

### PAID PLAYERS HURT AMATEUR BASE BALL HERE

#### Threaten to Disrupt Organizations of Sand Lotterers—Out-of-Town Teams Buy Players' Services.

Amateur base ball in Omaha faces a serious crisis. Out-of-town teams in the middle of the season often want players for a single game or a single series or for week-end ball and for the services of such players will pay from \$10 to \$150 a day.

When an amateur base ball player hears an offer of real money from a neighboring town he often forgets his amateur standing, withdraws from the team he is lined up with and takes up the offer.

The nine he left has to struggle through the remainder of the season without him.

Can't Apply Rule. The local amateur association has ruled that any amateur accepting such an offer and throwing his team down in mid-season is subject to suspension from amateur base ball for two years. But the ruling cannot be applied, according to officials of the association, because it affects too many players.

Although the Greater Omaha league was reorganized for the season with four teams last week, last night's meeting in the city hall found one of the four teams withdrawn and another wavering.

Ernie Holmes, backer of the Holmes White Sox last year, has refused to put a team in the field this season as many of his players will not sign season contracts. The players can hear the call of out-of-town teams already and refuse to themselves up with an amateur team when they can sell their services.

The Cudahy team is wavering and it is doubtful whether the Murphy-Dit-ls, last season's champions and western amateur champs, would enter, according to Secretary C. Eckardt, if the Murphys have made other plans for the season.

Other Leagues Start. Eight teams, Ramblers, Vaclal Pharmacy, Bearcats, Woodmen of the World, McKenney Dentists, M. C. Peters Milling company, Brodegar Crowns and United States Rubber company, were granted franchises in the Gate City class C league, which will open its season on Sunday, April 18.

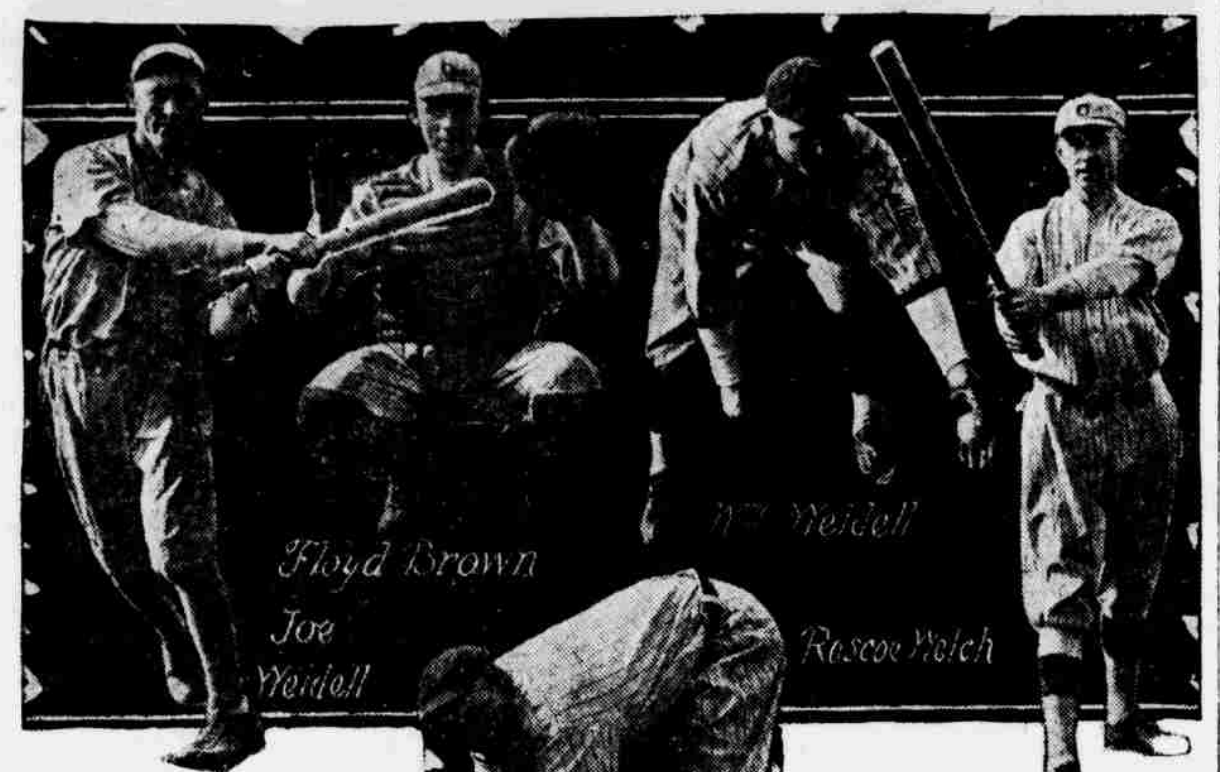
Secretary Isaacson announced that four teams, Omaha National Banks, United States National Banks, Packers' National and Merchants' National, have joined the Bankers' league and two more have promised to fall in line this week.

The league will either play Saturday afternoon ball or Sunday morning. The Omaha Boy Scouts will also form a league and the American Legion league will get under way some time this week.

Lincoln Amateurs Organize. Lincoln, Neb., March 24.—(Special.)—An amateur base ball league has been organized in the city and representatives of seven teams have pledged their support to put teams in the league for the coming season.

P. A. Barrows, lieutenant governor, will sponsor the state house team.

### These Rourkes Helped Trim Kansas City Blues Three Games Straight



Here are five of Pa Rourke's athletes who have just won every game of a three-game series with the Kansas City Blues in the Rourke training camp at Okmulgee, Okl. Walter Nufer is an Omaha boy. He played with an amateur nine here last summer. Nufer, Weidell brothers, Joe in center field and Bill at third base; Welch, an outfielder and Floyd Brown, a catcher, are all showing exceptional form according to word from Okmulgee.

### "Carpentier Wouldn't Last Two Rounds With Dempsey"

—BILLY ROCHE

#### Veteran Fight Fan Thinks Frenchman Not in Class With Champion—Suggests That Carpentier Be Matched With Fast Middleweight or Light Heavyweight.

"Carpentier wouldn't last two rounds with Jack Dempsey," declares Billy Roche, veteran fight fan and promoter of boxing bouts for the A. E. F. in France and Germany. "The Frenchman is an admirable fellow and a deservedly popular boxer of no little ability, but he isn't in Dempsey's class," declared Roche Wednesday when interviewed in New York. "He is inferior to the champion in every physical way. Dempsey would dispose of him as easily as he has beaten any of the other heavyweights."

"Carpentier would be matched with one of our light heavyweights or middleweights,—with a man who can't slug like Dempsey can, a man who would box rather than depend on his rugged superiority and rush him."

Roche said he had seen both Carpentier and Dempsey in action frequently. During the war he was sent to France by the Knights of Columbus to promote boxing bouts for the A. E. F. and there he saw the French idol in action several times.

"There's only one thing to be said about the present European crop of boxers—they're a poor lot. And as I see it, Georges Carpentier is an outstanding star among them. I'm not trying to take anything from Georges. But he isn't in the same class with Jack Dempsey."

"Carpentier really belongs in the light-heavyweight class. It is true that he knows a lot about the American style of boxing, for he got his clearest lessons from Americans. But I can't see where he has a chance against that rugged fellow from Salt Lake."

"I expect to see this army heavy-weight championship settled beyond question before many months have passed. There is a movement on foot to match all of the A. E. F. heavyweights in a series of elimination contests."

#### New York Legalizes Boxing.

Albany, N. Y., March 24.—The senate, by a vote of 30 to 19, late today adopted the Walker bill, designed to legalize boxing in the state under the auspices of the army, navy and civilian board of boxing control.

#### With the Bowlers.

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### PHILLIES ARE NO JOKE SAYS CRUSINBERRY

#### Jesse Tannehill, Wise Old Slab Artist, Is Teaching Pitching Staff Tricks of The Trade.

By JAMES CRUSINBERRY. Birmingham, Ala., March 24.—Expecting to find a badly wrecked ball team, one is somewhat surprised upon coming to Birmingham, the training camp of the Phillies, and discovering that Gavy Cravath not only has assembled quite a formidable outfit, but has things humming briskly and harmoniously. The Phillies may not look like prospective champions, but they aren't a joke.

"Better than I expected," said the famous slugger manager, when asked how things looked. "I was a bit scared about our chances to make much of a showing until I got this gang down here in the field, but now I think I really may have a team that will surprise a few people this summer."

The situation on the Phillies is just this: It is a pretty fair hitting ball club, one that can produce enough runs to win a lot of games providing the defense is good.

The club boasts a set of infielders and outfielders capable of doing good defense work. Cravath has a pitching staff that is doubtful, but at the same time one which has four or five men of experience who might happen to have a good year.

That Manager Cravath is making good as a leader seems quite evident. He realized at once that only good pitching could make his club look like it belonged in the majors, so he went after that end of the game right from the start.

He hired Jess Tannehill, old time southpaw pitcher, who in his day was rated one of the wisest of slab artists. Cravath simply turned the pitching staff over to Jess and told him to get busy with it.

He believes many a ball game has been lost because of a misunderstanding between the pitcher and catcher. He drills them on signs and switching of signs until they have mastered it.

### TRACK TALKS

#### By Coach Henry F. Schulte University of Nebraska

#### THE 880-YARD RUN COMPETITION.

In order to run the race properly it is necessary to know yourself. By proper training first and then later by try-outs you must discover just how you can make the best time. Some 880 men find that they can do best running the first quarter fairly fast; others, that they can make the best time by running the first 400 rather slowly and coming faster in the latter half of the race.

The event, however, is not a race against time. In competition the object of all runs is to beat the other fellow. To do this you should know something of his possibilities. You should know how he runs his race, where he leads out or sprints, whether he has a poor sprint or a 'long or short sprint, and whether he is really game.

#### Bluff a Little.

If he has a habit of sprinting his first quarter, you may have to let him take a gradual lead in that part of the race. If he has a poor sprint, all you need do is to stay at his heels until the home stretch is reached. Against a chap who has a short sprint you may have to lead out along about 220 yards from the tape, while against the man with the long sprint you may have to match him with an equally sharp sprint at the very finish for victory.

Since the race is usually on a quarter-mile track, there are a number of places in the race where you can take the lead. It is best to take the lead either as you hit a straight-

away or just as you approach a curve. Passing on the curve is rarely advisable. Each foot that you run wide gives your opponent a big handicap. If you try to pass him as you enter a straight-away you may let yourself in for a long stamina-trying sprint; while if you try just as you come to the curve you may be forced to check back. A sharp, quick, and unexpected try, however, will often succeed.

#### What Is Confidence?

The footracer holds that it is best to let the other fellow make the pace if he will go fast enough to suit you; and further that if you make a try to pass him it is well to fight it out right then to see who is the better man. To drop back after a try, not only means a loss of position already gained, but it means that you have added a bit to your opponent's assurance—his faith in himself. If the other fellow believes in himself strongly enough he is a hard man to beat.

(Right here it might be well to consider what assurance or self-reliance really means.) True confidence, like the quiet stream, runs deep. The chap who always tells you how good he is and what he is going to do, is usually talking to bolster up his own courage. He is afraid, and the sound of his own voice gives him a spurious courage. His very boasting or professing causes a flaw in his confidence. When he gets in a tight place and the ever-present fear of defeat strikes at him, he will recall his boasting and recognize that he has talked too much. On the other hand, if the chap who ever before the race lacks assurance, silently admits his fear he will have no weak-ling regrets in the race.

#### Western Union Pin Tumblers to Compete For Carlton Trophy

Employees of the Western Union Telegraph company all over the country will compete in bowling Monday night for the championship and the company and the Carlton trophy.

All matches will be handled by telegraph. Omaha will be headquarters of the central division receiving results from Minnesota, the Dakotas, Iowa, Nebraska, Missouri and Kansas. Omaha will be represented by two teams in the central division.

The results of contestants will be reported over a special wire.

#### Carpentier in First Bout Tonight; Opposes Major Drexel Biddle

New York, March 24.—Georges Carpentier, champion heavy-weight boxer of Europe, is reported to have agreed to stage an exhibition bout here Thursday night in which Major A. J. Drexel Biddle of Philadelphia will be his opponent. Major Biddle is the chairman of the army, navy and civilian board of control and president of the International Sporting club of New York, and a heavy-weight boxer.

### OMAHA TEAM IS VICTOR IN THIRD GAME WITH K. C.

#### Clean Up Final Game of Series With Kansas City Team—St. Louis Americans Are Next.

Okmulgee, Okl., March 24.—(Special Telegram.)—Pa Rourke's Omaha Western leaguers made it three straight from Kansas City Blues here Wednesday by trimming the Missourians 9 to 4 in the final contest.

The St. Louis Americans will play here Thursday and Friday. Smith and Robinson of the Rourkes held the visitors down to eight hits, while Omaha pounded Evans and Horstman for 13.

#### Three Teams Roll Into A. B. C. Money; Rank Below First Ten

Peoria, Ill., March 24.—Three teams rolled into the prize-winning class in the five-men events at the American Bowling congress Wednesday night. Academy of Kenosha with 2,823, was high; Cabana's of St. Louis hit for 2,815, and McCarron Regulars, Kenosha, scored 2,810. None of the marks will carry the teams to a place among the 10 leaders.

#### Stecher Dumps Popoff.

Cleveland, O., March 24.—Joe Stecher, world's champion heavy-weight wrestler, won from Ivan Popoff, Russian wrestler, in straight falls here Wednesday night. Stecher took the first in 48 minutes, 30 seconds with a body scissors and arm lock. He took the second in 11 minutes and 10 seconds with a head scissors.

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Public Sentiment, standing squarely for Individual Liberty and State Rights, sent forth three weeks ago its call for support and for approval of its principles. The response was not only gratifying. It was sensational.

The cry for some relief from the present prohibitory exactions reflects a state of mind that may well give concern to reasonable men—if there are any—in the Prohibition fold. Whether or not irreconcilables heed the warning, they will realize next November that made-to-be-broken promises, trickery, intimidation and bullying must stop. They will learn that the raising of huge amounts of money among feverish gullibles and squandering it on a horde of parasites is neither honorable nor politically clean.

A week or so ago, chief Political Jawsmith\*publicly announced that Prohibition will be the paramount issue in the coming campaign. And only a few days after that utterance, this same exhorter proclaimed—if press dispatches quoted him correctly—that Prohibition will not be the leading issue this year. Either he is hopelessly muddled or he is purposely trying to hit on some expedient to make the public forget.

But—The public will not forget. Broken promises, search-and-seizure lawlessness and the premeditated curtailment of the citizens' individual rights are not easily erased.

The voters of the nation are waiting—a little impatiently, 'tis true—to get a crack at the "Reformers" next November. It is going to be some swab or we miss our guess. When the smoke clears, you'll see a sprawled and drubbed bunch of Anti-Saloon League leeches separated from the payroll.

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