

SILK HAT HARRY'S DIVORCE—A Masquerade Ball is no Place to Be for a Stenog.

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Judgments

OMAHA got away to the customary start out in Denver. Ninth inning rallies by the Grizzlies grabbed the first two games played, after it had been practically settled that Omaha had them safe.

Governor Whitman's bill to repeal the New York boxing law failed of passage because of being two votes short of the two-thirds majority required, but it yet has another chance, and its supporters feel very certain of putting it over when it comes up again before the legislature.

Reorganization of athletics at Nebraska ought to do something for sports down there. Dr. Stewart is made director, with full power to lay all plans for the teams, and thus to arrange his schedules and other details in such way as best will suit his playing program.

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Omaha fans have a single duty ahead of them. Last year this city captured the Capper cup, offered for largest attendance at any opening game in the league. It is up to the home folks to see that this cup stays right here.

BALL SEASON HERE IN ALL ITS GLORY

Two More Leagues Open Season Today—Bloomer Girls Get Flying Start.

PLAYERS ARE IN FINE FORM By FRANK QUIGLEY. Last Sunday four leagues affiliated with the Omaha Amateur Base Ball association started on that long base ball procession for the coveted flag of honor awarded at the expiration of a strenuous diamond campaign.

Here is how and where the teams of the American league will hit up: Townsends vs. Magic City at Thirty-second street and Dewey avenue, 3:30 p. m.; Walnut Hill Athletics vs. National Cash Registers, Twenty-fifth and W streets, 3:30 p. m.; Omaha Bicycle Indians vs. McCarthys, River-view park, 3:30 p. m.

In the City League, the Murphy Did Its, 1916 champions of Class B, will battle the Carter Lake club on the Carter Lake diamond. The Walter G. Clarks will open up with the Grain Exchange at Fontenelle park, 3:30 p. m., and the Richardson Drug company will tangle with the Omaha Crochery company at Elmwood park, 3:30 p. m.

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Golfers May Have Chance to Show Patriotism on Links

New York, April 21.—Now that this country has been drawn into the war, golfers will have a chance to show their patriotism even on the links. It had been intimated that in the event of hostilities tournaments might be abandoned because of the feeling that under such circumstances indulgence in the game would be untimely.

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Ritchie Mitchell, Milwaukee lightweight, is as near the perfect man as there is in the ring today, according to William Lachemmer, physical culture expert, who in his day measured and compared all of the topnotch fighters. From the mass of figures thus obtained, he has struck an average, with which Mitchell compares more than well.

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Perhaps the fact that Smith has traveled ten rounds twice with Mike Gibbons may be as good proof that he is a good man as anything in his record. Gibbons, naturally, claims he won both times, but as no decisions were rendered his claims are not upheld. The newspapers were divided in their opinion as to whether Smith was beaten or earned a draw.

Mike just now is engaged in hurling challenges broadcast at Les, and through his manager, Eddie Kane, has claimed the middleweight honors in an attempt to force Darcy into meeting him soon. Matt Hinkel, the Cleveland promoter, is trying to get them together. Darcy has performed in vaudeville at Cleveland recently, and thinks well of Hinkel, so this fight plan may go to Ohio.

Those who have marvelled at the ringcraft of Sam Langford may be interested in knowing that the veteran negro gives credit for his prowess to Joe Walcott. The odd thing about it is that Walcott himself probably never knew that he was instructor of the Boston Tar Baby.

It was in this same hub that the lessons were learned. Joe had a younger brother named Westfield and he and Langford were bosom pals. Joe taught his brother most of the tricks he had learned in the ring and the youngster in turn passed them on to his chum, Langford.

Arthur Eck of the Holmes squad was almost put out of commission when he was whanged on his firing wing with one of Potash's fast ones. Even pitchers sometimes crack out home runs. Arthur Eck, crack batsman for the Holmes' White Sox, put one over the boards against the Ramblers.

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Jack Bradley Is Fired. Then Stages Elopement

Catcher Jack Bradley, turned over to the New Orleans Pelicans by the Cleveland club, figured in an elopement when he married Miss Mildred Reid of Sullivan, Ind., a co-ed at the University of Illinois. The newlyweds started south together and will do their honeymooning in camp.

Gossip of the Sand Lots

Guas Pradat and Jim Satef are new members of the Te-Be-Ce's. A good many of Sunday sandlotters play Saturday in the Union Pacific league. Although reported that Swift & Co. would back a team it failed to come across with the necessary kale.

Nothing doing on the Baseline schedule for last Sunday. Any last team, wishing this date call Roy Stacey at South 1238. Kid Pender of the Sample-Hart outfit has got the old side down pat. He expects to play a new variety of baseball.

Today the Hamblers will ramble to Plattsmouth, Neb., and bump up against the base ball manipulators stationed there. Frank Delehanty, of the Sample-Hart crew, carried one of Brock's shows for permission to headline at corner three.

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But with intercollegiate activities dropped for a time, and inter-class sports pushed to the front, coupled with a form of military training, this same student is encouraged to get out and do his best to improve his physical self. The military phase is the answer.

Many a collegian whose patriotism urges him to answer the call to the colors, but who feels that he is physically unfit for service, will turn out for inter-class sports to get the physical benefit. And many a student, physically capable for his year, but indifferent to sports, is stirred by the military work and takes up training and sports along with it.

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