OMAHA A WINNER,

For First Time in History Gate

City Will Make Holiday of

First Game of the

Season.

A regular holiday for opening cay

s the scheme W. A. Rourke of the

Omaha base ball club has up his

The opening day of the season i as

never been much of an event in Oma-

ha in years gone by. A couple of times parades were held, but dey

were league affairs and nothing to

brag about. Opening day in Omaha

has merely been opening day and

But this year, Rourke intends to

board the band wagon and stage an opening day program that will be the

pride and joy of the entire league.
All of the other cities in the West-

So Rourke has figured it out that if Denver, a town which couldn't support a ball club, could stage an open-

ing day program, Omaha could, too. So Omaha for once is to have an

Jackson Saws Wood.

so he will manage Sioux City himself,

Charley Moon, once secretary of

any place to play. Claire Goodwin, Wichita second

sacker, has joined the army medical

corps and is stationed at the Presidio,

San Francisco.

Pitcher Don Marion has been sold to Wichita by Vernon.

Eight of last year's Denver players

have been signed by Topeka. They

were the only ones worth having, 'tis

Ralph Heatley, an infielder, has

been purchased by Joplin. Pitcher Pepper Clark, formerly with

Sioux City, has been signed by Des

Berghammer, Ducky Holmes' short-stop, has been recalled by St. Paul.

Jimmy Middleton, the pitcher re-cently sold by the New York Giants

to Kansas City, has signed a contract to manage his father's large farm and

will retire from base ball as a result.

By Giants, to Quit Game

OH I HOPE YOU'LL LIKE IT -

MR. VAN TWILLER- ALL

MY FRIENDS SAY THAT

Jimmy Middleton, Fired

opening day program.

SAYS PA ROURKE

ST. LOUIS BROWNS TO START SEASON WITH A NEW TEAM

Mound City Owners Break All Records for Shattering and at Same Time Rebuilding Batt Club.

BY JACK VEIOCK.

New York, March 23.-When it comes to rebuilding a ball club the owners of the St. Louis Browns have all records chattered.

Within less than a year's time the Browns as they stood last August have been transformed to such an extent that St. Louis fans will not know them when they trot on to the field at home for the first time this season. Between mid-season, 1917, and the present time the Browns have lost all of the regular outfielders who were with the team last year, not to

mention the substitute fielders. Most of the infielders who held regular meal tickets have gone, and four vet-eran hurlers and part of the catching staff are missing, Trades Start.

Last August the Brownie owners made a deal with Joe Tinker, of the Columbus club, for Pitcher Lowdermilk, Infielder Gerber and Outfielder Demmitt. From that time on trades and sales followed rapidly and Fielder Jones took a strange bunch of players to Dixie this spring. With Eddie Plank traded to the

Yanks, Bob Groom sold to Cleveland and Ernie Koob among the missing, and Ernie Koob among the missing, St. Louis fans will have to do their rooting for Bert Gallia, secured from Washington; Grover Lowdermilk, from Columbus; Nick Cullop and Urban Shocker, from the Yankees, and old Lefty Leifield, who did a comeback with St. Paul. Davenport, Rogard Sothoron are all that remain the collists.

.....amaker to Help.

Hank Severeid, star of the Browns' backstops, will be assisted this year by Leslie Nunamaker, who wields a mean bludgeon and whose presence in the lineup will be welcome because of the fact that he can be used both

as a catcher and a pinch hitter.

The outfield will look strange without Bert Shotton gamboling around the gardens. Yale Sloan, Ward Miller, Lee Magee and Amando Marsans, all of whom have worn Brownie uniforms since the opening of the 1917 season, have gone. Some of them are in the service and others have been traded. Tobin, Demmitt, Smith, Hendryx and K. Williams, purchased from Portland, are new outfielders. Among the new infielders who will

Tyler Will Prove Valuable Man for Chicago Cublets

Maisel, Gedeon and Gerber,

The Cubs made a good deal when they got George Tyler from Boston. Tyler, working with Alexander, Vaughn, Douglas and the younger nembers of Fred Mitchell's pitching staff, should be a pilfar of strength to the Chicago club, for he is the sort of a pitcher who can win with just the iverage support behind him, and, best of all, from a Cub viewpoint, he is a efthander.

There are only a few really dependable southpaws in the National league, compared to the number of righthanders who have strangle holds on their jobs. And Tyler and Vaughn are of this class. Tyler is no youngster in so far as major league experience goes, for he has been a member of the Braves, including the season of 1917, since 1910, when he came up from the Lowell club.

His record for the eighth season sent with the Braves shows that he lost more games than he won, so far as grand totals go, but he was handicapped by being a member of a losing club most of the time, and the won and lost column of a pitcher with a losing club do not show his true

Tyler has won a total of 94 games Tyler has won a total of 94 games of five round boys to be split 60 and of base ball since he busted into the 40; to the ring master and the manbig show, and the records charge him with 102 defeats. The records also show that he is a good, sustantial workhorse, for in every campaign in which he has taken part he has pitched in better than 30 games a season, with but one exception.

Up to three years ago Tyler's main trouble was wildness, But for the last three seasons he has been getting 'em over in better form, for, where he used to hand out a hundred or more passes in a summer, he has succeeded in cutting the yearly total down nearly 20

Groom Will Be Big Help To Cleveland, Evans Says

Umpire Billy Evans, who has worked behind Bob Groom a great number of games since he broke into he American league, is of the belief hat the former Brownie will be of nuch use to the Cleveland Indians his summer. It is the opinion of Evans that Groom showed about as nuch stuff lest year as he ever did. Groom has fine speed, a corking curve and a most deceptive spitter, which he uses only occasionally. Evans believes that Fohl will make much use of Groom as a relief pitcher, since his curve and spitter are often of great advantage in stopping a batting rally. seesan'M are

War Tax on All Base Ball Passes Except Employes

The final ruling of the War deall holders of passes except bons fide employes of the base ball association must pay a war tax. The newspaper men who score the games are included as employes and are "exempt."

Max Carey Selected as Captain at Pittsburgh

With Hans Wagner gone the Pithe increased pay that goes with the Woodmen of the World will camp from 1:30 to 3:30.

Giant Hurler Who Re- OPENING DAY IN



POLL PERRITT

AMATEUR LOOPS TAKE SHAPE AS SEASON NEARS

Only One League, the Metropolitan, Fails to Get Into the Runing; Others Ready to Go.

By Frank Quigley.

One by one the leagues of the Omaha Amateur Base Ball association emerge from their winter's haze of doubt and as the season approaches the note of optimism rises. Practically every league of any importance with one exception has buckled up enough wear the regalia of the Jonesites are teams and is ready for the training period. No better test of the virility of amateur base ball can be found than this. About everything that could happen to the amateurs to put them under the sod has happened, but it is a two-to-one shot that ulti-mate good will come out of the hard-ships that have been endured and which will continue until the termina-

tion of the big fight across the waves. So far five leagues have been organized, namely, Greater Omaha, American, City, Inter-City and Booster. The exception is the eMtropolitan league and its president, William Ammons, now secretary of the Omaha Amateur Base Ball association, has done nothing towards putting this league on a firm foundation. From present indications there will be enough teams to organize another Class B league. If these Class B teams which are now out in the cold would squeak to President Isaacson he will arrange matters so another league will be organized in the very immedi-ate future. If this is done the Omaha Amateur Base Ball association will

be as strong as last year. Inter-City League. At the meeting of the Inter-City league last week a schedule was adopted to commence April 14 and two rounds with eight contesting

teams will be played. Two new teams, namely Tomaneks and J. B. Roots, were added to the Booster league, making it an eight-club organization. It was decided that each team should post a forfeit agers. A schedule was adopted which will open the gates Sunday, April 14. Officers will be elected at their next meeting, this week.

The City league meeting was postponed until this week when officers will be installed for the approaching season.

It was said that Ernie Holmes, backer oft he Holmes White Sox, threatened to withdraw his brigade from the Greater Omaha league unless the association gave his park a square deal during the city series games this year, he contending that he drew a lemon last year.

Meeting Postponed.

The meeting of the American league scheduled for last Thursday was calld off because the president was holding down a berth at St. Joseph hospital. Said league will convene at

the city hall next Thursday. Fans you won't have to spoil your glims looking for a base ball argument this afternoon because even if climatic conditions should be a trifle shady there will be plenty of diamond gladiators pelting the horsehide on the various municipal lots. This will be the initial preliminary workout for members of the Omaha Amateur Base Ball association and as only a tew Sundays will trot around before the bell tingles, it behooves the racies to cough up their best brand if they want to travel with the class selected

Games will'be jerked off on the tollowing municipal parks this afternoon: At 1:30, Thirty-second and Dewey avenue, the Omaha Daily News will clash with the Victor Roos con-tingent. The McCaffrey Motor Co. squad has leased the grounds from 3:30 until 6. The Union Stock Yards team has rented Riverview park from 1:30 to 3:30. At 3:30 the Townser ds and Krajiceks will take a wh'rl at each other. Fontenelle park w l! be utilized by the Walter G. Clarks at 1:30, and at 3:30 the Nebraska St prage rates had to have a new captain. Max Battery Co, will collide with the Trim-

Hug Depends on These Monnd Stars



were automobiles for everybody who wanted to crowd on board. A big banquet at which the opposing ball teams were guests was held at one of the leading hotels and nearly 1,000 fans were present. Yet Denver blew up in the middle of the season.

So Rourke has forwed it out that

HEAR WAR'S CALL

Graduation Into Army Will End Great Athletic Career of One of Country's

Phenoms.

All is quiet out at Rourke park where Bill Jackson, new Rourke manager, holds the fort. Bill has been busy all week, just sawing wood One day he took a few minutes off to another these most three mo When the senior cadets at West Point graduate next August, 10

Ducky Holmes couldn't come to and he had no trouble earning Allany agreement with Jimmy Mamilton American honors.

In base ball, basket ball, track and nockey Oliphant has starred at West Point ever since he became a cadet, the Lincoln club, tried to sneak a .ast one over and keep the Holmes fran-chise in Lincoln, but he couldn't find and he is one of the few army athletes who has ever won honors in so many sports. For the last three years he has been a "four-letter man." Oliphant developed his athletic

prowess at Purdue university. From the very first he was the foremost athlete at the Lafayette institution and in years when Purdue would have been unheard of for anything accomplished by athletic teams, it was put on the map by Oliphant, who was al-ways good for two or three sensa-time, showed him the tricks he could tional athletic feats during the school

There is only one "Ollie." There may never be another like him, and followers of college sports regret that he must step down and out of the col-legiate limelight.

Former Pirate Rookie

The Pittsburgh club officials have just heard from a player who got a tryout with the Pirates in 1914 as a catcher. He is Lloyd Wait. He writes Barney Dreyfuss from Camp Funston, to afford a little amusement, Then, where he is now a lieutenant in the when Stricklett broke into fast com-His friends say that salary differences field artillery, and he still shows his with Kansas City have nothing to do interest in the Pirates, wishing them with his decision.

With the aid of the wet delivery, the Louisville Colonels. His friends say that salary differences

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BE DELIGHTED

DEVELOPMENT OF SPITBALL

and Showed Elmer Stricklett How it Could Fool Batters.

Memories of other days are revised

have always leaned to the operon that big league twirlers must be huskies to stand up under the grielling fight that a major league pen tant

race really is.

Because he was small Stricklett seemen doomed to never get out of the minor leagues. And that, too notwithstanding that he was rated the headlest pitcher in the bushes.

Stricklett Got the Idea. Stricklett himself admitted that he

had about given up hope that he was San Francisco Club Sold ever to make the big show. But, one day, Frank Corridon, who was make a base ball play just by ving a little saliva.

Corridon looked upon his discovery as only a freak, something with which to get a laugh out of his com a des in their idle moments on the feld. But Stricklett was a wise little man. In the Corridon delivery he insteatly saw something that might lift him Now an Army Lieutenant out of the bushes into the big league He started right in practicing, to

perfect the delivery. Corridon was still showing it to the minor leagues players as something intended unly

CALLY ALL TO WAY

THE WOIST PART

First Discovered Saliva Pill both Stricklett and Corridon were

the delivery.

The public never got to know Corridon very well. Frank was the kind that made little fuss, so seldom got into the public prints. He never even

Corridon, according to the ball players of his time, might have been one of the greatest pitchers in the history of the national game if he had taken base ball as seriously as he did his violin. The players claimed, beside the spitball, he had other peculiar deliveries that no one but Corridon ever showed.

For More Than \$200,000

That the sale of the San Francisco club is a bona fide affair is indicated by the \$900 in revenue stamps that had to be placed on the deed of transfer. The new owners pay over \$200,000 for the property, real and paper, it is stated. The new club has been organized with Dr. C. H. Strub as president, Judge Thomas F. Graham as vice president, Charles H. Graham as business manager, Thomas J Stephens as treasurer and George A Putnam as secretary. Charley Gra-ham and Judge Graham are not re-

Goes to Louisville.

Joe Wagner, who worked in the infield for Kansas City st year, is slated to hold down to d base for

SAH-

MY DRIVER DASHED

NEW WILL HOPPE SEEKS RENOWN IN SQUARED ARENA

California Boxer Ambitious to Achieve Equal Fame With His Namesake of the Cue.

By RINGSIDER-

Chicago, March 23 .- Although his fame never has ascended high enough to drift across the Sierra Nevadas, they have a scrapper out San Francisco way who comes as near being entitled to the name of "human dynamo," as any boxer in the game. In this case the name, but not the bearer of it is famous. The boxer in question goes by the name of Willie Hoppe, an appellation that is widely familiar to followers of sports. Every-body has heard of Hoppe, the famous billiardist, but very few this side of the Pacific slope have heard of Hoppe,

the boxer.

Hoppe, the boxer, is Teutonic, as his name implies, but he was born in

in the ring.

Hoppe's one idea when he slides un-der the ropes is to fight. If he can't both Stricklett and Corridon were Hoppe is not happy. Blows rained on able to hold down big league jobs for his own face or body hardly annoy years. The former pitcher, however, his opponent. He will trade two became more of a master of the spitter than did the original discoverer of the delivery.

The public never got to know Cortake advantage of the openings Hoppe

months ahead of time, the greatest all-around college athlete in the countounce the signing of three more; at the steep the steep the says what he has to say and lets it go at that.

He unequivocally refuses to peep a word about Omaha's pennant chaces. "I'm not here to predict pennants," says William, "but to win 'em." Which in a sense is true.

But Jackson will admit he intends to have a fighting team, a team that will be in the battle every inch of the way. And that's enough to ask this early in the year.

Western League Notes.

Ducky Holmes couldn't come to any agreement with Jimmy Mamilton.

Menths ahead of time, the greatest all-around college athlete in the country. He can do everything demanded to any agreement with Jimmy Mamilton.

Mith the announcement that Frank Corridon has been appointed by se all-around college athlete in the country will fade out of collegiate sports for the stern business of war.

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When Frank, of an evening, would go sets if he had to travel the 10-round to one of the parks to play his violin, route, but out there they fight only

A clever boxer with a cool head can make trouble for Hoppe by simply laying back and clouting him as he comes in with one of his bull-like rushes. It has been done, notably by Frankie Burns, an Oakland light-weight who knew enough to play that weight, who knew enough to play that kind of a game. But most of the men Hoppe has met were terrified into a defensive style of fighting by the ferocity of his attack. A few have made the mistake of trying to outslug him, but none of them have found it profitable.

found it profitable. One of the remarkable things about Hoppe is how he can hit, as he does with hands in the condition his are in. Hoppe has just two fingers and these are on different hands. An accident, suffered in his youth, lopped off three of the digits and the thumb of each hand, leaving him with only one fingered fists for fighting tools. Yet with these multilated maulers he can swing a punch that has unset ean swing a punch that has upset scores of men who were regarded as stars of the Pacific coast.

Hoppe is quiet and unassuming. He does not boast and he is perhaps a little above the average of the pugi-listic standard of intelligence. He is always in condition and here is the reason: He is married to a thrifty farmer girl, who doesn't know a thing about conditioning fighters, but does know how to cook and keep house. She sees to it that friend husband does not dissipate, gets plenty of sleep and the kind of food that is good for him. Any boxer ought to win with that kind of handling.

Fulton's Gameness. Futon's Gameness.

Fred Fulton, after his recent battle with Frank Moran, declared he had proved his gameness and his ability to take a punch by allowing Moran to hit him more than 20 times upon the jaw. But did Fulton really prove himself game, or did he take a Ioolish chance and by pure luck get away. chance and, by pure luck, get away

It is or ought to be a maxim of the prize ring that the unexpected punch hurts most. If a fighter knows a punch is coming and is set for it he is not apt to be badly hurt by it. But if he is set for one punch and gets another he is almost certain to be stung. The punches Fulton took, by his

own admission, were expected. He was figuring on them and they came over just the way he expected them. Accordingly, Fulton shook then off like drops of water from an umbrells and escaped unscathed.

But suppose while Fulton had his

law stuck out inviting Moran's bows the blond Pittsburgher had slipped Fred a punch on his elongated slats. Fred would have been very lucky if that punch did not take a lot of fight Fulton took a chance and, because

he was expecting the swats, he got away with it. His example, however, would hardly be called a good one for ambitious boxers to follow. It's a dangerous thing to fool with, this showing a crowd how game you

can be in the ring.

Philadelphia Jack O'Brien, who was a game man himself, said once that gameness was a form of insanity. He was not far from right. To deliberately take a beating because you do not want to quit is not always so much an exhibition of courage as it is of foolishness. Those kind of beatings take too much out a fighter.

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