A. A. FRANCHISE FOR OMAHA NOW SEEMS ASSURED

W. A. Rourke Leaves for New York Meeting With Prospects for Team in Bigger League.

Optimism is oozing from every pore of Omaha. The wartime industrial booms that affected all parts of the country were built on a solid foundation in Nebraska. Away from the munition centers, shipyards and other mushroom industries the growth in the west has been of a permanent nature.

The demand for food found the Nebraska farmers responsive and the largest acreage ever planted in Nebraska will blossom forth next spring. Omaha responded and established factories to supply the needed implements of the farmer when eastern factories rushed to the quick profits of munitions. Factories to manufacture the raw products of Nebraska farms located here.

The solid foundation upon which industrial Omaha faces the reconstruction period is probably responsible for the optimism of Omahans.

Sport to Benefit.

Sport expects to receive far reaching benefits from the prosperity of Omaha. William A. Rourke, owner of the Western league base ball franchise, is one of the most optimistic of all Omahans. He is backed in his beliefs that this city will be one of the best base ball towns in the country next year by the Chamber of Commerce.

"If it is humanly possible I will have Omaha in a bigger league next year," said "Pa" Rourke Saturday before departing for the reconstruction meeting in New York. "I have every assurance that I will be able to secure an American Association franchise at this meeting."

Retrenchment has been the motto of a majority of major and minor league organizations. The optimism over the prosperity of Omaha is best shown by Mr. Rourke, who scorns retrenchment and is making every effort to expand and show Omaha fans faster base ball.

Try for A. A. Franchise.

Repeated efforts of the Omaha magnate, assisted by the Chamber of Commerce, to buy an A. A. franchise have failed, but during the last week the clouds have rolled by and success is expected to result from their labors.

Secretary Farrell of the national organization has sent repeated telegrams to Mr. Rourke urging him to attend the reconstruction meeting of minor leagues in New York and indicated that he would be given an opportunity to get in faster company, although he did not state how it would be accomplished. Ed Hanlon, acting president of the Western league, accompanied him and will urge giving Omaha an A. A. franchise.

Indications point to a general change in the base ball map and Omaha fans are jubilant over the prospects of Omaha benefiting by the change.

Miss Molla Bjurstedt to Enter European Tourney

MOLLA BJURSTEDT

Miss Molla Bjurstedt, the wonderful Norwegian tennis player who has held the woman's championship of the United States since 1915, is planning to return to Norway next summer. The trip takes on a decidedly interesting aspect because of her present intention to compete in the English championship, which probably will be held at Wimbledon in June.

Restoration of that historic tournament which was abandoned during the war, not only will attract the best of the English players, but other European experts as well, for the London Field says that France and Belgium certainly will be represented. The entry of Mlle. Lenglen, the French girl whose sensational playing attracted much attention before the war, is anticipated.

Miss Bjurstedt's career in this country has been remarkable, for with the exception of the matches Miss Mary K. Browne of Los Angeles won from her in 1917 when they were playing for the Red Cross, she has rarely been defeated. Her record in sanctioned tournaments during 1918 shows the loss of only about half a dozen sets, and she won the following tournaments: Pelham, Ardsley, Metropolitan, Longwood, Western Pennsylvania, Great Lakes, New Jersey States, Heights Casine (indoor), and the national championships, both indoor and outdoor.

Commenting on the plans for the Wimbledon championship the Field says: "One may also assume that our oversea visitors of next summer will anticipate with keen relish the reopening of Wimbledon. Shorn of some of its former fixtures, the first after-war meeting must inevitably be, but there is no reason to expect any lack of high standard play or any dearth of friendly international rivalry. The lists will, of course, be closed to our present enemies. Our European allies, especially France and Belgium, are likely to be fully represented and if Mlle. Lenglen comes over to compete in the ladies' championship, that event in itself would give distinction to any meeting. It is certain that some of the young American brigade will be here."

LACK OF ICE MAY HURT MEETING AT MT. CLEMENS

Warm Weather and Poor Prospect for First-Class Track Cuts Entry List; Statistics of Season.

By H. K. WHITTED.

The big ice meeting scheduled for Mount Clemens, Mich., is all ready for the tap of the bell tomorrow afternoon. The horses are on the grounds and "raring to go," the grandstand has been enclosed with glass and the heating arrangements are in place; the entrance fees are all paid and the winners picked. In fact, everything is in shipshape with the exception of the ice. That seems to be all that is lacking. Very little snow has fallen in that part of the state so far this winter and unless something happens pretty quick they may have to race on the bare ground.

Mount Clemens has popularized the sport of winter racing more than any other city in the country, and, in fact, is about the only place on this side of the Canadian line where regular meetings are held each winter. Because of the warm weather and poor prospect for good racing the $1,000 stake events did not receive the patronage this year that they had last, and only three of them filled. The program for the first day (Monday) consists of a 2:09 pace, 2:20 trot and a slow pace. Purses are $415 in each of these events.

Columbia Fire, Jr.

One of the additions to the grand circuit next year will be the 5-year-old trotting gelding, Columbia Fire, Jr., who is in the Geers stable at Memphis. This gelding is by that old Nebraska war-horse, Columbia Fire, 2:04¼, who was owned for a number of years in Lincoln. The gelding is said to have trotted eighths in 15 seconds and, unlike his sire, is claimed to be good-headed and easy to manage.

Another western trotter to go to the big rings next year is Ruby Aubrey (4) 2:13¾, who was recently purchased by Tommy Murphy. She was bred and raised by L. L. Cassidy of Des Moines and has been in the hands of Charlie Hardie for the last two seasons. She obtained a 2-year-old mark of 2:17 in Indianapolis two years ago and during the last season won nine straight races over the half-mile tracks, several of them in the Great Western circuit.

Statistics of Past Season.

Statistics for the last year show that a total of 34 former 2:10 trotters lowered their marks during the season, while but 14 2:07 pacers reduced their records. Of the trotters nine took records of 2:05 or better, while all but one of the pacers were blow the 2:05 notch. Mabel Trask, 2:01¾, heads the list of trotters, having cut her mark from 2:02¼.

New additions to the 2:10 list of trotters number 71, of which Ante Guy, the four-year-old filly by Guy Axworthy, 2:08¼; dam Anteash by Ashland Wilkes, 2:17½; second dam Eoline, 2:14¾ by Arteeo, 2:16½, heads the list with a mark of 2:03½. Two in the list are two-year-olds and 16 are three-year-olds.

In the pacing division, 43 side wheelers entered the 2:07 list with new records. The former western owned horse, Un by Redlac, 2:07½, dam Garnetta S., 2:12½ by Sirius, 2:19¼, second dam Mack Rose by Nebocklish took the fastest mark, 2:02½. He was bred by Seth Cook of Mount Hamil, Ia., and was driven by Chas. Valentine last year.

Miss Harris M., 1:58¼.

The fastest mark of the year was made by Miss Harris M., when she paced the first mile in a race over the new Toledo, O., mile track in 1:58¼. The second fastest mile was made in the second heat of the same race by Single G. in 1:59½ and the third mile of the same race was in 1:59¾, also won by Single G. This was the first race in history where all three heats were under two minutes. Two other former western pacers, A Game of Chance, and Helen Chimes, took marks of below two minutes.

The fastest yearling trotter of the year is an equal honor between the J. Malcolm Forbes fillies, Miss Em and Flo Shirley, each with a record of 2.23, while Mr. Dudley (1), another of the get of Malcolm Forbes, took a mark of 2:25¾.

South Side Foot Ball Star Wins More Honor Overseas

Sgt. Paul L. Shields.

An Omaha boy, Sergt. Paul L. Shields, is showing French people how American athletes play foot ball and Paris is enthusiastic about the manly pigskin artist. He is captain of the combination Thirty-first and Forty-fourth regimental foot ball elevens at Camp Ville Bernier, Saumer, and he has led his team in some fast games with some of the other high class teams in France.

December 9 his team played the famous Ordnance foot ball team at Paris. They gave them a stiff fight but lost by a score of 6 to 0. After the game the officers gave the men a banquet. Shields modestly admits that it was "some banquet." It cost 35 francs a plate, or about $6.50 in our money. The team presented Captain Shields with a medal and the men made short talks telling of their appreciation of his services at the banquet.

Shields is a graduate of the South Side High school and of the University of Nebraska. He has been prominent in athletics all his life and was formerly a star on the Cornhusker team at the state university.

SECOND ANNUAL BONSPIEL CARD AT MILLER PARK

Pairings Made and Second Big Curling Event of Season Will Follow Finals for Kennedy Trophy.

The Second Annual Curling Bonspiel of the Clan Gordon Athletic association is on, pairings for the first round have been made and the matches will start as soon as the skips can arrange convenient dates and the ice is favorable. The first round will be finished before January 18.

Today the final team play for the John L. Kennedy trophy will be played on the ice at Miller park. The Ailsa Craigs, skipped by John McTaggart, will play the Balmorals, skipped by Robert Melvin. Both teams have been playing a strong game and a hard-fought contest is expected.

The Ailsa Craigs are a new team this year but have been playing a strong and consistent game. The Balmorals, although not steady, play a brilliant game and announce their intention of winning.

All games, with the exception of the finals in the second Bonspiel, will be 11 ends. The final round will be 21 ends. Suitable prizes will be presented to the winning team.

The teams entered are:

Bob Galt, Skip.	E. S. Dodds, Skip.
A. N. Featherstone.	E. M. Tracy.
Wm. Rennie.	Jos. Polcar.
Guy Liggett.	H. W. Fitt.
H. E. Fernandes, Skip.	John M'Taggart, Skip
	C. J. Fernandes.
R. H. MacGaffin.	R. E. Montgomery.
W. M. Scott.	C. W. Martin.
John Finlayson.	Alex. Melvin, Skip.
Geo. A. Dunn, Skip.	Peter Lowden.
M. M. Levings.	J. K. Finlayson.
Geo. Peacock.	A. Krug.
J. H. Hussle.	John W. Muir, Skip.
R. S. Melvin, Skip.	W. W. P. Horne.
E. A. Higgins.	John Syme.
Don Bissett.	F. V. Roy.
D. B. Porter.	W. J. Hislop, Skip.
R. G. Watson, Skip.	Geo. Anderson.
Wm. Brydon.	E. D. McCall.
C. C. Sadler.	John Schendler.
H. B. Morrill.	F. D. Wead, Skip.
W. G. Watson, Skip.	C. C. Belden.
S. H. Wilson.	T. L. Comins.
C. A. Granden.	H. E. McCague.
E. F. Entriken.	C. M. Johnston, Skip.
	Team not declared.

Pairings for first round of play will be between teams captained by the following skips:

C. M. Johnston vs. Robert Melvin.
H. E. Fernandes vs. R. G. Watson.
Geo. A. Dunn, Bye.
W. G. Watson vs. E. S. Dodds.
W. J. Hislop vs. Robt. Galt.
John W. Muir, Bye.
Alec Melvin vs. F. D. Wead.
John McTaggart, Bye.

TWELVE GAMES ON SCHEDULE OF CENTRAL HIGH

Basket Ball Season Will Open in Council Bluffs Friday Night on Y. M. C. A. Floor.

Central High's Schedule.

January 17, at Council Bluffs.
January 23, at South High.
January 25, Sioux City at Omaha.
January 31, at Beatrice.
February 1, at Lincoln.
February 8, Fort Dodge at Omaha.
February 22, Lincoln at Omaha.
February 28, South High at Central.
March 1, at Sioux City.
March , Council Bluffs at Omaha.

Central High school's basket ball team will open its season Friday night when it meets the fast Council Bluffs quintet on the Council Bluffs Young Men's Christian association's floor. Twelve games have been booked for the Purple and White. The dates with St. Joseph have not been set. Contests with Creighton High and Commerce High were cancelled because of the tardiness in opening the season.

The schedule, although not as long as usual, is just as difficult. Prospects in basket ball are not so bright this year. In addition, most of Central's opponents began their season a month ago and have had the advantage of playing together.

Hold Back Lineup.

Although Coach Mulligan will withhold his lineup until late in the week, it is generally conceded that the men will line up as follows: Clemens and Paul Konecky, guards; Logan, center, and Art Paynter and Art Burnham, forwards. Clemens is new at the school having come from Norfolk, Neb., where he played on the Norfolk High second team. Paul Konecky is a veteran at the game as is Logan. These two are the only men on the squad who have earned their basket ball "0"s.

Art Paynter and Burnham will make a good combination at forward. Both are fast men and hard players. It is prophesied by some that Paynter will develop into the star of the team.

Leo Konecky will probably get into the game as a substitute guard, while Mangold and White expect to sub at forward.

No long trips are contemplated this year. At the end of the month the team will go out into the state after the scalps of Lincoln and Beatrice. This date, however, is subject to change.

Whist Club Meets.

The following scores were made by players of the Omaha Whist club at their Friday evening's game at the Rome hotel:

NORTH AND SOUTH PLAYERS.

Cotter and Peterson	Plus 4
Dreyfoos and Scannell	Plus 2
Ellis and Burness	Plus 3
Stebbins and Brotherton	
Shields and Williams	Minus 2
Baston and Dehso	Minus 5

EAST AND WEST PLAYERS.

Abbott and Cook	Plus 9
Nelson and McCann	Plus 4
Lewis and Thomas	Plus 2
Davis and Robinson	Minus 4
Langley and Kilgore	Minus 5
Austin and Williams	Minus 6

ATHLETIC CLUB URGE PASSAGE OF MELADY BILL

Committee Will Meet This Week to Discuss Plans for Securing Success in Legislature.

A united demand on the part of Nebraskans for boxing is becoming more and more evident as the hour for introducing the Melady bill draws near. Omaha sportsmen from all stations of life are unanimous for the measure. Opposition that early developed, from personal reasons, apparently has been overcome and the metropolis stands united for clean boxing.

"A committee from the Omaha Athletic club will meet this week to discuss how we can best help in securing the passage of the measure," said George Brandeis. "Ninety-five per cent of the membership are strongly in favor of boxing and we will do our bit to see the measure carried."

Hundreds of Omaha business men are conducting a letter campaign to friends living out in the state urging them to secure the support of their representatives for the measure. Delegations are being formed to visit the capital and urge the passage of what all declare to be the cleanest boxing bill ever presented.

Faith in McKelvie.

The provision that the governor shall head the commission is receiving considerable favorable commendation. Although he has never announced his stand on the measure Omahans feel confident that it will be supported by Governor McKelvie.

"With a man at the head of the commission of the caliber of Governor McKelvie, there is no question that we will see good, clean boxing exhibitions," said one ardent booster of the measure. "He has always been a clean sportsman himself and he will see the game kept clean and not allowed to deteriorate."

"Few men would have the interest of clean sports at heart deep enough to take two defeats and then come up smiling and insist that boxing should be legalized the way Gene Melady has," said T. F. Quinlan, manager of Brandeis stores. "I have just called Mr. Melady and informed him that I will go to Lincoln at any time he thinks advisable and do all in my power to secure the passage of the Melady bill.

Quinlan Likes Bill.

"I have heard some objection to the measure being called the "Melady bill." Regardless of whether the measure is known by that name or another, to the lovers of clean sport it will always be the Melady bill. I do not believe Mr. Melady cares by what name the measure passes. He is too thorough a sportsman for that but no name could better mark the new era in sports than his.

"He has willingly donated his time and money in an attempt to secure legislation that we all desire. Ignorance of the reformation of boxing is largely responsible for the opposition. Mr. Melady, a lover of sport for sports sake, has taken note of the changing conditions. By attending bouts in various parts of the country he is probably better informed on the improvement in boxing than any man in the state and is to be commended for the work he has done in having the measure introduced."

Want Clean Legislation.

At Lincoln the boxing bill is a favorite topic of conversation and early indications point to its passage without a dissenting vote. When a resolution was passed prohibiting smoking in the house of representatives a bystander was heard to remark, "There goes the Melady boxing bill."

An industrious worker for the anti-smoke resolution whirled upon him and said, "We are endeavoring to make this a clean legislature. We are in favor of clean, constructive legislation. We will pass the Melady bill for it will tend to make clean sports. Don't you think it better to be seen attending than to sneak to a deserted barn, evade the officers of the law, and witness a battle between two men in which through neglect of physical precautions one is liable to be killed. Ponder over this my man. We are a clean legislature and will pass a clean boxing bill such as will be introduced by Barton Green."

FAST GAMES ARE PROMISED FANS OF BASKET BALL

Commercial and Church League Quintets Will Battle for Title Again This Week.

With the six teams in the Commercial basket ball league paired off on the championship ladder the third round of games will be played Thursday night at the Young Men's Christian association. The Nakens, who are tied with the Commerce High quintet for first honors, are expected to have an easy time with the Sixty-second balloonists, with whom they are carded to play.

The Beddeos will strive to bring the Commerce High squad down from its lofty perch. The Beddeos and the Bookkeepers are well matched and a close game should result. So far the Commerce team has met teams below its class and, because of the diminutiveness of its players, has had the sympathy of the fans. The Beddeos are tied with the Fort Omaha five, having been defeated by them in the first round and having humbled the Sixty-seconds in the second encounter.

May Need More Seats.

The Fort Omaha-Central Furniture contest is expected to result in a victory for the soldiers. The victory will be by no means easy, however, since the furniture dealers have played the two strongest teams in the league and been defeated, so are now out for three victories to complete the first half of the season's schedule.

Extra provision for seats to accommodate the large crowd of fans will probably have to be made this week. Elmer Beddeo announces that his whole force of employes will be on hand Thursday night to root for their team. A jazz band, furnished by Mr. Beddeo, will enliven the evening with the latest jazz pieces. Despite this effort to insure their defeat, the Commerce High quintet is confident that they will either emerge victorious or have at least treated the fans to some mighty classy playing.

Bromley, the Nakens' shining light, who was chiefly responsible for bringing home the bacon for his mates last season, will be in the lineup Thursday on the Central Furniture team. With Bromley back, the merchants expect a steady climb to the top of the championship ladder to follow.

Church League.

In the Church league three teams are tied for first place and the other three are without any victories to their credit. The Pearl Memorials, who are regarded as probable league champs again this year, are booked to meet the Calvary Baptists. This team defaulted on the opening night and has not displayed its prowess.

The Hanscom Park and the "Y" dormitory men will settle the question of to whom the cellar position in the league shall go for the next week. Both teams were defeated last Tuesday.

A good contest is looked forward to when the First Christians and the Benson Methodists meet Tuesday. The Methodists won their initial encounter, while the Christians lost to the powerful Pearl Memorials. The two teams will be about the most evenly matched of those playing Tuesday.

Sometimes You Do, But—More Often You Do Not

New York, Jan. 11.—Just how simple a game of golf is was demonstrated by one William B. Huey, playing over the Evanston course recently. It is a par four hole; he got away a good tee shot. Just before playing his second he saw Charles Evans, jr., national amateur and open champion, on the links, and Huey called out:

"Can I get home with my mashie?"

Evans replied in the affirmative, and Huey said: "Well, I don't think so, but I'll try it anyhow."

He hit the ball and started toward the green. Evans heard him asking where his ball had gone, and when told it had rolled into the cup, he merely said: "Well, I guess that's a syndicate for me."

The next hole is an easy par 3, and Huey made it in a hard 5. Simplicity, thy name is golf!

James and Bundy Win Honors in Tennis Matches

Pinehurst, N. C., Jan. 11.—R. L. James, Saratoga, and Nathan Bundy, Norfolk, defeated Georges Aranyi and Count Otto Salm, 1-6, 6-1, 6-2, in the final men's doubles today of the mid-winter tennis tournament. In the final mixed doubles Miss Marjorie Lake, Hartford, and Count Salm won from Miss Caroline Bogart, Moore county, and N. A. Rose, Longwood.

Basket Ball.

Cedar Rapids, Iowa, Jan. 11.—Cedar Rapids High school, 28; Mason City, 10.

Minneapolis, Jan. 11.—Minnesota defeated Indiana 35 to 13 in a western conference basket ball game here tonight.

Madison, Wis., Jan. 11.—Northwestern defeated Wisconsin, 20 to 15, in western conference basket ball game tonight.

Peoria, Ill., Jan. 11.—Peoria Bradley Polytechnic, 18; Wesleyan University, 10.

Chicago, Jan. 11.—Chicago opened the western conference basket ball season tonight by defeating Purdue 21 to 17.

Mid-Winter Trap Shoot.

Kansas City, Mo., Jan. 11.—The annual Mid-Winter Trapshooting tournament, the biggest event of the season for trapshooters of the central western states, will be held in Kansas City, February 10 to 15. With the revival of interest in sports many marksmen will be here to face the traps, tournament officials believe.

Creighton Uni. Wins From Doane, 52-24, in First Game of Season

Outclassed! That explains the 52-to-24 defeat of the Doane college basket ball team at the hands of the Creighton quintet in a one-sided game played on the Creighton floor last night. Too much Kearney and Wise was the cause of the big score.

Scoring after only ten seconds of play, Creighton took the lead and allowed the visitors no hope of victory. Had the basket shooting eyes of the other four flippers been as keen as "Chuck" Kearney's, the score would have been in three figures before the final whistle blew.

The visitors had no mean ability, but were simply hopelessly outclassed. Andrews and Dredla, the forwards, starred for the losers and exhibited some classy playing. The guarding of the visitor's, however, was too slow for the victors, who broke through the defense and kept the cords swaying on the baskets.

In team work the blue and white was also far superior. Brain tickling plays kept the Doane men guessing. Kearney was the star of the first half, while Wise shared his honors in the latter half in which he put the sphere through for counters in rapid succession.

The game was unusually clean. No fouls were committed by Doane.

Line-up and summaries:

CREIGHTON (52).

	F.G.	F.T.	P.F.	T.F.	Pts.
Wise, r.f.	10	0	1	2	20
Condon, l.f.	4	0	0	0	8
Kearney, c.	10	0	0	0	20
Vandiver, r.g.	1	0	0	0	2
Mulholland, l.g.	1	0	0	1	2
Moonan, r.g.	0	0	0	0	0
Wilson, l.f.	0	0	0	0	0
Custer, r.f.	0	0	0	0	0
Serr, c.	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	26	0	1	3	52

DOANE (24).

	F.G.	F.T.	P.F.	T.F.	Pts.
Andrews, r.f. (C.)	4	1	0	0	9
Dredla, l.f.	4	0	0	0	8
Johnston, c.	1	1	0	0	3
Brown, r.g.	1	0	0	0	2
Mains, l.g.	0	0	0	0	0
Hayleit, c.	1	0	0	0	2
Totals	11	2	0	0	24

Referee—Harold Mulligan (Nebraska).
Scorer—P. Murphy (Creighton).
Time of halves 20 minutes.

Council Bluffs Team Trims Commerce High by One Point

Council Bluffs High basket ball team defeated the Commerce High quintet, 14 to 13, in a close game played last night on the Young Men's Christian association's floor. The contest was marked by several irregularities and by many fouls. Hard luck in locating the basket cost Commerce High the game.

The score stood 11 to 5 in favor of the Iowa team at the close of the first half.

ANOTHER FIGHT AT FORT OMAHA PROMISED FANS

Heavyweight "Dark Horse" Seeking Opponent for Contest to Be Held About February 1.

'Nother "Fite Nite" at Fort Omaha about February 1 has struck a popular chord with the sport fans. Boys with a real wallop are on the card and Manager Faulk states that a show supreme will greet those who attend. His much talked of "dark horse" is undergoing intensive training and a challenge is issued to any local boxer—soldier or civilian.

"He'll take anyone on" shout the boys of the Fiftieth Balloon company, "and the tougher his opponent the better he'll like it." The name of this fighter will not be divulged. He is naturally enlisted under his real name and very few know that he is the famous (?).

Gene Melady is very much interested in the plans of this coming event and believes that Omaha lovers of the mitt and mat will universally declare the February meeting a glove classic. He will assist the soldiers in arranging the card.

This "dark horse" of Lieutenant Faulk's has made many of the world famous "pugs" take the count or fight to a draw. He has met such luminaries as Fred Fulton in the roped arena and his opponent must be a top notcher or else resign himself to a good drubbing.

Some preliminary bouts have already been arranged and it is hoped that the complete card can be announced soon.

Great Relay of Talent to Be at Drake Relay Meet

Des Moines, Ia., Jan. 12.—With an exceptional array of track talent promised, the annual Drake university relay races will be held on April 19, if is announced.

Athletic authorities at Drake declare the entry list will be larger and representive of more institutions than ever before. The end of the war has made it possible for most schools to take up athletics again in full force.

Institutions included in the list expected to send teams are Michigan, Chicago, Wisconsin, Iowa, Illinois, Notre Dame, Nebraska, Missouri and Minnesota.

CENTER BASKET BALL LEAGUE TO OPEN NEXT WEEK

Miller Park Five Will Open Season With Central Park; Other Games Scheduled for Same Night.

Omaha's Community Center basket ball leagues have completed their organization and drawn up their schedules. Six teams have been entered and will start play January 21. Each team will meet all the others during the first round. The schedule will be repeated. The Miller Parks will open the season by meeting the Central Parks. The Castellar and Dundee center teams will also play the same night. The schedule for the first round follows:

January 21—Miller Park at Central Park.
January 21—Castellar at Dundee.
January 22—Clifton Hill at South High.
January 28—Central Park at Dundee.
January 29—Castellar at South High.
January 31—Clifton Hill at Miller Park.
February 4—Miller Park at Dundee.
February 5—Clifton Hill at Castellar.
February 5—Central Park at South High.
February 11—South High at Dundee.
February 12—Central Park at Clifton Hill.
February 14—Castellar at Miller Park.
February 18—Castellar at Central Park.
February 26—Dundee at Clifton Hill.
February 21—South High at Miller Park.

Iowa Legislature May Legalize Boxing Bouts

Des Moines, Ia., Jan. 11.—There is a strong possibility that the Iowa legislature, which convenes January 13, will be asked to legalize boxing and appoint a commission to supervise the sport.

With an army cantonment adjoining the city, boxing has flourished here for more than a year, although in the past few months it has been on the wane, due mainly to several disappointing bouts.

It is said that a law similar to that in force in Minnesota would be satisfactory to Iowa ring fans, with bouts limited to either 10 or 12 rounds.

Schuyler Basket Tossers Defeat Columbus Quintet

Schuyler, Neb., Jan. 11.—(Special Telegram.)—Last night the Schuyler basket ball team beat the Columbus team by the decisive score of 18 to 12. The game was snappy throughout. This is the first time for 11 years that Schuyler has succeeded in beating Columbus on the Columbus floor. About 60 people from Schuyler attended.

Leagues Big and Little to Confer on Changes in Conduct of Base Ball

New York, Jan. 11.—Plans have been completed for the most important series of base ball meetings in this city next week since the firm establishment of organized base ball, achieved with the signing of the national agreement. According to the present arrangements both major and minor leagues will be represented in a series of conferences which will be attended by every prominent club owner and league official in the United States.

These conferences, which are expected to result in a number of radical changes in the conduct of the game, will continue throughout the entire week.

Neal Appointed Manager of Louisville Ball Club

Louisville, Ky., Jan. 11.—William F. Neal of Louisville, formerly scout for the Philadelphia National and later with the Pittsburg National league team, today was chosen general manager of the Louisville American Association club, combining the duties of playing manager and business manager. Announcement of the appointment was made by William F. Knebelkamp, president of the club, which recently was reorganized.

Omaha U. Cage Crew Develop Rapidly and Fast Team Expected

Judging by the speed shown prospects for a good basket ball team at the University of Omaha are excellent. Fifteen men have been turning out regularly for practice and many more are expected to return next semester, which begins the first of February. Loechner and Grau at forward, Holloway and Foley at guard and Harman at center is the prospective lineup for the cage quintet. Brown, Eychaner and Clay are improving daily and promise to contest the places of the first team men. The first practice game of the season was played with the Deaf institute, which put up a good fight.

Champ Volley Ball Team Will Meet Bluffs Squad

The Omaha volley ball team, champions of Nebraska, will engage the Council Bluffs team in a return game to be played Saturday on the local Young Men's Christian association's floor. Prediction as to the probable victor is lacking because of the fact that the two teams are the most evenly matched that have played this season. In the last game between the two teams the Omaha players won the honors by a single point. The game will be played starting at 5 o'clock Saturday afternoon.

Free Wrestling Class at Y. for Soldiers in Uniform

A free class in wrestling for soldiers in uniform will be given each Friday night at the Young Men's Christian association. The first lessons will be given Friday night. The second annual amateur wrestling tournament will be held this spring.

Is There Anything You Desire to Know About Trapshooting?

Trapshooting will be the greatest of all outdoor sports in 1919.

Before the war there were 500,000 trapshooters. Inside of another year the number of trapshooters should climb into the millions, for every man who wore khaki is a potential trapshooter.

There are 4,000 gun clubs in the United States. As the boys come home many clubs will be given renewed strength. Many new clubs will be formed. There will be shooting clubs where guns heretofore were a curiosity.

The Bee through its expert on trapshooting matters, Peter P. Carney, editor of the National Sports Syndicate, will cheerfully answer all questions pertaining to trapshooting, its rules, the proper method of organizing, equipping, and conducting a club, the laying out of traps, how to conduct a shoot, etc. If there is anything you desire to know about the patriotic sport drop a line to the sports editor of the Bee and the information will be forthcoming.

Cincinnati National League Base Ball Club Reorganized

Cincinnati, Jan. 11.—At a meeting here today of the stockholders of the Cincinnati Exhibition company, which controls the Cincinnati National League Base Ball club, the plan of reorganization presented by the directors was unanimously approved. Under this action a new company will be formed and the capitalization reduced from $500,000 to $350,000; a refunding of outstanding bonds will be effected, thereby reducing the original amount from $200,000 to $125,000, and a good working capital will be available, with a practical wiping out of all current indebtedness.

August Herrmann, Charles J. Christie and Louis C. Widrig were constituted a committee on reorganization and it is expected that all details will have been completed by February 1.

Missouri Trounces Ames Team Twice in Two Days

Columbia, Mo., Jan. 11.—Missouri university defeated Ames at basket ball 35 to 22 this afternoon for the second time in two days. Missouri's team work and free throwing of Browning for Missouri were the features. The Ames team was penalized many times for rough playing.