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A DOZEN of the most prominent racing drivers in America last week signed contracts to participate in the annual automobile race on the Omaha speedway, July 15. Last year something like twenty of the speed pilots affixed their signatures to Omaha contracts. Seven of them appeared and the inaugural Omaha race was very much of a disappointment. It remains to be seen what will be the result this year. The drivers will have to be here with their cars on the track a week before the day of the race in order to get the public to pay out its hard-earned coin this year. So, now that the Omaha speedway has signed the drivers, the fate of the annual Omaha race depends entirely upon the American Automobile association. It is up to this body to see that the drivers who have signed contracts live up to their agreements. Last year Dario Resta signed a contract. He did not show up. Last year Ralph Mulford signed a contract. He did not show up. Both have signed again this year. Will they make good this year, or will they repeat their performance of last year and leave Omaha in the lurch? The local speedway officials can do no more than sign the men up. It is up to the American Automobile association to force the drivers to make good their agreements. If the American Automobile association does this Omaha will have a great race, if it doesn't the race will be a frost and the game will be given a permanent blackeye in Omaha and Nebraska.

John McGraw, manager of the New York Giants, has encountered a little rough going in his new venture of base ball writing. McGraw has been writing base ball articles for a Gotham paper. Recently he scribbled a few words about Cincinnati, speaking in a rather derogatory manner about Redland, August Herrmann, a power on the national commish, has taken exception to Mr. McGraw's assertions and has signified an intention to bring the matter up before his own national commish. The case of McGraw is merely another instance where newspaper writings by players make trouble. McGraw made the prediction Herzog and Hal Chase would soon be fighting between themselves. Such writing does not do the game any good, especially coming from another player. Let us hope Mr. Herrmann will make his position so emphatic to the national commish that that august body will put the ban on players' scribbling.

The Chicago Cubs have employed a press agent. It is his duty to be advance man to the team and supply all the newspapers with news of the team prior to the arrival of the team. Quite some difference from the attitude taken by base ball magnates a few years ago. Magnates used to figure along the line that the newspaper needed base ball. Mr. Weeghmann of the Cubs evidently has come to the conclusion base ball needs the newspapers. For a guess Mr. Weeghmann is right and he'll find his club prospering a lot more than the unprogressive and deluded owner who makes the reporters do the worrying and get the news when he can.

Amateur base ball in Omaha continues to be largely made up of protests, disgruntled managers and players, and rowdy fans. What's the matter this year? Last year the amateur players and fans behaved themselves most gracefully. This year there has hardly been a game that has not culminated in some manner of disagreeable way. Omaha has been very generous toward the amateurs, has supported them and encouraged them. But amateur base ball should be base ball, not fights, scraps and fusses, and if a transformation doesn't occur pretty soon the amateurs will find themselves without any friends.

Frank Moran and Jack Dillon are going to fight in New York. A few of the skeptics are inclined to scoff slightly of this match because Moran is so much bigger than Dillon. But our guess is it will be a pretty good mill insofar as there can be such a thing in ten rounds to no decision. Dillon is one game box fighter. He is willing to mix it with any and all, large or small, fast or slow. He also carries a wallop. Moran is a pretty willing mixer and he also packs a solid kick. If these qualities won't make a match nothing will so Gotham fans really should be in store for something pretty good along the fistic line.

Tuesday is our day to step out, fans. Tuesday the Rourke returns to the home ballpark after one of the most sensational road trips an Omaha base ball club has made in years. Their dash has taken them from third place into first. It is up to us to show our appreciation and to prove that Omaha is proud of them. Let's all find our place at Rourke park Tuesday to give the boys a royal greeting.

Get set, Mr. Stecher, Mr. Lewis of Iowa, Kentucky and New York is next on the list.

Everybody ready for Tuesday.

DIRECTORS EAT WEDNESDAY

Managers of Greater Omaha League to Provide Banquet as Result of Recent Ball Game.

ISAACSON RESIGNS HIS JOB

BY FRANK QUIGLEY.

At last the directors of the Omaha Amateur Base Ball association received the joyful news that the magnates of the Greater Omaha league had decided to banquet the directors in sumptuous style on next Wednesday night. The reason for aforementioned decision is that the magnates failed to produce enough counters to smother the directors in their recent base ball debate, which terminated with the directors two runs to the good. It was agreed before the tangle that the losers would have to dig up the fodder. If as much comical stuff is pulled off during the banquet as occurred during their battle for base ball supremacy the banquet will unquestionably be a distinct success. Being provoked because some of the directors of the Omaha Amateur Base Ball association hinted that he was not broad-minded or fair-minded, Jake Isaacson, president of the association, has written out his resignation and turned it in to Secretary Blossiez, to take effect as soon as a successor is chosen. His resignation will be confined to the waste basket immediately upon receipt of same by the directors because the directors would not even consider accepting it. He has always worked hard, conscientiously and honestly, and in the estimation of the writer is the most competent man that could be secured for this position.

At the meeting of the Omaha Amateur Base Ball association last week, the Greater Omaha league submitted a protest against the Commercial, Class A, Saturday league, which was declared reasonable and in many ways injurious to the association, and it decided not to wait for any further developments before taking official action. Although the constitution was not violated by the Commercial league, the directors did what they thought would be fair and square with the ones vitally concerned. Herewith the case: The Greater Omaha league asked that the Brandeis players play with the Hotel Castle be ousted from participation in contests coming under the jurisdiction of the Omaha Amateur Base Ball association.

The directors went on record, making the contracts of Dygert, Platz and Oleson of the Brandeis with the Hotel Castle null and void, and the general sentiment was that if a similar case developed they would take the same action.

Fans to Blame. Umpires are only human, but some of the spectators that decorate the sand lots seem to have a different opinion, especially against the municipal adjudicators. The version of the burden the onslaughts of rowdiness so frequently directed towards the amateur players, because in nine cases out of ten the fans are indirectly responsible for any altercation that bobs up. These municipal umpires, hired, paid and backed by the city of Omaha, are a bunch of fellows that like base ball, umpire because they love the game and are well trained under the personal direction of George Clark, chief supervisor of the barkers. They call every play as they lamp it without any intention of befriending any particular party. Man is far from being perfect, consequently mistakes are made and will continue to occur, which, if you are a true sport, you will overlook. There is no incentive for one of these umpires to purposely make an erroneous decision, so when you know they are dishing out their best efforts you ought to give them the benefit of the doubt, at least on a close play. A lot of those blokes with a giant physique and a dwarf's disposition and full of childish tricks, that always want to squawk, kick and fight, ought to go into the pugilistic game. Of course, on the other mitt, the umpires should not get a swelled bonnet and soak in the idea that they are head and shoulders above the ordinary amateur.

The Kansas City Royal Giants, a band of tar babies that hail from Kansas City, repudiated a contract made some time ago to play the Brandeis, consequently Manager Bradford had to do some rapid-fire work to fill in the open space on the calendar. He signed Blair (Neb.). In the past few years Blair and the Brandeis have bumped against each other several times and as all of the wrangles have been close and interesting, it is a safe wager that their jamboree this afternoon will be a peachero. Oleson will probably work on the mound for the Brandeis and Cook for the boys from upstate.

The Pacific Coast league is in a squabble over alleged violations of the salary limit. A salary limit is a nice bit of legislation and minor league magnates give it a lot of time and attention, but for all that we never heard of anybody taking it particularly serious.

Sioux City Golf Experts Play Here

A score of Sioux City golfers breezed into Omaha yesterday afternoon to play a number of matches with golfers of the Seymour Lake Country club today.

Mike Shearman, formerly connected with the Omaha Field club, but now professional at the Sioux City Country club, accompanied the golfers from

Krueger Hitting In Charmed Circle

Western league batters hitting .325 or better in half or more of their games, including last Tuesday's game, are:

Gilmore, Sioux City, .398; Livingstone, Sioux City, .378; Oakes, Denver, .341; Krueger, Omaha, .338; Helling, Wichita, .338; Dyer, Denver, .335;

Shestak, Denver, .330; Hinchman, Lincoln, .330; Watson, Sioux City, .326. Denver leads in club batting with .289; Shields, Denver, in stolen bases with 13; Litschi, Wichita, in sacrifice hits with 16; Dyer, Denver, in home runs with 7, and Kelliher, Denver, in total bases with 96 and in runs scored with 38.

Leading pitchers for nine or more games: Player Won. Lost. Gaspard, Sioux City, 4 1; Hovlik, St. Joseph, 4 1.

North Omaha: Thompson, Omaha; Baker, Des Moines; Krauss, Omaha; Hall, Topeka; Manser, Denver; Patterson, St. Joseph; East, Lincoln; Hails, Lincoln.

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