Rapps, Snow, Weising. Pitchers: Grover, Dashner, Huggins, Hall, Sanders, Lakaff, Carroll, West, Lambeth, Larson. Infielders: Agler, Fisher, Cochran, Lattimore, Bostick, Finnegan, Sutton. Outfielders: Mundy, Trainor, Tydeman, Widell, Daniels, Hanson. Manager: Latty Lattimore.

Wichita—Catchers: Gray, Buster. Pitchers: Geist, Pate, Johnson, Davis, Malarkey, Fleharty, Powers, Helfrich. Infielders: Britton, Rossman, Abstein, Hetling, Tallon, Blue, Butler, Litschi. Outfielders: Jackson, Tobin, Fox, Bennett. Manager: Jimmy Jackson.

Des Moines—Catchers: Breen, Spahr. Pitchers: Musser, Thomas, Baker, Kinsey, Halstead, Berger. Infielders: Jones, Shanley, Hartford, Edwoldt, Kramer. Outfielders: Hahn, Hunter, Cass, Harvey, Kennedy, Bills. Manager: Frank Isbell.

Lincoln—Catchers: Johnson, Lee. Pitchers: East, Crowley, Morse, Hoffman, Narveson, Cox, Kahler. Infielders: Schmandt, Williams, Hinchman, Luttrelle, Morgan. Outfielders: Carlisle, Thomason, Lober. Manager: Ducky Holmes.

Sioux City—Catchers: Livingstone, Crosby, Donnelly. Pitchers: Gasper, Doyle, Clark, Kelly, Boothby, Gaskill, Watson, Tadisco. Infielders: Kane, Cooney, Callahan, Connolly, Hensling, Mueller. Outfielders: Lejeune, Watson, Davis. Manager: Harry Gasper.

St. Joseph—Catchers: Brannon, Bacham. Pitchers: Adams, Wideman, Vallandingham. Infielders: Jackson, Keating, Kernan, Jourdan, Grodick. Outfielders: Nicholson, Helmer, Sullivan, Kirkman. Manager: Denny Sullivan.

Denver—Catchers: Shestak, Stevens. Pitchers: Kiefer, Kinz, Harrington, Cantwell. Infielders: White, Shields, Whelan, Kelleher, Dyer. Outfielders: Spencer, Miller, Smith. Manager: Dock White.

Valley Conference Board Approves the Turkey Day Game

ST. LOUIS, March 4.—Final approval for foot ball games on Thanksgiving day, with the stipulation that such games must be played in the afternoon was given at a meeting of the Missouri Valley Conference Governing board. Post season games were forbidden.

In base ball each college was limited to one team in intercollegiate competition. Henry J. Waters, president of the Kansas Agricultural college, was elected president of the conference and E. W. Saxton of Iowa State college, vice president.

Fairmont Wins Another.

FAIRMONT, Neb., March 4.—(Special.)—Fairmont High school closed the season by defeating Bethany High school by a score of 36 to 9. The visitors were unable to locate the goal when free. Fairmont has lost four games out of nineteen this season. The season was very successful financially. There is enough money in the treasury to pay the team's expenses to the tournament and purchase sweaters for the team.

Trainer for Salt Lake.

Billy Burke, formerly trainer of the Sacramento club, has signed to put the Salt Lake City ball tossers into the "pink."

CAPTAIN OF THE DOANE TRACK TEAM.

Lionel Brown

Lionel B. Brown of Fairmont, Doane's track captain for 1916. In the two meets Brown was in last year, the dual meet with Hastings and the state meet, he won first in the 100-yard dash. He got first in the 220 in the Hastings meet, and second in the same event in the state meet. Doane's outlook for a winning track team this year is good. Of last year's team are Smith, Mickle, Carter, Rucker and Reed. The new men are Haylett, Diehl, Finch, Wishart, Spencer, DeWitt, Conrad, Wertz and Platt.

ENTRIES COME IN FOR INDOOR MEET

Herbert Reese, Ex-Nebraska Track Star, Enters Name for Sprints in Tournament.

ENTRIES CLOSE ON MARCH 24

Even at this early date entries are coming in for the big annual indoor athletic meet which will be staged under the auspices of the Omah Doung Men's Christian association at the Muny Auditorium March 31. Among the stars who have already sent in their entry blanks is Herbert Reese, ex-university of Nebraska athlete, in the sprints Reese, is it expected, will meet some of his former team-mates in these events.

It has been definitely decided that the athletic events in the big met will be as follows:

40-yard dash.
440-yard run.
880-yard run.
Running high jump.
Mile run.

In addition there will be a 40-yard dash and a running high jump for boys under 17 years of age.

In the gymnastic events work on the parallel bars, horizontal bar and side horse is on the program.

Feature Relay Races.

But the relay events will be features. All manner of relay races have been planned. The relay races will be as follows:

High Scools—Half mile.
Y. M. C. A.'s—half mile.
Churches—Quarter mile.
Grade Schools—Quarter mile.
Men's classses Omaha Y—Quarter mile potato race.
Boy's classes Omaha M—Obstacle race.
Society centers—Quarter mile.
High School freshmen—Quarter mile.

Leaders' dancing, marching, calisthenic drills and pyramids are included in the exhibition events.

Entries Close March 24.

Entries for the events will close March 24. All entries must be in the hands of W. A. Kearns, physical director of the Omaha Young Men's Christian association by that date.

In the way of prizes gold, silver and bronze medals will be given for first, second and third places respectively in each event. To the team scoring the most points in the track and field events a loving cup will be awarded and the same applies to the team scoring the most points in the gymnastic events.

The Young Men's Christian association contestant making the highest total score on all pieces of apparatus in the gymnastic events will be declared champion Y. M. C. A. gymnast of Nebraska.

National League Will Have Survey Made of All Parks

NEW York, March 4.—For the first time inits history, the National League will have its playing fields surveyed by competent engineers, and the correctness of the measurements certified to the president of the league. This announcement was made by President Tener today in an official communication sent to his club owners.

There always has been some doubt, owing to former imperfect rules and diagrams as to the proper ddistance of pitchers plates and batsmens boxes on some of theNational league infields and on one diamond at least, it was discovered that the pitchers late had been installed too close to the plate.

U. OF O. ATHLETES TURN THOUGHTS TO BASE BALL

With the basketball season almost over, athletes of the University of Omaha are beginning to turn their attention to baseball. There are many good players at the school and the indications are that the best nine in the history of the college could be turned out.

Definite action on whether the University of Omaha will put a team in the field will be decided at a meeting of the athletic board March 24. Among some of the students who have promised to turn out for the team should the board decide favorably are:

Earnie Adams, Kenneth Kiepser, Bill Thompson, Samuel Slotky, Howard DeLamatre, Jap Leach, Earl Duncan, Edgar Ernst, Victor DeBolt, Eugene Simmons, Will Campen and Mark Lowe. All have had experience in the out door sport.

Bellevue Preys Win.

Bellevue college preps won from the Garfield Ramblers of the South Side Friday evening in a fast contest on the Bellevue gymnasium floor, 25 to 14.

END OF THE FLOOR SEASON IS NEAR

Remaining Two Weeks Will See No Change in Leaders in Various League Races.

BURNASCOS SHOW SPEED

Basket Ball Standings.

TRI-CITY LEAGUE.

	W.	L.	Pct.
Brandeis Stores	6	0	1.000
Townsend Gun Co.	7	3	.700
Walter G. Clarks	3	2	.600
Burgess-Nash	5	4	.556
Omaha High School	3	5	.375
University of Omaha	2	5	.286
Bellevue College	0	7	.000

COMMERCIAL LEAGUE.

	W.	L.	Pct.
Omaha National Banks	11	0	1.000
High School Reserves	7	3	.700
Joe Smiths	6	4	.600
Omaha Independents	6	5	.545
M. E. Smiths	3	7	.300
Fairmont Creamery Co.	1	7	.125
High School of Commerce	1	8	.111

CHURCH LEAGUE.

	W.	L.	Pct.
First Methodists	10	0	1.000
Hanscom Park Methodists	6	2	.750
St. Mary's Congregationals	6	4	.600
Calvary Baptists	4	5	.444
South Side Presbyterians	3	6	.333
South Side Baptists	2	7	.222
First Christians	0	3	.000

Schedule for the Week.

Tuesday at Young Men's Christian association: Omaha High School Reserves against High School of Commerce at 7:15, M. E. Smiths against Joe Smiths at 8 and Brandeis Against Omaha High School at 8:45.

Tuesday at University of Omaha: First Methodists against First Christians at 7:30 and South Side Baptists against Calvary Baptists at 8:30.

Thursday at Young Men's Christian association: Townsend Tigers against High School of Commerce at 7, Burgess-Nash against Townsends at 8 and Bellevue against Clarks at 9.

Thursday at University of Omaha: St. Mary's Congregationals against Hanscom Park Methodists at 7:30 and First Christians against South Side Presbyterians at 8:30.

Saturday at Young Men's Christian association: Omaha High School Reserves against M. E. Smiths at 7:15, South Side Baptists against Hanscom Park Methodists at 8 and Brandeis against University of Omaha at 8:45.

Two weeks more and the windup of basket ball in the city will occur, so far as the season is concerned. During the interim little of importance is expected to develop, as the championships in each of the three loops is practically decided. Each of the leading quintets have made the rounds of their league and so far all have perfect records. Even should the leaders fall down on a couple of games, they still have plenty of margin for taking first honors.

The Burgess-Nash quintet of the Tri-City league has been showing unusual activity the last week. The Burnascos added three victories to their credit and have jumped from sixth to fourth place. Their victories have been due to the fact that Paul Anthes is back again in the lineup. Anthes has been out with a bad leg.

Another player who recently poined the Merchants and who was directly responsible for two of the wins last week, is Haskell, former captain of the University of Nebraska five. With these men in the lineup, Manager Stub Hascall is predicting a clean slate until the end of the season. The Burgess-Nash meet the Townsends Tuesday evening.

All Going Good.

Other teams are also going good. In the Commercial league, the Omaha High School Reserves fought its way to second place last week. The Reserves have been battling with the strongest quintets in the first division and are now firmly entrenched in second position, with every prospect of holding the place until the end of the season.

The Omaha National Banks, leaders in the Commercial league, had the scare of their career Friday evening, when the Townsend Tigers almost wrested a victory from them.

The Tigers more than outplayed the Bankers in the last period, and had they been a little more accurate in foul goal shooting would have waltzed off with a win. As it was it took the Bankers five extra minutes to nose out a two-point victory. The melee ended 18 to 20.

In the Church loop the St. Mary's Congregationals are making a strong bid for second place. The Congregationals have won four games in a row.

Victory Means Much.

The victory of the Brandeis Stores over the Olympic club, amateur athletic champs of the country, Friday evening, was a pleasant surprise for local fans. The victory means a great deal to local tossers as it puts Omaha on the map as a strong basket ball center. Because of the win the Brandeis Stores will probably take in the national basket ball tournament to be held in Chicago this week. The Merchants were promised the trip, according to Manager Jake Isaacson, on condition they made a good showing or defeated the champs.

That the Brandeis would make a good showing at the tournament is the general belief of local fans who have followed the store men.

To date the Merchants have defeated all comers in the Tri-City league by desicive scores. At the beginning of the season they lost to Fort Dodge (Ia.), and Nebraska Wesleyan of University Place, but since then have made a great deal of improvement in their method of play.

Because of the lateness of the season no president will probably be elected to take the place of George Sunderland who resigned the office in the Tri-City league last week. Sunderland left for Minneapolis. Sunderland was connected with the Young Men's Christian association for the last four years and was a well known leader in the physical department. He was president of the Commercial league last season.

With the Players.

"Fuzzy" Macfarland, former right forward of the Townsend Tigers, is now holding down the same position with the Omaha Independents.

Alliance and Nebraska City have offered to take on the Brandeis Stores quintet next week. It is probable that the Tri-City league champions will meet the Nebraska Cityans Thursday evening.

As many of the postponed games would have no bearing on the league championships, many have been called off.

The Omaha National Banks have one more contest to pull off before they cash in for the season.

Bud Kearns, physical director of the Young Men's Christian association, will be one of the leading arbiters at the high school tournament at Lincoln.

The Hanscom Park Methodists hung up a high score record in the Church league Tuesday evening. The Hanscom Parkers garnered 56 scores and allowed the South Side Baptists but 6.

NATIONAL FIELD MEET TO BE HELD AT HARVARD

NEW YORK, March 4.—A meeting of the intercollegiate association of Amateur athletes in America today it was unanimously agreed to hold the intercollegiate track and field meet at the Harrard stadium on the last Friday and Saturday on May.

"One Leg as Good as Two," Says Ohio's Crack One-Legged Athlete

ALLIANCE, O., March 4.—Can a young man successfully play foot ball, base ball, basket ball and roller skate with only one leg?

"Peg" Oswalt, Alliance's athletic prodigy, has successfully answered that question in the affirmative by touchdowns, by goals, by hits and by skating prizes.

His lone left leg has stood him in good stead in many a hard fought athletic contest, when he competed with strong, able-bodied, two-legged men, and did not suffer by the comparison.

"Peg" Oswalt is a native of Mount Union, born almost beneath the classic elms that dot the Mount Union college campus in the south end of the city. As a mere stripling, he used to watch Mt. Union base ball men and gridders as they engaged in daily practice and his oft-expressed wish was that some day he could be the greatest athlete in Ohio.

But a cruel fate intervened.

Blood poisoning struck him down while in his early teens and the surgeons had to amputate his good right leg at the hip. His misfortune was only temporary, for realizing his inability to become Ohio's greatest two-legged athlete, he set out to become Ohio's greatest one-legged athlete. If there is any athlete more entitled to the latter title, his name has never been heard of as yet.

Oswalt is sturdy and stocky and is normal in every particular except that he is minus his right leg. He practiced with his school chums and learned to poise himself on his crutches, as he could kick off as well as the best two-legged players in foot ball. His crutches are used only in starting the game. As soon as the pigskin goes sailing through the air, he throws them away and hops with as much speed as many gridders can attain on two good legs. He plays right guard. Last fall he played guard on the strong Alliance Independent team, which won the amateur championship of the city and county, as well as going through the season without a single defeat. It is a matter of local foot ball history that Oswalt in a game with Canton last November leaped through the line and stopped a terrific tandem plunge when Canton had the ball on the one-yard line ready to back it over on the last down. The Independent team is composed of old college stars. Oswalt played in every game and was frequently injured, but refused to quit.

He catches on base ball teams. Of course, he is given a runner after he reaches first base, but he has been known to hobble all the way around the circuit for needed runs.

In basket ball he plays forward and he is a deadly accurate goal shooter. He plays on the Coombs Bros.' team, which a week ago accomplished the unusual feat of defeating Hiran college five on Hiran's floor. Only three other teams had been able to do this in seventeen years. Those teams were Yale, Western Reserve and the Buffalo Germans. The Coombs Brothers team is the fastest in northeastern Ohio.

In addition to foot ball, base ball and basket ball, Oswalt is an excellent roller skater and an expert swimmer. "One leg is enough if you only know how to use it," he has frequently said to his friends. He is 23 years old, very modest and the idol of the fans who watch him play.

STATE FAIR BIDS FOR BIG WRESTLE

Secretary Mellor of Fair Board Makes Offer for Stecher-Gotch Match.

FREE USE OF THE GRO NDS

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

LINCOLN, March 4.—(Special Telegram.)—Secretary W. R. Mellor of the state fair will make an offer to Gene Melady to bring the Stecher-Gotch wrestling match to Lincoln on Labor day so attractive it wil have to be considered, according to Mellor this morning. Mr. Mellor says he can bring several thousand more people to Lincoln than will go to any other town.

The state fair board will also offer Melady free use of the stte fair grounds, the amphitheatre and other state fair equipment, if the match will be held here on any day during the state fair.

Weeghman Gives Rajah Ten Thou And His Release

CHICAGO, March 4.—According to a story printed here, President Weeghman and Roger Bresnahan have come to terms, the former Cub manager having agreed to accept $10,000, or the salary for one of the two years remaining of his contract and his unconditional release. Bresnahan is said to have concluded negotiations to get the Cleveland Association franchise and move the team to Toledo.

Flynn and Fulton Sign for Battle

MILWAUKEE, Wis., March 4.—Fred Fulton, Minnesota, and Jim Flynn, Pueblo, Colo., were matched today for a ten-round heavyweight bout before the National Athletic club here on March 1. If Fulton wins, it was announced, he will go to New York and challenge the winner of the Willard-Moran fight for a twenty-round bout in New Orleans.

Iowa Defeats Ames By Score of Twenty-Tree to Twelve

AMES, Ia., March 4.—(Special Telegram.)—The University of Iowa today continued to perpetuate the Hawkeye tradition to beat Iowa State in basket ball, winning the final game of the schedule for both teams by a score of 23 to 12. Not since 1909 has Iowa State won over the university.

The Iowa State passing was very wild, notable in the first half. Hard luck was part of it and pure wildness was most of it. W. Vonlackum threw thirteen of Iowa's points. Ames' defense was close, but when the play turned to offense the Cyclones were at headless game. Lineup:

IOWA.		IOWA STATE.
Bannick	R.F.	R.F. Brandon
W. Vonlackum	L.F.	L.F. Swiney
K. Vonlackum	L.G.	C. Holmes
Dutton	C.	R.G. Aldrich
Schiff	R.G.	L.G. Boynton

Officials: Birch, Fariham, referee; Hedges, Dartmouth, umpire. Field basket: Bannick (3), W. Vonlackum (3), Dutton, K. Vonlackum, Swiney, Holmes (2), Tomlinson. Foul baskets: W. Vonlackum (6), Swiney (4). Substitutes: Lau for Dutton, Potfield for Branker, Tomlinson for Boynton and Hasper.

NEBRASKA WESLEYAN DEFEATS KANSAS AGAIN

UNIVERSITY PLACE, Neb., March 4.—(Special.)—The Methodists from Kansas Wesleyan suffered one more defeat at the hands of the Nebraskans Thursday night on the local basket ball court, the score this time being 38 to 17. The Kansans were the first to score and set a fast pace throughout the first half, the Coyotes leading at the intermission by the narrow margin of 11 to 9.

Wesleyan has three more games on its schedule, one with the Peru Normals Monday, March 6, and two with Baker university of Baldwin, Kan., on Friday and Saturday of next week. The proposed game between Wesleyan and Nebraska during the state tournament next week will not materialize, although Wesleyan has no objection to another tussle with the Cornhuskers.

Captain Seibert Recovering.

John Seibert, captain of the University of Omaha football team is gradually recovering from pneumonia. He is still confined in bed, but expects to be able to be able to be about in a short time. Seibert is also president of the Young Men's Christianassociation and a member of the Dramatic club. His illness has been the object of much concern by his schoolmates.

HOLD STATE FLOOR EVENT THIS WEEK

Eighty-Nine Nebraska High Schools Will Compete in Fifth Annual Tourney at Lincoln.

SEVEN HUNDRED ATHLETES

By JAMES E. LAWRENCE.

LINCOLN, Neb., March 4.—(Special.)—Over 750 of the champion high school basket ball players of Nebraska will participate here in the greatest tournament ever held in the United States during the coming week. It will be the fifth annual high school basket ball tournament of Nebraska, conducted under the auspices of the University of Nebraska, and will include the eighty-nine leading teams of this state.

Those schools represented in the tournament have fought their way to the top in their respective districts and the winners of the three divisions of the tournament can lay undisputed title to the highest honors in the basket ball field.

Manager Guy E. Reed has been busy during the past week completing the final features of the tournament. It will open Wednesday afternoon in all three divisions into which the entries have been classified and continued uninterrupted until the finals are played Saturday night. The same trophies are offered to the winners in each division with individual medals to the members of the championship fives.

One of the innovations of the week of the high school tournament, Reed announces, will be the appearance of the scarlet and cream sweaters of the varsity men. Every varsity man is to don his sweater and parade his trophies before the boys who are to be future Huskers. All "N" men who appear with their letters will be given free admission at the gate.

Number the Players.

This year the management will make the tournament more interesting to the spectators by numbering each participant. By turning to the program it will be easy to identify the stars. The numbers range from 1 to 800, starting first with the Class A players.

Here is the complete list of entries

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COMMISH MEETS, BUT DOES LITTLE

Base Ball Solons Lay Over Action on Baltimore and Newark Matters Once More.

AITCHISON TO MILWAUKEE

CINCINNATI, O., March 4.—Owing to a letter that was received during its session today, the National base ball commission laid over an action that it might have taken regarding the differences between organized ball and the Baltimore Federal league club. The letter contained the information that these differences had practically been settled by those most interested and that further data regarding the case was on its way here.

Likewise no decision was reached in regard ing the claim of the Brooklyn club relative to the Newark club of the International league. Previous to the forfeiture of the Newark franchise and its transfer to Harrisburg, President Ebbetts of the Brooklyn club and other Brooklyn club stockholders, who were likewise stockholders in the Newark club, claimed that they had advanced a considerable sum of money to the Newark club. Now that the Newark club is to be brought back into the International league, they are bringing up the question of territorial rights, and likewise the rights of a lien in consideration for this money that was advanced.

No Protection for Butte.

The decision of the national board not to give protection to the city of Butte, Mont., in the Northwestern league until it had paid its salary claims for the season of 1914 was sustained. The request to include Butte was made by the Northwestern league.

The number of optional agreement players of a major league club was increased to sixteen for the season of 1916. The number usually was eight and the increase was made in the help of adjustment of conditions that have arisen following the base ball war.

Consideration of amendments to the drafting rules submitted by President Ebbetts of the Brooklyn club and President Gardner of the Dallas, Tex. club were discussed, but laid over until another meeting.

The National league's proposed amendment to rule one of the playing code to increase the legal distance from the home plate to a board fence from 235 feet to 275 feet was received and will be certified to the joint rules committees.

Minor Team Loses.

Player Dunning, who was claimed by Charlotte, N. C., was awarded to the Cleviland American league club, which in tutrn has released the player to Asheville, N. C.

The claim of Player Charles O. Schmutz against the Brooklyn National league club, amounting to $875, was allowed. This represented the difference between his Brooklyn contract and that of the Salt Lake City or Seattle clubs.

Player Raleigh Aitchison submitted an affidavit setting forth that he signed with the Brooklyn club for 1916 at a salary of $4,000. He contended he was released to Milwaukee, from which he received a contract containing a salary of $1,375. The commission ruled that it was his duty to accept employment from the Milwaukee club and to accept the salary offered by that club, the same to be credited to the amount of his 1916 salary with the Brooklyn club. The commission ruled that his services to the Milwaukee club would not to any extent abrogate his Brooklyn contract. The Brooklyn club is required to conform to the player's agreement by notifying the player of all the conditions by which his transfer is made to the Milwaukee club.

Extra Time Needed For Bankers to Win

Five extra minutes of play was necessary for the Omaha National Banks to prove superiority over the Townsend Tigers last evening at the Young Men's Christian association. The Bankers collected 20 points as against 18 for the Tigers.

The Tigers are the first team to make the Bankers play extra time this season and are the only ones in the Commercial loop that have made any showing against Obie Meyers' proteges. The Omaha Nationals are leading in the Commercial loop, having won ten consecutive games.

Lee shoved the winning goal in for the Bankers. The lineup:

O. N. BANK.		T. TIGERS.
Suchart	R.F.	R.F. Buzzard
Busing	L.F.	L.F. Putnam
Morrison	C.	C. Dent
Hawkins	R.G.	R.G. McMann
Bender	L.G.	L.G. Moskovita

Substitutes: Nicholson for Putnam, Lee for Suchart. Torrell for Bender. Field goals: Buzzard (2), Putnam (5), Dent, Moskovita (2), Busing, Lee, Morrison (5), Torrell. Foul goals: Buzzard (2), Bender (3). Fouls committed: Omaha National Banks, 8; Townsend Tigers, 7. Referee: Moore.

Fort Dodge Captures Trophy for Keeps

FORT DODGE, Ia., March 4.—(Special Telegram.)—Fort Dodge took first in the Smith trophy tournament by defeating Pomeroy, 35 to 11, this afternoon.

Pomeray eliminated Sioux City by 14 to 17 this morning and Fort Dodge romped away with Churdan in the semi-finals.

Eleven teams participated in the tournament.

After the deciding game D. P. Smith of Fort Dodge, donor om the trophy, presented it to the local players.

VERNON TIGERS MAY GO TO PHILIPPINES IN FALL

President Ed Maier o the Vernon Tigers has a proposition to take his ball team to Manila next winter and may accept it. The Elks' lodge of Manila wants to stage a base ball carnival and has guaranteed that it wil be made worth while for Maier and party.

Elmwood Defeats Plattsmouth.

ELMWOOD, Neb., March 4.—(Special.)—Elmwood High school basket ball team defeated the Plattsmouth team here last night, 16 to 13. The game was closely contested all the way. The score at the intermission stood 8 to 8. Karl Schneider was the star of the game. He scored 14 of Elmwood's 16 points.

Victory for Gothenburg.

GOTHENBURG, Neb., March 4.—(Special Telegram.)—The Gothenburg High school basket ball team defeated Maxwell High school last night on Maxwell's floor, 26 to 7. The game was played on a cement floor, which somewhat handicapped the visitors.