

**BASE BALL**

**WESTERN ASSOCIATION STANDING.**

Following is the standing of the Western Association clubs up to and including Thursday's games:

	W.	L.	P.C.		W.	L.	P.C.
Lincoln	30	22	.577	Rock Island	28	24	.538
Omaha	30	23	.566	Peoria	27	26	.509
Jacksonville	29	24	.547	Des Moines	24	29	.453
St. Joseph	29	25	.547	Quincy	14	30	.264

Ex-members of the state university base ball team have organized, and they think they can make it warm for any amateur team in the city. They are anxious to have a game with the bankers' nine.

It seems to THE COURIER that the Lincoln crowds should be more generous to the visiting clubs in the matter of applause for good work.

The race for the pennant in the Western Association is one of the prettiest on record. The clubs travel up and down the list like so many "brownies" on a toboggan slide.

It is Lincoln's turn now, but remember the club has been at home for twelve successive games, and has won nine of the twelve.

After the three at St. Joe the pirates will have nine games at home with the western clubs and will then leave for a month to play with both the western and eastern clubs.

If the boys can keep up their gait on this trip or win even one half of the games, they will be on top when they return home in August.

The team misses Hughes everywhere, on third, at the bat and on the coaching lines. He is one of the boys who make things lively.

"Kid" Speer is a great favorite with the grand stand. His record at the bat of late has raised him in the batting list.

It is one of the noticeable things about the Lincoln team that they play with vim, and go after everything in sight. They have the zest which delights the spectators; there is apparently not a sulky man in the club.

Hill made a one-handed pickup in Wednesday's game that was phenomenal. Sweeny also distinguished the same day by a running catch and a "bunt," which reminded one of Burkett's old style.

Manager Hickey certainly deserves the congratulation and thanks of the Lincoln public for the interest which he has aroused this year in the game. He was well repaid for his efforts by the attendance on the Fourth.

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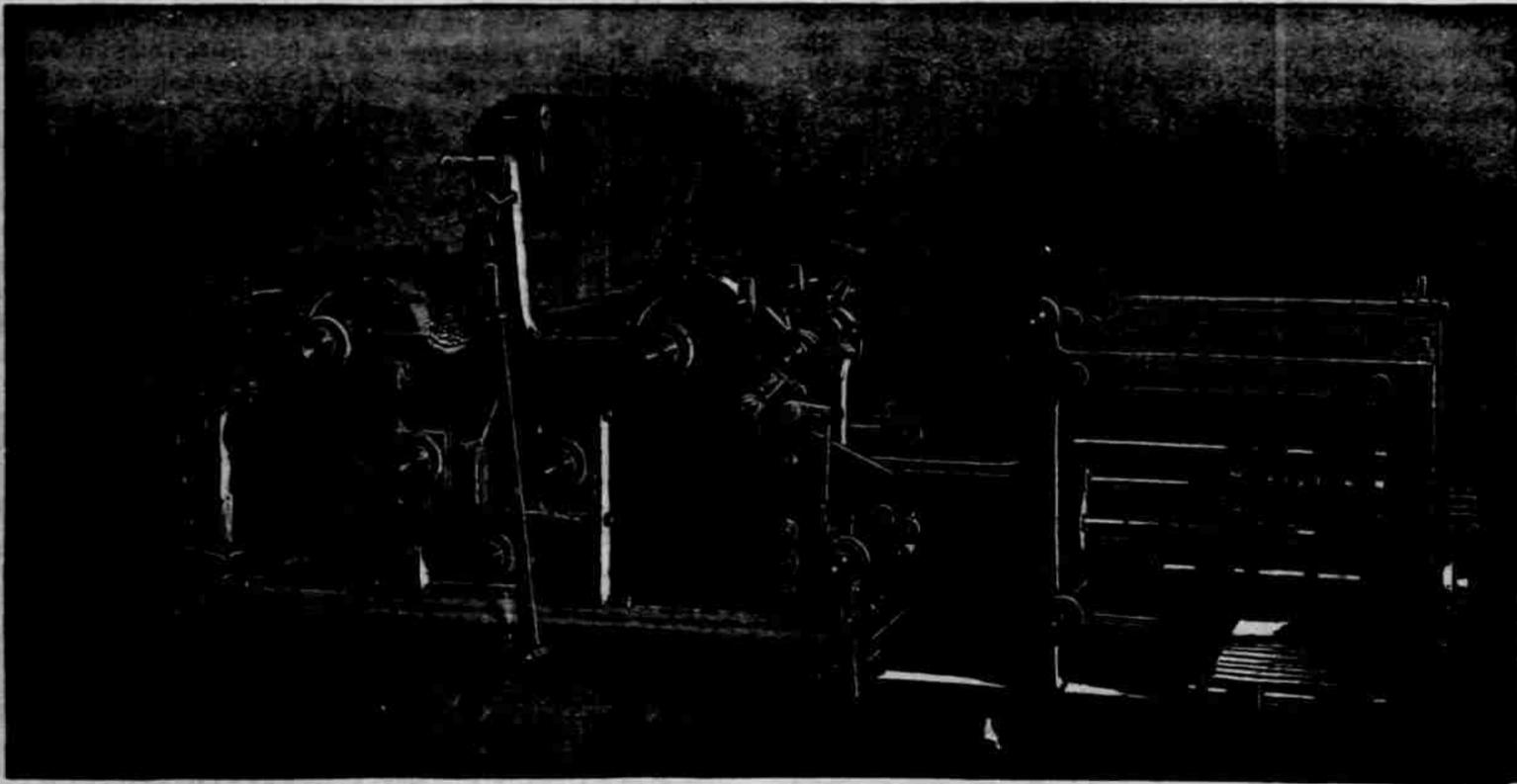
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