

makes a dandy utility man.

It is planned to make Thursday the big day of the year. Opening day for the first half of the season was Davis,3b a pronounced flivver. It was extremely cold and the fans didn't turn out. So the Commercial and Rotary clubs are working to make the crowd at Thursday's opener a record breaker.

#### Missouri Valley Tennis Classic at Kansas City

The tennis classic of this season will begin at Kansas City August 6, when entrants in the Missouri Valley Tennis tourney will begin play in the men's singles and doubles. The receipts of this year's tournament will be devoted to the Red Cross.

Officials of the meet predict the largest attendance in the history of the Missouri valley, prominent players from Chicago and other Illinois cities, Cincinnati, St. Louis, Oklahoma and Kansas City already having signified their intention of partici- Falkenberg and the breadth of Fred pating. Toney.

### **Omaha One-Armed Golfers**

Seek to Avenge Trouncing W. B. Cheek of the Seymour Lake club, and Judge G. W. Shields and A. W. Scribner of the Field club, Omaha's trio of crack one-armed golfers, are planning an invasion of Sioux City this month to get another crack at C. C. Hamilton, one-armed shark of Sioux City, who trounced the three Omaha man in a fifty-four-hole

golf contest in this city a week ago. The Omaha golfers believe they can beat Hamilton on his own ground and have issued a challenge which he accepted.

Qualifying Round for Club

Back in 1906, over a decade ago, Title at Seymour Started The qualifying round for the club ball club, decided that a club owner Pa Rourke, owner of the Omaha base championship of the Seymour Lake Country club started yesterday. The had enough troubles and worries confirst half of the qualifying round was ducting the business affairs of his played yesterday and the second half team without trying to manage the will be played today. said team on the playing field.

Four flights of eight players each. So Pa, who had hitherto always will qualify. Prizes for winner and occupied a corner of the Rourke park runner-up in each class and also a bench from which he directed the special prize for the medalist score movements of his hirelings on the will be presented, by the board of field, signed Buck Franks to manage directors of the club. his team, and beat it for his office at the top of the grandstand.

Amateur Board to Discuss

ployed a playing manager and con-Annual Championship Series fined his activities to the playing end. James H. Lowry, president of the National Amateur Base Ball asso-tired from the bench, Buck Franks ciation in which the Omaha associa- won a pennant for Omaha, Rourke tion holds a franchise, has called a decided his move was a wise one. meeting of the advisory board to de-But in succeeding years Pa wasn't termine upon the advisability of holdso sure of the wisdom of the move. ing the annual championship series. Sometimes his athletes played good William Blozies of the Omaha asso- ball, sometimes they didn't. ciation is a member of the advisory When they didn't he worried, fumed board, but will not attend the meet- and fretted, but he never said a word.

ing. It is believed the championship will be abandoned this year. He spent many a sleepless night dreaming of the bones pulled on the field the day before.

#### Commission Turns Down Claim of Mobile Owners up as a bad job. The Rourkes had

National commission has pulled everything on the field from The turned down Mobile's claim that it mayhem to murder and it drove had a deal on with Pittsburgh for In- Rourke almost to distraction. fielder Gleason before he was sold to Chattanooga. The evidence showed so when Marty Krug handed in his resignation with the explanation that Mobile never offered any definite sum he could not get the work out of the for the player and that the negtia- men, Pa decided to take the reins tions were only tentative. The sale himself. He concluded the grief on of the player by Pittsburgh to Chat- the bench would not be any worse tanooga is confirmed.

Schang Has Hard Luck.

So when the Rourkes come to Oma-Schang Has Hard Luck. Wall Schang of the Athletics hits the ball terrific blow, but hits in hard luck. If he Mackmen's catcher could hit 'em where they ain't' he would be a wonder with the stick. So when the Rourkes come to Onlac ha Thursday to play their first game of the second half of the split season on the local lot, Pa will be on the bench managing the team. And, if WA.Rourke reports form the road are true, it's a different team since Pa took charge. Milan Pounds Fill. The veteran Clyde Milan is the only Sen-ator batting in the 300 set. Base stealing used to be Milan's strong suit, but stick work has his attention at present. feited. Mamaux has fallen from grace all right and in Pittsburgh they are speculating on what settlement he will get from the Pittsburgh club. with the stick.

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\*Batted for Marks in ninth. Lincoln ..... 1 0 1 0 0 1 1 0 0-4 Wichita ..... 0 0 1 0 0 0 1 1 0 0-4 Left on bases: Wichita, 8; Lincoln, 7. Sacrifice hits: Schmandt, Bayless, Coy. Three-base hit: Lober. Hits and earned runs:: Off Marks, 7 and 3 in nine innings. off Gregory, 7 and 1 in nine innings. Double plays: Berghammer to Schmandt, Marks to Berger to Jones, Struck out: By Marks, 3. Bases on balls: Off Gregory, 4; by Marks, 5. Wild pitch: By Marks. Time: 2:05. Um-pire: Brown.

pire: Brown. **Cleveland Grabs Largest** Pitching Entry on Record

Lee Fohl of the Indians has captured the largest pitching entry on noble fashion. record. He is Harry Pitenger, from the Kent (Ohio) Normal school. He National Coursing Meet is six feet seven inches and weight 215 pounds. He has the height of Cy

Anton Stecher, Daddy

on the first call.

ADELAIDE FOGG The champion had no difficulty in

winning her title. She easily proved her superiority over all entrants in Swenson yesterday and she won many games by wide margins. Two games in the first set were love games for Miss Fogg.

Lake club.

Mrs. McMahon and Mrs. Platner Miss Fogg carried the heavy burden against the champion. of the playing and she performed in

At Grand Island in Fall The annual meeting of the National Coursing club will be held at Grand

Island next fall, kennels from Nebraska, Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Arkansas, Oklahoma, Colorado, Cali-Of Twins, Is Drafted Pennsylvania to be represented. The Anton Stecher, brother of Joe Stecher, was among those drafted Anton recently became the father

run at the meet.

two weeks, will return to active mat club next Sunday at 1 o'clock. the tournament. Her southpaw on, according to his manager, Gene each will be held, making the day's serves proved too much for Ruth Melady of Omaha, he will be an ex- program 150 targets. Sunday mornceedingly active champion.

Caddock's first match, since he temporarily retired from the game in Miss Fogg was metropolitan cham-pion in 1916, was runnerup to Kath-ous campaign last winter, will be with order to recuperate from his strenuerine Krug last year, was champion Clarence Eklund of Buffalo, Wyo. It of Brownell Hall several years and will take place at Carroll, Ia., on the captured several titles at the Carter last day of the Carroll county fair there.

Eklund, who is well known in put up a game battle against Miss Omaha and Nebraska, is a good light Fogg and Mrs. Thompson in the dou- heavyweight wrestler, but he is not bles, but were unequal to the task. conceded more than a long chance

Immediately after the Eklund go Gene Melady intends to outline a busy season for his charge. Scores of promoters seek to stage bouts between the champion and local favorites so that Melady will have no trouble finding engagements for Earl.

Pay No Heed to Stecher.

There is little likelihood of another the state. Caddock-Stecher match soon. Stecher is clamoring for the match, but Mefornia, Texas, Illinois, Minnesota and lady is paying little heed. The champion's manager goes on the theory program will open October 2 with that Stecher led the parade two years the national futurity, in which there and that there are many other wreswill be about 100 participants. The tlers who should have a chance at the Marin Plestina, the local heavyweight.

#### Ernie Holmes Tries to

Ernie Holmes, Jack Lewis, Will Simeral and Sandy Griswold went out to see John Pesek, the Buffalo county mat marvel, wrestle at Gresham, Neb., one day last week. The journey, 145 miles, was made in Holmes' automobile.

The party made the trip to Gresham the night before the match, and started home the next night at 11 o'clock, after the match was over. Three hours' sleep was all the rest they had between trips.

When the party was traveling between Columbus on the road home in the wee, sma' hours of the morning, Holmes, who was driving, began to nod and finally his eyelids completely closed and Ernie began to journey in the land of slumber. And the auto continued to speed along at a thirtymile clip.

Suddenly the car began to slide toward the side of the road, and then it was that Simeral, who was just sufficiently awake to detect that something was wrong, discovered Holmes trying to drive the car while fast asleep. He awoke the slumbering pilot just in time to avert what might have been a spill

The rest of the way into Omaha Simeral, Lewis and Griswold kept a good watch over Holmes, who happened to be the only member of the party who could drive.

for two months and honeymooning nament since the organization of the

work August 17 and from that date Twelve events of fifteen targets

ing a practice shoot will be staged. All trap shooters in Omaha are invited to take part. Invitations also have been sent to the Fremont. Columbus, Wisner and Valley Gun clubs. The Omaha Gun club plans to attend the shoot in force. Governor Neville has accepted an invitation to attend.

In addition to the registered events special contests for women shooters are planned and invitations to all the women marksmen in Nebraska have been issued.

Starting with the registered tournament, the Carter Lake Gun club plans to inaugurate increased activities in target shooting. Special events will be held from time to time and regular shoots will be held each week. Officers of the club hope the Carter Lake club in time will be one

**Omaha Net Sharks** of the largest gun organizations in Expected to Clean

#### Sends Scout Out to Look Over Star of 20 Years Ago

This comes to us as a true story: The veteran, Billy Gilbert, who used champ of 1916, with Cleary Hani-Aberdeen cup and the Waterloo cup championship before the Dodge lad. to first-base for the New York Giants, ghen, Also he says Hetmanek did a lot of is now employed by a New York condictating when Stecher occupied the tracting company, but on Sundays he top of the heap and that he intends to plays ball with an independent team give Hetmanek a taste of his own in New York. The box scores of medicine now. And still again he in- these Sunday games are printed in sists Stecher should step out and the New York papers and a certain wrestle somebody else in order to club owner not a thousand miles from show that he is entitled to a return go. New York noted where a player So it is probable Caddock's next ap- named Gilbert was hitting about .500 pearance in Omaha will be against and fielding a lot of chances, so he sent one of his scouts to look the prospect over.

ner. The scout went out to the game, saw the second baseman make three Drive Auto Fast Asleep or four hits and take everything that came his way. "Looks pretty good," he mused, "but I'll have to get a close-up view." So he went to the bench. "Where's this player Gilbert?" he final round.

Jack Ryan Suspended for asked. "Here I-am," answered old Billy emerging from a corner. "Who

wants to see me?"

ago and almost forgotten him, threw up both hands. Then he came to and said in all earnestness: who is in this city. "Well, somebody may have put something over on the boss in send-Tinker Expects to Sell

ng me out to look you over, but at hat you look better than some of the nfielders he's got on his club." The scout returned to report. "The

second baseman you sent me out to Loudermilk, the veteran pitcher to see is Billy Gilbert," he told the boss. a major league club before the draft 'He's a damn sight better than some period. Loudermilk is rated as the you have, but he won't sign, I'm leading pitcher in the American asafraid, for he's got a job that pays more money than you do." sociation. Several major clubs are re-ported to be bidding for him.

#### loker in Mamaux's Contract: Harry Sage to Umpire Pirate Hurler May Get Left

Al Mamaux was working under a peculiar contract with the Pittsburgh club. He was to draw a salary of \$5,000 for the season. Only \$200 a month of this was to be paid him, teenth consecutive year. however, and the rest retained by the club. If he behaved himself and pitched good ball he was to get the for fifteen years Sage has been balance at the close of the season. If summoned from Omaha to umpire. he fell from grace it was to be for-

since he has been officiating at Malvern and seldom has he even had any minor troubles with recalcitrant athletes.

Harry has never had a bad row

date.

#### Fans Take Sides.

The coming match is one which Omaha wrestling fans have been anxious to see for many months. Both men have many supporters. Stecher has a host of followers, who believe him the greatest wrestler in the world, insist Caddock's victory last April was of the fluke variety and are firmly convinced Joe would make mincemeat of Caddock if they should meet again.

On the other hand, Plestina has supports who believe Marin could throw both Stecher and Caddock and will back the Omaha man to the limit despite the Dodge phenom's wonderful record.

### Superstitious Atheletes Scrape Shellac Off Bats

MARIN PLESTINA.

week.

Base ball players are as superstitious as Zulus. In no way is this more lucidly illustrated than in the care which some of them lavish upon an ordinary base ball bat. Manufacturers, says the Popular Science Monthly, oil and shellac their bats to make them sleek and fresh, and the superstitious base ball player pro-ceeds to use glass, bone, saudpaper Up Sioux City Play and whatnot to remove the finish. Why? Oh, "just because"-to give a woman's reason. He may have a nd-tion that the bat will last longer with-

Ralph Powell, city and state net out it. But the truth is that the sellac Percy Banister and John really acts as a preservative to the Brotherton, a trio of local sharks, will wood represent Omaha in the tri-state ten-

Some base ball players imagine that nis tournament at Sioux City this it is impossible to make a strong hit

with a new bat, because the bat is so Powell won the tri-state tournament sleek that the balls glance off it. Othat Sioux City last year and, as chamers believe that scraping a bat fills up pion, will defend his title. He will the crevices and cracks and thus lengthens the life of the bat. pair with Hanighen in the doubles and Omaha tennis enthusiasts expect

Powell to capture the singles title Jimmy Sheckard Coaching and the doubles title with his part-Uncle Sam's Sailor Lads HI draf BE

Banister and Brotherton will team Jimmy Sheckard, nominally coach in the doubles and it would be no for the Chicago Cubs, but actively at surprise to Omaha if this pair should work as athletic director at the naval oppose Powell and Hanighen in the training station near Chicago, has forty-eight base ball teams organized among the 2,000 rookies in camp and says that out of all the players under his wing he is going to develop some

Hitting the Flowing Bowl Salt Lake City, Utah, Aug. 4 .- major leaguers for use when Uncle Charged with being under the influ- Sam is done with them. ence of liquor while on duty, Jack

#### who had known Gilbert twenty years geles club of the Pacific Coast league, Oregon as Coach in Oregon as Coach in Fall

was today indefinitely suspended by Manager Hugo Bezdek of the Pi-John Powers, president of the club, rates will not give up college athlet-

ics. It is announced that after the close of the major league season he will return to Eugene, Ore., to resume Loudermilk to Big Show his duties at the University of Ore-Joe Tinker, manager of the Colum- gon as coach. During the winter, no bus club, believes he will sell Grover doubt, Barney Dreyfuss will have acquired a new manager. They do say he already has a little man in mind.

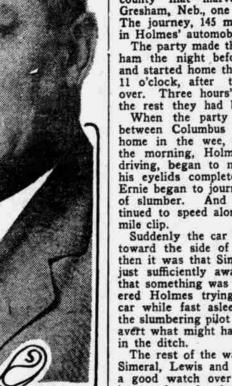
## Texas League Star Hits

Fifteen Home Runs to Date First Baseman Roy Leslie of Waco,

who is to join the Chicago Cubs in the fall, leads the Texas league in homers with some fifteen to his credit. Fifteenth Tournament It is noted by critics, too, that his Harry Sage, veteran Omaha umdrives have been of the real fourpire, this week will handle the inbase kind, not flukes over short outdicator at the annual base ball tourfield fences in the Texas circuit. nament at Malvern, Ia., for the fif-

#### Scout Buys Minor Star and For fifteen years Malvern has staged a base ball tournament. And

Then the Draft Catches Him Bobby Gilkes, scout for the Yankees, who made the deal for Out-fielder Vick of Memphis, is much put out, for Vick has been drafted by Uncle Sam. Bobby was sure that Vick would be a star in the American league



of twin babies. Joe Stecher's draft number was stakes for dogs of all ages will be well down the list.

# Pa Rourke Goes Back to Bench After Ten Years as Mere Spectator

For over ten years Rourke em-

Finally the other day Pa gave it

been going from bad to worse. They

resignation with the explanation that

than the sleepless nights.

