# GREATER OMAHA BASE BALL LEAGUE MAY REORGANIZE

### SEMI-PRO LEAGUE **MEETS APPROVAL** OF CLASS A TEAMS

Managers of Teams in Greater Omaha League Consider Favorably Suggestion That Present Association Play Strictly Amateur Ball; Will Call Meeting to Discuss Organization.

The declaration of President Isaacson of the Omaha Beddeos Amateur Base Ball Association that he favored strictly Fort Omain Staty-seconds amateur contests may result in the withdrawal of the Greater Omaha league from the amateurs and the formation of a semi-pro league. Isaacson favors the Class A teams pulling Penri Memorials out and forming an association of their own. He declares he will help such plans as far as he can without interfering with his work as recreation director and president of the Amateur association.

**BASKET GAMES** 

South High and Saturday

the Sioux City

Central High's basket ball team

South and Central are evenly

the advantage of experience, since

Soo Team Has New Men.

Post-Season Series

For Championship in

AA Leagues Proposed

A post-season series to determine

teams, the strongest in the state,

have been entered. Omaha is the

Cancels All Engagements

Because of an injured right hand,

President Earl Higgins of the? call a meeting of the managers CENTRAL HIGH ing a new organization. Higgins feels that the league cannot conform to the rules of the amateur association and present the class of ball looked for by its patrons. Holmes Wants Change.

Ernie Holmes is in favor of a semi-pro league, playing in enclosed parks, providing a field for activities Thursday They Will Play the of former professionals. The rules of the amateur association strictly prohibit the addition of former professionals to strengthen teams, and if this rule is strictly adhered to many of the players would be forced out. In Ho.mes' opinion a semi-pro league could be successfully organized, providing a high class of is booked to meet two teams this base ball, in no way interfering with week. Thursday night the Centralthe operation of the amateur clubs and would in reality strengthen the simon-pure association. Ernie week. Thursday night the Central-the operation of the amateur clubs ites play the South High flippers, although it is very likely that this vary Baptists. So far the Methodists simon-pure association. Ernie will probably introduce the resoluto withdraw from the Omaha tral is unwilling to play on that Athletic association and will probably be supported by the Murphys, Acmours, Longeways and Met-

who is being sought to manage a Krug representative team matched. The Packers will have this year, appears to be the only one all it will be as an amateur. He this season, doesn't favon semi-pro Lase ball and Soo Te thinks a semi-pro league would be unsuccessful. Despite the fact that he was one of the first to have an mer, forward, and Foster, guard, enclosed park for class A ball he are the two letter men. The redoes not now favor playing amateur mainder of the team is composed ball in enclosed parks.

Like Semi-Pro Idea Bert Murphy declares that he tinguished themselves on class doesn't wish to be quoted just yet. teams. Whitmer is reported to have lie will wait until the meeting is a sharp eye for baskets. Rogers held to do his talking - Though de- has won a place at guard and will

would string along with the rest of the managers in whatever action they decided to take.

Sheepskin next week.

Either McFarlane or Younger will start at the other forward po-Armour team is making preparathe sphere through when near the tions to play semi-pro ball this year. basket. Younger is relied upon to He also stated that he had several toss the foul goals, things under his bonnet regarding the matter that he was not at liberty to divulge until the meeting is passer and a clever dribbler. He is

### Base Ball Federation Launches Movement

Cleveland, Jan. 18.-A national arship hurdle this week and he in provement for the promulgation and the remaining floor frays. An interfurtherance of affletics and recrea, class game will probably precede thonal activities, the director of the Sioux City-Omaha contest. which will be appointed by the gov-erament, was launched in a resolution adopted at the annual meeting of the National Base Ball federation, America's premier sandlot orgenization, here today, The resolution declares that the

war han demonstrated that physical training and public recreation is essential to the well-being and morals the national championship of the of the people and that base ball will AA base ball leagues was to be probe one of the biggest substitutes for the social features eliminated by the recent prohibition enactment.

Action on severing relations with

professional leagues was deferred. The proposal, which was generally A standard set of rules covering approved by minor league magnates playing and eligibility is to be draft-who discussed it called for a series between the pennant-winning clubs board of directors.

Affiliation with the American In- American association, the victor then dustrial Athletic association was to proceed to the Pacific coast and formulated. Committees have been meet the champion team of the appointed by both organizations to league there. craw up a working agreement.

Officers elected were: William S. Championship Volley Ball Haddock, Pittsburgh, president; James H. Lowry, Indianapolis, president of the defunct National The Nebraska Championship Volpresident of the defunct National Amateur Base Ball association, first vice president; Tom choices, Johnstown, Pa., and V. R. Setterlind, Detroit, secretary and treasurer, respectively.

The Nebraska Championship Volley Ball tournament has been awarded the Omaha Young Men's Christian association and will be held here Saturday, March 1. Twelve spectively.

### Nebraska Volley Ball Team Defeats Council Bluffs present state champion. Fremont, from whom Omaha took the state honors, will strive win them back.

Nebraska volley - ball - sharks Two teams from Fremont will play showed the superiority of the brand two local teams here Saturday, Feb-of ball played in the Cornbusker ruary 1, at 7:30 o'clock, as a tryout state over that of their neighbors at before the title meet, the Y. M. C. A. The Omaha "Y" team, champions of the state, de Billy Miske's Hand Injured; hampions of their state, four straight games. Although the names were hotly contested, the which he hurt in the engagement than men easily played the bet- with Tom Cowler at Philadelphia ter game.

Edgar Wins and Loses.

Edgar, Neb., Jan. 18.—(Special round, according to Jack Reddy, his manager, preventing him from putting the crusher on the English-basker ball game last night in the man before the limit, Reddy reports to 18. The Superior girls defeated for near future engagements on account of the injury

### COMMERCIALS ARE TO MEET **FORT OMAHANS**

Many Interesting Base Ball Engagements to Be Staged During This

Week.

HOW THEY STAND. dal League. Played Won Lost Pet

m Parks "Y" Dormitories Calvary Baptists Teams leading the Commercial and

Church basket ball leagues, are ex pected to have a tough tussle to retain their lofty positions during the coming week. The classy Commerce High squad, which so far has Omaha quintet Thursday. The Nakens, tied with Commerce High for first honors in the Commercial league, will have their hands full when they meet the new combination the Beddeos, will use.

The Pearl Memorials, present champs of the Church league, are due to meet the Benson Methodists Tuesday. Although the Pearl Memorial five is conceded to have the brights. enjoyed continuous victory, is book

morial five is conceded to have the brighter chances of finishing with the long end of the score the Benson flippers have a scrappy team which has its eye on the top rung of the championship ladder. Hanscoms to Meet Calvary.

have split even, while the Baptists have dropped both of their contests The two teams are well matched. The First Christians are the only players who need to lose no sleep Johnny Dennison, former class A . High the preceding night. their skill with the "Y" dormitory

opposing the idea. Dennison de-clares if he returns to the game at veterans and has met several teams the Beddeos will disclose Thursday

Sioux City, like Central, has only two veterans on the squad. Whitare the two letter men. The reof men who have played as subs lie with the furniture salesmen.

Commercial High-Fort Omaha. The Commerce High-Fort Omaha contest is expected to feature in the Commercial feague. Commerce clining to issue a statement on the play his last game for his school High has played its easier contests Bert intimated that he Saturday, since he receives his and must now meet teams heavier than itself.

Attendance records at the games have broken all previous records Frank Delaware, speaking for the sition. McFarlane is speedy and a The number of defaults has been less for a semi-pro league and that the lies in his size and ability to put at 7:30 each night.

Major and Minor Magnates

Conclude Base Ball Meet New York, Jan. 18.—The conclud-ing session of a week of confer-ences between major and minor also fair on the long baskets. Crane league base ball club owners was is good on the tipoff, is fair at passing and is more consistent on the short basket.

Central's lineup for this week is working agreement to take the place to Further Athletics week, will strive to clear the schol-Central's lineup for this week is board of arbitration until 1921, been proposed that the minors and

In case of future disputes it has the majors each appoint a representative and these two will appoint a referee. This committee of three will adjust all differences which may arise.

Herman' Bronckie, a third baseman, blue and white flippers.

VAUGHN LEADS LEAGUE IN PITCHING.



Jim Vaughn, the Cubs' giant lefhander, led the National league pitchers in point of effectiveness last week, Billy Miske will be forced last season, his average of earned to remain idle for about a month, runs allowed per nine-inning game Billy smashed his hand in the first being only 1.74. In addition he won

# Wouldn't Let "Dots" Fight

### Clothes Don't Make a Man But Socks Now Aid Golfer

Sporting Goods Bargain Sale the names of his friends an assort-Drives Golf Fiends from Links on Arrival of Judge Foster.

Members of the University club

by the club members,

stockings proved to be of bright game until they are worn out.

Archdale, 2:19

Prince, 2:2044.

The Tri-State tire stock.

now repose, carefully labeled with coming year.

HARD SCHEDULE

in Store for Blue and White

Flippers; Coach Has

Little Fear.

greatest competizion.

\_ First Game March 10

March 3 is the date set for the

and the Iowa State Teachers school.

Saturday. The Wesleyan team is

The schedule is as follows:

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A store dealing in sporting goods

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re stock.

A psychological study was then Judge Foster has not lost a game. made of the effect of different col- The prediction is freely made that ors on his golf cronies and members of the Uni club. His investigations proved a success and in his locker losing a single game during the Center (Nebraska) Fair association

# Western Golf Association

Chicago, Jan. 18.-The Western Golf association tonight, at a jubilee dinner, paid honor to the players who participated in the Red Cross benefit mafches, by means of which more than \$300,000 was raised with the complex of the complex of

ing of the organization and re-elected President Charles F. Thompson, of the Flossmoor Country club, Chicago, and the other old officers with the exception of Charles M. Smalley, who retired on A long and hard schedule of 25 account of business. James H. Bergames has been booked for Coach nard of the Glenview club, Chicago, Tommy Mills's crack basket ball was elected secretary.

New York, Jan. 18.—The St. Louis he played on the local floor. Four players to its 1919 roster here today, Herman Bronckie, a third haseman.

Coach Mills has an exceptionally Club Names Committee to Arrange for Stag Dinner

The Omaha Athletic Club's ath-The first game to be played away letic committee has appointed Clark from Omaha will be at Nebraska Coit, W. A. Schall. Gene Melady Wesleyan on February 1. The and Frank Latenser on a special Creightonites have little fear committee to arrange a stag dinner for the college teams and even feel equal to the best soldier combinations. Camp Dodge, Camp Grant and the Great Lakes fives are expected to furnish the greatest competizion. west today to procure some Buffalo meat to be served at this dinner,

first of the 10 games to be played affair. during the trip in Iowaa The teams to be met include Camp Dodge, Simpson, Grinnell, Coe, Parsons, Mem Women Play Whist. Members of the Omaha Ladies' Cornell, Dubuque, Campion, Luther, Whist club were guests of Wesleyan will be played here evening's games at the Hotel Rome. Thursday and the Fort Omaha five The following are scores for the Omaha Whist club at last Friday

evening's play:

which will be a one dollar per plate

said to have some good men on it which will give the Creighton men a NORTH AND SOUTH PLAYERS. Williams and Austin.

Mrs. Gunther and Craigh...

Mrs. Pinto and Mrs. Sanborn.

Corey and Bruington.

Shawcross and Kilgore.

Ross and Langley. The schedule is as follows:
January 11—Doane at Omaha.
January 12—Wesleyan at Omaha.
January 25—Wesleyan at Omaha.
January 25—Balloon School at Omaha.
January 25—Dalloon School at Omaha.
February 1—Wesleyan at Wesleyan.
February 5—Gouth Dakota at Omaha.
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February 15—Great Lakes at Omaha.
February 15—Simpson at Indianols.
February 12—Deaks at Des Molnes.
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February 13—South Dakota at Verillion. EAST AND WEST PLAYERS. tebbins and Brotherton.... Cook and Abbett Pius 10
Davis and Dox. Pius 4
Dreyfous and Ecannell Minus 2
Nelson and McCann Minus 2
Mrs. Bruington and Stimson Minus 2
Lewis and Cowdrey Minus 5
Shields and Ohman Minus 4
Mrs. Morrison and Mrs. Garner Minus 11

### **NEW CIRCUIT TO** TAKE PLACE OF "OLD RELIABLE"

Minnesota to Take Place Formerly Held by Lincoln; Added Money Plan to Be Tried.

By H. K. WHITTED,

From the looks of things at the present time, the "Old Reliable" Iowa-Nebraska-South Dakota circuit is a dead one for the coming season. A meeting of representatives of the Iowa State Fair, the South Dakota State Fair, Sioux City Interstate Fair and the Minnesota State Fair was held at Sioux City. Formerly this circuit has comprised the towns of Des Moines, Lincoln. Huron and Sioux City, but as none of the Lincoln contingent were at he meeting, that place was dropped Minnesota was taken on this year, and the circuit will be known as the Iowa-Minnesota-South Dakota cir-

The "added money" plan, which was tried out at Huron last year, will be used throughout the circuit. Entry fees to the early closing events will be 3 per cent, payable in installments of I per cent each. Entry fees to the late closers will be \$10 at the time entry is made with a starting fee of \$5, payable the day of the race.

Western Futurities.

Entrance to the Western Breeders' Futurity No. 9, for foals of 1919, will close with Arthur C. Thomas, secretary of the association, on December 31 of this year. Thomas, secretary of the tion, on December 31 of this year.

State No. 4 of the Iowa State futurity, to be raced during the Iowa state fair, August 20 to 29, is at the present time worth \$1,275.21, with another payment of \$5 due in May, excels anything of his weight at the fort and the match is sure to the fort and the fort and the match is sure to the fort and the match is sur ment of bargain day socks.

When Dr. R. W. Reed is his opponent at golf he appears wearing still eligible to start. The list of heilotrope stockings. The doctor sires represented by the colts is the bout. immediately begins to fozzle being rather interesting, inasmuch as most unable to keep his eyes on the ball of them are western-owned horses, when the counter attraction stands lowa Todd, 2:0434, has four sons are reported as favoring legislation Attorney T. J. Nolen must walk Dale Asworthy, The Earl, Strathnamed in the bunch, with dams by that will prohibit bargain sales. around the links with an opponent berry, 2:04%, and George Muscovite, that will prohibit bargain sales.

Attention of floor fans will turn to the new players whose identity the Beddeos will disclose Thursday night. The Beddeos are striving to oust the Nakens and have signed up several fast players for that purpose.

The Central Furnitures will meet that Sixty-second balloonists. Unter the Sixty-second balloonists are the army meni-recover from their losing streak, victory should lie with the furniture salesmen.

They realize that sales are a wonderstale are a wonderstale are a wonderful help in combating the h. c. of l. but they are also hard, oh, so hard, on the game of golf played by the former rah, rah, boys?

A wonderous tale was unfolded by one of the club members and the subject was a lowly pair of socks, or rather, many pairs of socks, fudge the links with an opponent garbed in flaming orange stockings.

His Irish blood boils by the eighth hole and the balance of the match is easy for the judge.

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was originally scheduled for October, but owing to the influenza was postponed to the first week in January. The old officers of the asso-Honors Red Cross Players ciation, including R. A. Byrket, secretary, and N. M. Buchtel, superintendent of speed, were re-elected. Dates for the 1919 fair have not been announced.

ed for the cause of mercy last sum- of weeks ago and elected William

CREIGHTON GRIDIRON STAR BACK FROM CAMP.



Because he wanted to experience fighting action in the world war rather than fill molar cavities and extrast teeth, Dr. James A. O'Neil, 2607 Bristol street, lately in military training at Camp Dodge chose to be transferred from the army dental corps to the cavalry after having passed examination for first ligutenant. The intensive training lasting six months, awarded him no opportunity for action across the sea, however, for the signing of the armistice meant his honorable discharge from the army. He returned to Omaha last Wed-

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## **BOXING MEASURE** INTRODUCED FOR **NEBRASKA CLUBS**

Bill in State Legislature Considered by Sport Authorities to Contain Best Regulations of All Laws; Has Endorsement of Y. M. C. A., K. of C., And Athletic Club Directors.

By A. K. Donovan.

During the last week Barton Green, an attorney in Lincoln and member of the legislature, introduced in the lower house a measure legalizing boxing and sparring matches, The measure, if it becomes a law, will allow six-round boxing bouts under strict regulations by a commission composed of state officials headed by the governor.

Col. W. S. S. Wuest Rules That Only Fights Shall Take Place; Ft. Omaha Band to Play.

lecision reached by the military authorities at Fort Omaha for their

Several Winners Signed Up. Several of the winners in the openprogram of the next card. The var-ious companies are backing their preparation of the bill. representatives and interest is already at fever heat at the fort. ought a fast four rounds on the bening night, will again appear. Both men were dissatisfied with anxious to again meet in the ring.

Gates and Henderson will again ers. Other well known western try to settle the supremacy in their stallions represented are The Expo- class. Henderson is training on

Prince, 2:2034.

The Tri-State fair will be a new one in the field this year. It will pany "dark horse" is. His bunkies ha lawyers. Copies were made and be held at Cedar Rapi'ls, Ia., and is practically the same as the one held for several years at Marion, Ia.

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Band To Play. The popular Fort Omaha Military band will furnish music before and during the program. This band has made a wonderful reputation since its organization and guarantee a move all legal technicalities. program of new and up-to-the-minute musical selections.

Clan Gordon Athletic Club Postpones Curling Events

by mutual consent of the two major organizations and the Association of Minor Leagues. The minors now of Minor Leagues. The minors now wood country attended the annual meet-will be under control of their own of the organization and re-will be under control of their own made for the 1919 fair and race of the two major of the two

ation would not send a team to the Northwestern Curling association meet in Duluth to which they have port of such men as the late Theothe members playing in top form.

Big Swimming Meet Is

Both seniors and juniors will participate. Three weeks later another meet will be held open to any swimmer in the city. Fancy and plain diving, fancy swimming stunts and speed events are on the card.

Men swimming first accord and Men swimming first, second and third place will be presented medals in each event. Those compiling the highest number of points will be the highest number of points will be the second and the swimming first, second and third place will be present law boxing is prohibited in any form. School boys in gymnasiums, Y. M. C. A.'s. Athletic clubs and even friendly bouts between the second and third place will be present law boxing is prohibited in any form. School boys in gymnasiums, Y. M. C. A.'s. be presented the all-round cham-pionship trophy. Special medals have been ordered for the events.

Creighton High Defeated

coln high at Creighton gymnasium in promoting have been arranged with the same purpose in view 12 the Creighton lineup because of in- 20 years ago. uries to first team men. Creighton started scoring early in the contest when Murphy and Mullen made the only points. Holland and Goodson started for the Capital city lads.

Community Center League.

Petranty 28—Trinity at Stoux City.

March 34 to 18—trip.

March 14—Trinity at Omaha.

Camp Dodge at Dea Moinse.

Morningsido at Omaha.

Camp Grant at Omaha.

Trip—Dodge.

Simpon. Grinnell.

Cornell, Dubuque.

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Early indications are that the measure will be carried unanimiously and become a law. With this probability in sight the history attempts to legalize boxing and the mode of procedure in presenting the present law make interesting story in the sporting annals of

During the legislative session of 1915 Gene Melady, a prominent live stock commission man on the South Side had drafted and caused to be introduced, a bill legalizing 10-round boxing bouts under regula-tion in this state. Unable to interest but few sportsmen he made a personal campaign to secure the bassage of the measure which was lefeated by two votes.

Makes Second Attempt. Again in 1917 he had a bill introduced which was defeated by one rote. The defeat of the second

amps, athletic clubs and others interested in sporta Mr. Malady again had prepared a bill for presentation ng night bouts at Fort Omaha have at the session this year. Profiting signed up and will appear on the by mistakes in previous years he

He secured copies of enactments of similar measures from all states Dempsey and Erickson, who legalizing boxing and laws on the sport in Australia and New Zealand features in the law which to him appeared unfavorable he marked out their first performance and are or for correction and returned the copies to the leading newspaper Gates and Henderson, sport writers and sportsmen of state with the request that they criticize his corrections and make

showed advisable Best Features Used. The best features of each state's and army camps, army officers and

physical directors of the leading athletic clubs for criticism. Changes considered advisable by these men were made and the measure returned to the lawyers to remeasure was then sent to Barton Green for consideration as he had announced his intention of introducing a boxing measure. It was compared with a measure drawn up by im and several others submitted The Clan Gordon Athletic club from various parts of the state. Mr. Saturday announced the indefinite Green then announced that he con-

vidual championships.

The warm weather has put the ice in poor condition for play and it was decided to wait for better ice. All events will be played as soon as cold weather puts the ice in conditions and Jack Skelly of the Yonkers Merald, pronounced it the most designed and best boxing bill ever

been invited to participate. No dore Roosevelt, who wrote a letter championship team has been picked of commendation, urging that it beand the poor weather has prevented come a law, shortly before his death Dr. George J. Fisher, director general of athletics for the Y. M. C. A. heartily endorsed the proposed measure and it was at his sugges-Scheduled for Jan. 31 tion that the number of rounds was An attempt to smash all previous limited to six instead of eight as ortank records will be made at the Y. M. C. A. January 31, when a closed swimming meet will be held. Columbus committee on war camp

bouts between farmer boys in the violations. To relieve this condition

by Lincoln Team, 38 to 5 boxing law passed, acted wholly in the interest of clean sports. Athere is the purpose of the law.

Mr. Melady, in his desire to see a boxing law passed, acted wholly in the interest of clean sports. Athere is the purpose of the law. Creighton high fell before Lin- letic contests which he has assisted with the same purpose in view. Lack of team work caused the is strictly a commission man, having Creighton defeat. Team work was grown up in a business sense in hindered by continual shifting of Omaha where he started in business

> The measure is everybody's and requires the support of everyone interested in clean athletics. It is dow at the stage where it requires the activity of every patron of sport who must use their influence to seu it passed as a law.