Rozeate Outlock for Local Baseball Cranks.

About the Pugs-The Gun. and Trap - Amateur Doings and Interesting Miscellany.

With the first flurry of the beautiful comes the first bit of real interesting paseball information from the Omaha management, and the patrons of the glorious game will at once realize that they are to be catered to the coming season after a fashion that will accelerate the blood and warm the cockles of the heart. In the first place Danny Shannon, the favorite of the team in 1888, has been closed with, In fact his contract was in President McCormick's safe three weeks ago, but for prudential reasons, it was withheld from the public, It was apprehended that the signing of Shannon would interfere with negotiations with other players. That possibility no longer exists and Danny's engagement has been officially promulgated. He will manage and n the team, and at the time guard second base, and that he will execute his triangular duties to the satisfaction of all conangular dulies to the satisfaction of all con-cerned goes without saying. In 1880 Shan-non was with the Louisville Colonels, and while not quite up to his playing standard he did creditable work, and would have been continued on the team had he not jumped with the grand herd of other players to the brotherhood in the spring of '90. With the New York team he did excellent service, batting, fielding and running bases with the cream of the aggregation. He writes that he New York team he did excellent service, batting, fielding and running bases with the cream of the aggregation. He writes that he is in supurb condition this winter, and with a continuance of good health, will do his best to excel himself for Omaha in '91. Shannon in addition to bring one of the exemplary players of the profession, combines, activacylinger, we profession, combines extraordinary man-agerial qualifications with his playing skill, profession, combines extraordinary managerial qualifications with his playing skill, and will without doub, prove an invaluable acquisition to local baselali interests. In a recent letter to Secretary Brandt he conveys the intelligence that he has a quartette of first-class players on the string, whom he expects to sign immediately upon the announcement of a permanent settlement of baseball affairs between the National league and American association. Two of them were with the unfortunate Brothers last season, one with the National league and one with the American association, while all of them are cracks in their particular positions. Next in importance in the way of local news is the signing of John Stafford of the past season's Buffalo Brothers. He is a young man of unassallable reputation, and consequently of exceeding promise. He has good speed, the most deceptive of curves and masterly control of the ball, and with the aid of Knell, Clarke and Eiteljorg Omnba will probably be enabled to win a satisfactory portion of the charke and Eiteljorg Omnha will probably be enabled to win a satisfactory portion of the games she plays. Among the new players in prospect is a first baseman of national rep-utation, but as to the positions of the others nothing can be said at this time. As to a third baseman, the management is deter-mined to retain Elmer Cleveland until they are perfectly satisfied a superior man carrier. are perfectly satisfied a superior man cannot be obtained. And this is wise, for with any-thing like a little bit of good luck Elmer will hold up his end with the best of them. A more accurate or beautiful thrower than this same Cleveland isn't in the business today, and if he man gar head into his old butting and if he once gets back into his old batting fettle, oh, my! how he will line em out to the left field corner, to say nothing of Jeff Bedford's sign and over the fence. Cleveland's one drawback is his timidity in fielding his position with the continuous control of the state of the same state. fielding his position with a man on second. The fear of injury at the hands, or feet, rather, of the runner makes him timid and inrather, of the runner makes him timid and ineffective. With this fault remedied and a
trifle bit more gall, as the players put it, he
will be all right. No team needs a better
man at third than he would then be. Yesterday O'Conner, Haurahan, Fagin and Moran
were forwarded New Year's presents
in the shape of their release. The mapagement has at last decided that it can no way utilized any of the four, and it was the nice thing to cut them loose in plenty of time to allow them to look about them and catch on where they can. As to Billy Works, negotiations remain in status quo but a Shannon has written that he has no lears of net being able to better Works, the management are taking things easy. If Works sees proper to go elsewhere he will not be inter-tered with, but if he concludes to return to Omaha, all well and good, he will be wel-comed. Nothing very definite can be said just at this time about the make-up of the team as a whole, but it is quite likely that a new man will be seen on first, Shannon at second, Cleveland, most prova-bly, at third, Walsh at short, Knell, Clarke, Stafford and Eiteljorg in the box, Newman, Urquahart and Stenzel behind the bat and navan, Willis and a new man in the field. This however, is not certain, as Shannon's new men may displace a number of those mentioned. At the park this spring many new improvements will be made. More chairs will be put in the reserve department, the club's quarters remodeled, a new report-ers' box built and numerous other changes

Omaha's prospects for '91 are of the most flattering description. Down in Cowboytown.

A strenuous effort will also be put

forth to induce the Cable company to increase the speed of their trains to and from the

grounds, and as the benefit that accrues to them through the channel of the national game is worthy of consideration, it is but natural to expect this concession at their hands. So, after all the delay and uncer-

President Speas, says the Kansas City Star, has signed but few men. The salary list was altogether too high for the Western association, and Speas has decided to hold off until some understanding has been reached between the National league and American association before getting his players in line for next season. As matters now stand he will be able to sign the players at reasonable will be able to sign the players at reasonable salaries. None of the unsigned players will be asked to sign until after the 5th of this year. There will be more changes in the team than some people think. The Kansas City club cannot afford to pay players for seven months at \$250 to \$300 per month with the other Western association clubs bits. the other Western association clubs hiring men for five and one-half months at \$175 to \$25 a month. There will be enough of the as last year, but several high saiaried men who played no better than younger or cheap-er men will give way to younger players.

### Midwinter Baseball Potpouri. Billy Earle, of the old St. Pauls, has been signed to manage the Portland club next sea-

"Make haste slowly" is the motto of the peacemakers. It is well. The foundation built now will stand for year.

Anson will probably release Waiter Wilmot in order that he may better himself by accepting the captainey of the St. Paul team.

Dave Rowe has offered to trade Billy Hart to Kansas City for Jack Pickett, and Kansas City will miss it if she doesn't close the

Van Dyke, the old Des Moines fielder would like to play in Omaha, and if Works is not hooked, a better man could not be se-

Jimmy Cooney writes that he will report at Chicago early in February and will run over to Omaha for a 1ew days' stay before

Jimmy Canavan is again the champion of the New England polo players. The game, however, is not nearly so popular as it was

erstwhile. Old Cal Broughton, who did excellent work for St. Paul behind the plate, is coaching the University of Wisconsin team during the

Andy Cusick, who inflicted a whole lot of rotten umpiring on the Western association last season, is filling a deputy constable's shoes in St. Louis.

Charile Bennett, the matchless backstop, last season with the Boston league team, was in Omaha last Tuesday, en route east from a ansas hunting trip.

Frank Selec is engaged in securing players In the east for the Seattle club. When in Imaha he was engaged in securing players or the Boston club. It is not improbable that Ed Hengle will be

NEW YEAR'S SPORTING NEWS now he is engaged in jerking beer at two Ren Mulford, the spiciest of all the base ball

scribes, will hereafter write exclusively for the New York Sporting Times. He was one of the Life's "weeded out." Watkins is expecting a winner in young Osborne. He is a left-hander and beside great speed and good curves, is said to have

remarkable control of the ball. Homer Kirk, a well known local ball player, leaves for Florida on the 10th. He has writ-ten shoud for a trial position in some of the southern teams next season.

St. Paul evidently intends to pitch right in next season. The twirlers she has thus far secured include only Mains, Meckin, Ford, Schmidt, Dalton, Osborne and McHale.

From Milwaukee comes the whisper that Jack Thornton has already signed a Phila-delphia league contract and that Vickery and Seriver will wear uniforms of the Brewers next season. Nervousness about advance money seems

to be the main thing noticed about ball players in these piping times of snowballs and inactive magnates, who have ceased to sing, "I'm after you," warbles Ren Mulford. Will Sunday, the ball player, occupied the Presbyterian pulpit at Marshalltown, Ia., Sunday last. Jack Crooks was to have preached at St. Paul on the same day, but he changed his mind and went to a dog fight.

Billy Alvord, the clever big third baseman of the old chr upion Prohibition team, is wintering in Cleveland, and is getting so big he is thinking seriously of renouncing base ball and entering curio hall of the Forest City

While speaking of hustling managers, "White Wings" Telegan of Denver should not be overlooked. If he doesn't give the Colorado metropolis the strongest team she has ever had, there will be a good many people disappointed, that's all.

ple disappointed, that's all.

The Philadelphia Brotherhood handorgan doesn't want the Western association addoesn't want the Western association admitted to "major league rights" under the national agreement, but insists that it be kept in the Tri-state league class. How does this strike western patrons of this sheet!

Cleveland is willing to give Jimmie Me-Aleer to Pittsburg. That young man hadn't been in the league long enough to get need-mated, yet he was one of the most bitter talkers against the old body that had taken him from Milwaukee and added a slice to his minor league pay.

"Bug" Holiday, with snow balls for luncheen staring him in the face, has sued the Cincinnati brotherhood aggregation for \$385 silce of back salary. Let me see, it was this same Bug who was so tickled when Brunny bought the Cincinnati club, wasn't it. Think on

Shortstop Macullar, who was with the Des Moines-Lincoln team last season, is at his home in Baltimore waiting for the clouds to nest again. Mac is well across the isotonic line, but there's many a good game in him yet, as some team will evidently learn before the day days over again. the dog days come again.

The statement going the rounds that Kan-sas City is after Raymond is a mistake, un-less Jimmy Manning is fishing for him from the other end. Mr. Speas says he has never said a word to Parsons about Raymond's release. Raymond is quite a third baseman, and is the kind of a man that Kansas City could make good use of.

could make good use of.

What would the Western association do without Milwaukee! is the query asked by some little boy in the Brewers burg. Why, sonny, the Western association in such an event would get on the biggest jamboree you ever heard of—it would just get up on its hind legs and how! with eestacy. That's what the Western association would do. But it will have no such competinity. You will it will have no such opportunity. You will remain right where you are. Savey!

Herr Rudolph Kemmler, who originated as a ball player some ten years or so ago at Akron, O., along with Bid McPhee, Sam Wise and other good ones, then drifted to Cinemanti, Columbus, and later to St. Paul, is now in Chicago, banking on the report that he has recently fallen heir to a big German shipping house. A friend of the old catcher intimates that he takes no stock in this snipping house lezend, but he does know that on New Year's day Kem inherited several big

### Gossip Among the Amateurs. Bowman, first baseman, is not able to leave

Blair battery, Geist and Grara, is a hard

'Kid' Mohler is wintering in Rapid City Lou and Win Camp will likely play in Om aha the coming season.

The Nonparells are looking around for a pitcher to relieve Jellen. Eddinger and Wilson may sign as a battery

Ben Nelson may guard right garden for the West Omahas this year, Catcher Gross is working for the waterworks company at Florence.

McAuliff has returned to Denver for the winter on account of his health. Spud Farrish should try and get Dad Clark and Moran for a "freak" battery.

Moriarity will play with the Snamrocks and not with the Nonpariels, in 1891. The indoor baseball league is on its last legs. As a failure it is a big success,

What has become of Catcher Creighton He seems to have dropped out entirely. The West Omahas will have entirely new suits for the coming season. They are beau

Plattsmouth seems to be getting a strong team together for the state league now being organized. The indoor baseball league is endeavoring

to secure the Exposition hall in which to play their games. Bolan, the Union Pacific short stop, besides

being a good fleider is one of the best stock ers in Omana. Patterson, third baseman, will stick to the West Omahas and his job and not join Castone's team.

If Jack Morse will call at the office of the City steam laundry he will hear of something advantage. Manager Castone has a prize in Pitcher Bullock. He is a south paw, speedy and has

very deceptive curves. The Nonpariels have their own gymnasium and show the results of it in the games that they put up in the indoor league.

Jellen may give up pitching, as his arm is not in very good shape, he having strained it in his trial game with the Omahas last fail. Van Arnam of Leadville will manage the team at "Jaysville." He has already secured Windy, Strong, Melrose and the balance of a great team with which he expects to win the

An effort will be made by the clubs constituting the city league to secure the Nonpariel grounds, fence them in and make a first class ball park out of them. The admission will be placed at 15 cents.

## Whisperings from the Wheel. Van Wagoner has resigned from the L. A. W.

Wheeler has been spending a short vaca-tion at his old home in Iowa. The monthly business meeting of the Omaha Wheel club will be on next Tuesday even-

All indoor races should be confined to safety wheels. There is altogether too much danger on high mounts.

Captain Emerson and the weather clerk cannot come to terms, consequently there will be no run today. The latest novelty for riders of the wheel is an umbrella that can be attached to a bicycle so as to shade the rider.

Arthur A. Zimmerman, the champion cyclist of the New Jersey athletic club, has been reinstated by the L. A. W.

Reynolds has been very ill with typhoid pneumonia, but is growing better, and his friends hope to see him out again in a short

George W. French of the Citizen's bicycle club of New York, rode six thousand miles during the last year. This is a little above Schnell's average.

The Fleetwing Outing club is the title of St. Louis' wheel club to which only indies are admitted. There are forty fair riders of the bicycle in the Mound city. Albert Mott, the famous "T. T. T." of the Sporting Life staff at Baltimore, is likely to be chosen vice-president of the League of American Wheelmen at the coming election.

Seth Rhodes and his rabbit's foot are in active training for the coming pool tourna-ment. They make a pretty strong combina-tion and have been known to beat the pro-fessor, but that was probably accidental. Francisco has returned from Mexico with a white sombrero, a bronzed complexion and a Spanish accent. His moustache is as fine

found guarding second for St. Paul. Just as ever, and some say he wears edged tools in Police Gazette.

his boots, but no one is curious enough to in-

Imagine a brass band on safeties, and yet that is what Detroit proposes to have. Fif-teen men mounted on wheels all alike painted in club colors and playing on instruments specially constructed to be manipulated with one hand.

The L. A. W. closes the year 1800 with a membership of 17,650. The bykers are becoming a power in the land surely, and will continue to make their power feit in the interest of better payements and general highway improvement.

way improvement.

An European cycling party will leave Philadelphia in May for a trip a-wheel on the continent. Nearly a dozen names have been handed in for the tour. The route laid out covers freland, Scotland, England, thence to Paris, the Rhine, Cologne and Venice.

Maryland racing managers will try and

minimize the "loafing evil" next season by offering special prizes for the best times made either to quarter, half or three-quarter mark in mile events and to the one mile mark in two-mile events and so on. Chicago claims that it at least has one ama-

teur who never sold a prize, and his name is Van Sieklen. Van has won a lot of cycles, but he never sells one and can today show every one of his wheels and prizes. We do not mean to say that there are not others like Van Sieklen, but he was quoted as a shining example. The Nebraska division of the league, how-ever, is not thriving like a green bay tree and the reasons are many, the most important perhaps is the utter neglect by the chief con-sul to exercise his official duty by appointing local consuls throughout the state. There are a number of wheeling centers in Nebraska sadly in need of a consul and it seems strange that there has been no remedy applied here-tofore.

The high five contest continues to be the central attraction at the cab. The entry list closed last Menday evening with thirty-seven members enrolled. At the end of the thirtieth game Brandt had the highest average, 25 nor cent and Extent to leave the contract of the contract of

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A Finish Mill Tomorrow Night Billy Weston of Butte City, Montana, and Commy White of Chicago, will battle to a linish at Germania hall, South Omaha, tonorrow night. The mill is for a purse of \$150, and 75 and 25 of the gate receipts, Queensbury rules, the smallest gloves allowed. Weston is comparatively a new man here. out his backer says he will prove a regular surprise party. In the vernacular of the fancy he "stood up" before young Mitchell at Frisco for four rounds for \$100, but while engaged in this pleasant pastime was knocked down seventeen times. He is quick and strong, and looks every inch the game man.

Apolio Club Notes.

Young Pixley left Wednesday last for Den-er, where he will spend a few days. A number of the Apollos are in active gym-asium training for the coming season. The boys turned out in a body last Satur-

lay evening to see the Pixley Muentefering

A membership committee comprising Smith Beindorff and Holton, was appointed at the ast meeting.

The boys took a pleasant spin to Council Bluffs last Sunday afternoon, and scorching was the order of the day. If Mrs. Roeder & Beil would have a paying

attraction they should hold a good amateur tournament, as the people would then have a easonable assurance that they would witness square contests. Mr. C. C. Candy, representing the Over-man wheel company, was in the city a few lays last week with a sample of the new 1891

Victor safety, equipped with cushion tire, and it is a beauty. Calkins declares that he will have a cushion tire before another month An Omaha cyclist's union, similar to the one in Denver, would be a great thing for cycling for Omaha. Our riders have no place in which to train save the Council Bluffs course, and that is fast becoming a rough thoroughfare, and is also quite expensive in the course of a season. The boys who went to Peoria demonstrated that they had the stuff in them to win if they only had some training facilities; as it is they have no place at all to train for speed.

Miscellaneous Local Sports. The quail and chicken law expired January Gun clubs should from this on be on the

jul vive for violators of the law, and give hem its foliest benefit. Fred Fuller is out in a challenge to shoot match for \$25 or \$50 a side with any number of the Council Bluffs rifle club, the match to ake place either at Ruser' park, this city, or Dunmire & Cross' grounds, across the river Geese have been seen in large numbers dong the Platte during the past week, and it looks as if many of the birds intend to remain

here through the winter. Frank Parmelee's new Greener gun is doubtless the handsomest shot gun ever owned in the city. It is said to be one of the finest ever turned out by this well known English house, and Frank's numerous friends are all anxious to see him get a crack with it

at Champion J. A. R. Elliott. "Scotty" Gordon, the conqueror of Pats: furray, has returned from Denver and a sill with his old opponent is on the tupis. Hyperborean zephyrs made themselves entirely too familiar New Year's day, and the Nason Burgess match shoot was postponed until today, when it will take place at Pickard's grove. There will also be a number of live bird sweepstakes matches on the after-

con's card. Tommy Warren at Indianapolis the other evening again knocked out Tommy Miller in three rounds. The ex-Omaha bug should now quit and go back to the grading force. There is considerable speculation among he sporting fraternity as to the probable atcome of the Lindsay-Gilmore fight on the

aight of the Lindsay-Gilmore light of the aight of the tenth. The prepondenence of opinion seems to be that the Canadian is as good as licked already, but want. Jack Davis left for Davenport yesterday to prepare for his fight with Dutch Sassian of that place. His name will be Sausage, in-stead of Sassian, when the redonbtable Jrck

Questions and Answers.

W. P. Garmong, Shelby, Ia.: Never heard of the game of which you write, consequently unable to comply with your request.

There are letters in this office for Jack Carkeek, the wrestler, Joe Sheeby, fighter, and Wally Andrews, ball-player. Also, the West Omaha B. B. Club. Omaha B. B. Club.

Will you please state in Sunday's BEE where loca of the West Omahas played in 1989? Did e play in Madison, this state?—L. Young, sewman Grove, Neb. Ans.—He played in this city. Whether he ever played in Madison or not is a question that must remain unanswered.

In a game of high five, and the five is the owest card played, if saved does it count six Duch, Council Bluffs. Ans.-It does.

Will THE BEE give us a tip on the Dempsey-itzsimmons fight to come off at New Orleans a the 19th, Who will win?-J. R. and J. E. G., bes Moines, Ia.

Ans.—The Bee is not posing as an authority on pugilism. It furnishes the news, let that be whatever it may, and that is all. For the benefit of the Des Moines gentlemen, however, it is a fact that Dempsey is a prime favority among the favorite among the eastern sports, and very little money is being wagered on Fitzsimmons. In New Orleans the betting fluctuates, now with Dempsey favorite, again Australian Robert has the call.

Please answer the following to decide a bet High five, A 41, B 51; A bids 8 and makes high jack, game and both fives, B making low Who wins?—Joe, Omaha. Ans,-B.

A and B partners, high five; game a tie, 49 each; A makes trump plays low, jack and the off five; C and D, high, game and trump five. High Five, city. Ans .- C and D win. Pisease inform me in Sunday's BEE whether Spalding's basebail guide is out for 1891. Where can I procure a book on boxing and wrestling?-Captain Kid, Nehawka, Neb.

Aus. -(1) It is not. (2) Write to the

MEN WHO RUN ON THE RAIL.

The United States Commissioner Tells How They are Paid.

WHAT TRADES' UNIONS ACCOMPLISHED.

The Demands Made by the Minnesota State Federation of Labor Regarding Laws on Capital and Labor.

The fifth annual report of the United States ommissioner of labor is devoted entirely to he subject of railroad employment. The statistics cover a wide field, returns being made by sixty corporations, employing 241,910 persons, or more than one-third of the 700,000 railroad employes in the country. The selection of lines was made with the object of obtaining representatives from each group of states, but the northwest, southwest and Palific sections are represented by only one line each. Excluding those of the employes who are paid by the mile, trip, piece, contract or on commission, there are 224,570 persons whose pay per day ranges from about 20 cents to \$9.60. Of these \$1 per cent receive more than \$1 and not to exceed \$2, while about 60 per cent are in the lower half of that range, and the percentage of those receiving more than \$4.20 is so small that it may be omitted without materially affecting the count. The average dally rate of all the time-workers is \$1.64%, but nearly 64 per cent received less than that average. About one-quarter of the number of workers included in this enumeration were employed 25 days or less in the whole (of last) year, 11) per cent from 26 to 60 days, nearly 14 per cent from 51 to 100 days, and 8 1-15 per cent from from 101 to 150 days, and 51-15 per cent from from 101 to 150 days. Nearly 20 per cent worked from 151 to 300 days, and 2114 per cent more than 300 days each. The working day on most of the lines is ten hours, and the exceptions were reduced to that as a basis. Making allowance for lost time, the following are the average annual carriers. annual earnings per bead in the leading de-partments: Bargagemasters, \$394; baggage-men, \$311; blacksmiths, \$467; brakemen,

men, \$311; blacksmiths, \$467; brakemen, \$112; carpenters, \$232; conductors, \$574; engineers, \$35; enginemen, \$787; firemen, \$37; flagmen, \$241; foremen, \$463; laborers, \$124; machinists, \$431; masons, \$227; painters, \$348; switchmen, \$364; and telegraph operators, \$235. The highest wages are paid in New England. The daily wages in Great Britain are given for engineers and drivers, firemen, conductors, switchmen and flagmen. The average is a shade less than half those paid in the United States; but no figures are The average is a shade less than half those paid in the United States; but no figures are given for the time of employment in the United Kingdom, so that it is impossible to compare annual earnings. About 600 of the American lines furnished responses to questions touching the use of intoxicating drinks, and 377 have regulations prohibiting their use. It is but a few years since any road placed restrictions on the drinking habits of their employes, but such rules are now growing rapidly in favor. It also appears that the workers on 19 lines maintain beneficiary institutions of their own, 20 contribute to the railroad work of the Young Meu's Christian association, 21 contribute to outside hospitals and 6 to regularly established railroad associations for the benefit of employes. Among these special mention is made of the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe association, Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe association, which, though not established till 1887, has anual receipts of \$135,000, and last year ex-tended renef in no less than 13,704 cases. Some kind of provision is made by each of 25 lines for dwelling houses for their employes, 146 furnish living shelter to section hands, switchmen, etc. in remote places, and about half furnish no houses whatever. The start-ling conclusion is arrived at that the average brakeman has only 31 chances in 145 o dying a natural death, and is injured once is each nine years of service. One in 60 of the 10,052 members of the brotherhood of railroad brakemen in 1888 suffered in that year either death or total disability from accidents of the service. Under the common law the pany is not liable where the injury is du to negligence on the part of the sufferer of another employe. But special provision for such liability has been made to a greater or less extent by Great Britain, Alabama, Mas-sachussetts, California, Colorado, Dakota, Florida, Georgia, Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Montana, Wisconsin and Wyoming.

Work of Trades' Unions. Samuel Gompers in speaking of trades' unions and what they have accomplished,

"We have no apologies to offer for the trades' unions. They are what they are. But as they are every faction of the people turn to them in the hour of danger and difficulty for help and comfort. The radical and the conservative, the wayward and the envious admit that the trades unions are strong numerically and financially, and are a means to greater ends. But I claim that the trades unions benefit the people in the widest sense. They enlarge and broader sphere and vision of the workers. They elevate them materially, that is to say econ cally and politically. They raise them socially, that is to say, materially mentally and morally. And I maintain that advances of such comprehensive character made, even by the smallest trades' union, is progress

made for and shared by the whole human "I need but refer to the events of the last year for a verification of the claim that to the boid attitude of the American federation of labor is due the wonderfully improved con-ditions and entire change—from the defensive o the aggressive course of the wage-workers "The movement to reduce the hours of labor has been termed the eight hour move ment, not because that is the ultimate end, but because all recognize the necessity to shorten the hours of daily toil of all or nearly ail, to that number before much if any ad vance in labor's interest can be successfully

"It will not be amiss, I think, to recount a few of the victories gained by the working people. The Carpenters' brotherhood secured the eight-hour work-day for 25,000 and the nine-hour day for about 30,000 men of that trade without reduction (in many instances an increase) in wages. The plumbers, stairbuilders, printers, bricklayers, masons, gran-ite cutters, stonemasons, cigarmakers, bakers, brewers, quarrymen, tailors, barbers, store clerks, iron and steel workers, cabinet makers, painters, piasterers, snoe workers, cloak and suit makers, and in fact all kinds of skilled and unskilled have secured either a reduction in the hours of labor or an increase

"Thus for the present the eight hour move ment is but in its inception, yet I have no desitancy in declaring it to be my honest be-lief that fully half a million working people in the United States have struck off one hour each day from their drudgery. "That the movement is but begun is evi-

denced by the declaration and determination many of the largest and most powerful national trades unions to imagurate the eight-nour day May 1, 1891, and of the large number of local trades unions to endeavor to inforce the demand before that date."

Minnesota Federation. At the Minnesota Federation of Labor, that recently convened at St. Paul, 200 delegates from the district and local assemblies of the Knights of Labor, the locomotive firemen and engineers and trades unions, were in at-

After effecting a permanent organization, the following officers were elected: Presi-aent, Frank Valesh; first vice president, A. S. Edwards; second vice president, C. F. Hines; secretary, H. B. Martin; treasurer, Frank Casseriy; federation council, Frank Valesh, H. B. Martin, Frank Casserly, C. Lyes, E. Chalker, T. Ward, T. H. Lyes, e. ves. E. Chalker, T. Ward, T. H. Lucas and William Lotes, The following demands and resolutions

were prepared to be presented to the legisla-ture as soon as it convenes:

ture as soon as it convenes:

The Minnesota State Federation demands the abrogation of all laws that do not bear equitably upon capitalists and laborers, or that place capitaliabove labor in the structure of government.

We further demand at the hands of the session of the legislature the cauctment of the following demands into laws:

An equitable lam law.
A convict labor has that will protect the interests of free labor.

The adoption of a bill to be offered by the journeymen plumbers, in the interest of good health and perfect sunitation.

A factory inspection law.
An employes' flacility act.

Resolved, That the committee on legislation

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of this federation be instructed to favor a law of this federation be instructed to favor a law allowing all municipalities to condemn, under the right of eminent domain all franchises granted within their jurisdiction.

An agreement or combination by two or more to do or procure to be done any act in contemplation or furtherance of a trude dispute between employers or workingmen shall not be indictable as a conspiracy if such act by one person would not be an indictable offense.

A weekly payment bill

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Establishment of an eight-hour day on municipal, county and state work.
Resolved, That, as soon as the funds of the federation will permit, a printed report of the proceedings will be published.
Resolved, That the Minnesota Federation of Labor emphatically protests against the creation of a bureau of immigration.
It is the opinion of the state federation that all state institutions should be forbidden to employ any student at any trade or calling, unless such work is done so as to make such a student a good and proficient workman, and that a certificate be given to such effect.
Resolved, That we favor a law prohibiting the employment of children under fifteen years of arge.
Resolved, That text-books should be furnished by the state.
That it is the sonse of the state federation that the Anstralian system of voting be made general. It should be amended to make election day a legal boliday; also that the voter be required to put a cross opposite each candidate voted for

be required to put a cross opposite each can-didate voted for. From January, 1883, to July 1, 1889, the United Brotherhood of Blacksmiths paid out to the widows and orphans of deceased members and to disabled members the sum of \$89,250 from the general fund. And in that time fully \$200,000 more was paid out in sick benefits from the funds of the local unions. The general benefits are graded according to the time of membership and are at the rate of \$100 to \$200 for funeral benefits on the death of a member, \$100 to \$400 in case of permanent disability, and \$25 to \$50 on the death of the wife of a married member. The total cost of maintaining these benefits is but a small trifle each month, and through the co-operation of all the unions in the United Brotherhood these various benefits are sus

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