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In a toutfighting dashed into close quarters and peoppered "Nobby" on the ribs every round, and although "Nobby" marked him severely and drew the claret and made his check look like a scored beef steak, Paddock would not be denied, but caught "Nobby" sounding thwacks on the ribs in return for Clarke's favors. Although the claret was streaming from half a dozen cuts on Tom's dial he seemed as full of dash and vigor as at the beginning. Nobby, on the other hand, began to fight shy and ended the rounds by getting down. In the forty-second round there was great wrangling and confusion, Paddock standing in the middle of the ring protesting and calling on Nobby to come on, which he did after a minute or two of disputation. Paddock went at him viciously and Nobby slipped down. It was announced that Clarke "would fight no more," Paddock again "oratating:" the referce banded over the work of the ribs every round, and drew the claret and made his check look like a scored beef steak, Paddock would not be denied, but caught "Nobby" in the claret was streaming from half a dozen cuts on Tom's dial he seemed as full of dash and vigor as at the beginning. Nobby, on the other hand, began to fight shy and ended the rounds by getting down. In the forty-second round there was great wrangling and confusion, Paddock went at him viciously and Nobby slipped down. It was announced that Clarke "would fight no more," Paddock again "oratating:" the referee banded over the property of the ribs every round, and the page of the ribs every round, and the property is not on the ribs and the claret and made his check look like a scored beef steak, Paddock would not be denied, bu

Next Wednesday evening, March 2, one of most notable fistic events of latter years ill take place before the Olympic club of lew Orleans, between Peter Maner, the rish champion, and Bob Fitzsimmons, the

on champion, and 1900 Frishman, the middle-property of Jack Dempsey, and the middle-reight champion of the world.

The men are to contend with five-ounce loves to a decision, and the winner will re-bive as a reward for his valor \$9,000, the secret of gain solace in the short end of the

The interest in the match is running very gh, and here in Omaha, where neither man as been seen, but both extensively read bout, it is about the one theme in sporting reles. While the Needham-Ryan fight, reics. While the Needman-Ryan light, only comes off before the Metropolitan club is the same city, tomorrow night, is another totable contest, if does not create a tenth of be interest and speculation of that between

he two foreigners.

The opinion of Omahans, and there are a number of good judges here, is largely in avor of Maher, and the Diamond offers at-

ractive long odds.

Peter Maher is 23 years old. He will reigh not over 170 pounds when he meets the tustralian, and it is a certainty that his hysical condition at that time will be excelint, for Madden is a good trainer. In the latter of height and reach Fitz will have an ivantage. Maher stands 5 feet 11½ inches his stockings and is built much after the tyle of Slavin, with a narrower chest than nat pugilist. He is a good natured and described with the latter than any pugilist. dedly witty fellow, but he says very little, bout fighting he rarely utters a word. Although Peter has been talked and writ-

a about recently even more than men who and head and shoulders above him in imprenees in the fistic world, but comparately little is known of him by the sporting loile, and notwithstanding that his perfolic, and notwithstanding that his per-repances in this country have been highly leditable, he is yet largely an unknown hantity. Still there are gentlemen in and bout New York who have expressed a will-gness to match him against the premier ghter of the age, the champion of all lampions and all countries, the incompara-ie John L. The man who disparages Sulli-an puglistically is an idiot and there is sobably not more than one man in 100,000 obably not more than one man in 100,000 ho believes that Maher would make any-

ing like a worthy opponent for him.

If Fltz whips Peter next Wednesday night is a dead duck and will disappear as raplly as he came in. On the other hand if he has out the lanky Australian with anying like expedition his stock will take such a situtudinous move that he will be the idol the short-haired for many a moon to come, itzsimmons is virtually a heavy-weight and should be barred from all middle-weight ontests. When I saw him in Minneapolis last July

e looked big and strong enough to fight any ban and, in comparison, Jim Hall resembled stripling college student, and looked like a ark for his machine made countryman, ind yet the betting at the ring side that ight would have been in Hall's favor.

In 1888 Maher entered an amateur competi-lon given by Tony Sage of Dublin. Jack ullivan, who was recognized as the amateur hiddleweight of the country, was Maher's irst opponent. It took Peter eight minutes o finish him. An hour later Martin O'Hara, six footer, went against Maher. One round was enough for him. He made a claim to the eferce that Peter had a hammer in his right tove. By this time Maker had gained quite local reputation and efforts were made to ring about a meeting between him and a rofessional named Jim O'Doberty. They pught six rounds in Dublin and the police topped the bout, but not before O'Doherty was practically a beaten man. Peter then intered a tournament in London and beat hree men in the preliminaries. In the finals Bob Hair met him. They sparred three rounds and Hair was given the decision. Maher had a decided advantage and in the udgment of many spectators it was a clear case of robbery. Tony Sage immediatly posted a forfelt and offered to bet \$500 against 1000 that Maher could knock Hair out in three rounds. This offer was not accepted. Alf Bowman of London challenged Maher early in 1889, and they fought in Dublin for \$250 a side. Bowman was knocked out in the sixth round, and this victory gave Maher some standing as a pugnist, for Bowman was condered a good second-class man. When Gus Lambert went to England Charley Mitchell took hold of him and backed him for \$500 against the Dublin pover. Lambert weighed nearly 200 pounds and was the favorite in the betting when they faced each other at the Pelican club, February 7 last year. Maher took about five seconds to size up his man. Then he sailed in viciously and knocked Lambert down four times in rapid succession. The last blow effectually settled the Cana-lian. The fight lasted fifty-eight seconds. Maner now sought a match with Pritchard, but the latter declined to fight again with any man above his own weight. In October iast Tony Sage sent Maher to this country to try for the world's championship. After he defeated a number of inferior men his manarer, Billy Madden, succeeded in raising a 5,000 forfeit to match him against Sullivan or double that amount. Jinny Adams, the bookmaker, Warren Lewis, Gus Tuthill, Dave Holland and Madden all figure in the orfeit. They are all sportsmen and each be-leves that Peter is a second Sullivan. He has thus far shown himself to be a hard itter, a fairly good ring tactician and pos-essed of more than average cleverness. Bubbles" Davis, Jim Daly, Jack Lynch, foe Godfrey. "Sailor" Brown, Jack Smith and Jack Fallon were all beaten by Maher in thort order. His performance in Madison

Square Garden—knocking out two men in less Squaro Garden—knocking out two men in less in an two minutes—was a feat which would ave been considered wonderful even if John L. himself accomplished it. It took Peter Jackson three rounds to whip "Sallor" Brown, one of them.

With Ryan and Needham it is largely a question of endurance, as their former meeting was only decided on this point. Needham was in poor condition then, and his hands, a badly bunched set of woapons at any time, were incapable of withstanding the severe punching process Needweapons at any time. were incapable of withstanding the severe punching process Needham would have been compelled to put them through to have won. Tomorrow night, though, Danny will be in elegant fig, if all beperts are true, and as he is one of the elegart ring mechanics in the profesh, I look for him to win. Ryan's former victory over Needham, however, will presumably give him the call, if not a shade the best of it, for it is a rare thing, I have noticed, although it has occurred time and time again, for the conquered to conquer. But Needham has a peerless nut on his shoulders, and it is to this I pin my faith.

The following is the new schedule of The following is the new schedule of weights by which all championship battles hen after must be fought: Bantam-weight class limit, 105 pounds; feather-weight class limit, 115 pounds; special-weight class limit, 125 pounds; light-weight class limit, 135 pounds; middle-weight class limit, 155 pounds; special-weight class limit, 165 pounds, and all over 165 pounds heavy-

Among the Old English Pugilists. NEW YORK, Feb. 23 .- To the Sporting Edftor of THE BEE: Among the numerous big men during the forties who it was thought would or might succeed Caunt and Bendigo, not the least of these as a pugilist was "Nobby" Clarke, who was born in 1822, a fine strapping young fellow about Jim Corbett's size. If height, weight and science were all that was required, "Nobby," who had them all, was a likely man for the champion. He beat Bob Caupt, Big Ben's younger brother, and others with ease. Nothing was known about his pluck, as these men were unable to test his merits. In January, 1846, he togeth Tom Pandock and the account of the full stated that Clarke, who was a model symmetry, had a noticeable superiority in night and reach over the round and ruddy fiedditch man, who, however, not only seemed undismayed, but lost no time in sparring but rattled in right and left. "Nobby" stopped him neatly and let go his left at the head. Paddock bored in and Clarke gripped him and throw him a back

Paddock finding that Clarke was his super-

Gillette said he could sell tickets and the next he teld him be could help him sell them, "I suppose if I stay with you long enough I can lock up the grounds, can't I!" he asked.

"What do you mean!" demanded the man who has since been invited to take a walk out of the presidency.

"Just this," responded Bancroft, "You've and a way to the presidency.

again "oratating;" the referee banded over the waten to a friend, called "time," and de-clared Paddock to be the winner. "The Tip-

tingham and the Nottingham roughs. Early in 1850 the public were startled by Paddock challenging old Bendigo to fight for the

championship. Paddock stated he was not particular where, but would light him in the

center of Nottingham if he liked. Bendigo

center of Nottingham if he liked. Bendigo from his fame was the favorite in the betting at two to one. But he was then getting into years (39). If Paddeck could have restrained his temper he would have won that battle. There were forty-nine rounds altogether, lasting one hour, nearly all in favor of Paddeck; his youth and/determination proved too much for his aged concept, who was forced.

much for his aged opponent, who was forced to get down, though he finally succeeded in winning by a foul blow. "The reporter said Bendlgo quickly found he had caught a Tarter and not a yokel, as he expected." Paddock bounced off his second's knee and went

at him like a ferocious tiger every round; to-wards the last the official account of the mill

stated "that Bendigo came up looking as cunning as an old fox and twice as dangerous;" he was trying to bring his man down to his

weight, but found him a tough job, although Bendy planted some rum ones on burly Tom's nose, he could not stall him off. That

was Bendigo's last fight. He had been in the ring off and on for nearly twenty years. He saw that his day had gone by and was wise enough to retire in time. Although uneducated and quite illiterate, he was readywitted and extremely eccentric in his ways.

He was very quarrelsome in his cups and was often lanued in Nottingham jail for breaking

the peace. When he had reached three score he saw the error of his ways and became a local preacher. His death was caused by an

accident when nearly three score and ten. For a triplet he was an exceedingly muscular one, and must have had an iron constitution. He was one of the hardest hitters in his time.

A monument was placed over his grave in Nottingham cemetery last year, T. C. K.

Tit-Tattle of the Ring.

Editor of THE BEE: Have been intending to

drop you a line these ten days past, but

somehow or other never got at it. Your St.

Paul and Minneapolls friends all want to be

remembered to you. I fight Paddy Cum-

mings of St. Paul in the opera house here

purse. He is a hard man and I think I have a fight on my hands. I fought him a draw in St. Paul a year ago in eight rounds. My object in writing mainly, however, is to tell

you that any match made with Jack Wilkes for me goes. The Dubuquers are dead stuck on Con Doyle, and will probably give me a fight with him if the Wilkes match fails.

Dick Moore.

BURLINGTON, Ia., Feb. 23.-The Sporting

Editor of The Ber: I have just returned from the east. I see by a citpping from The Ber in the Pittsburg Dispatch that I am about to be matched with either Jack Wilkes of St.

Louis or Dick Moore of St. Paul. But it is a mistake. Just now it is impossible for me

to make any arrangements with either party, as I am about to sign articles with Jack Davis of Kelthsburg, Ill., to fight to a finish, \$500 a side and a purse of \$600. Will probably sign to-

day. If this match is not made, then I am prepared to make a match with Jack Wilkes for \$500 a side and reasonable purse.

CHADRON, Neb. Feb. 23 .- To the Sporting

Editor of The Bre: Please correct the report that I am to fight Billy O'Donneil at Sioux City, March 5. They are using my name all along the line, and it is dead wrong. However, if they will arrange it I will fight O'Donnell and let him weigh whatever be

ikes, and bet anywhere from \$100 to \$500

The Streator, Ill., Press says the reason Eddie Meyer did not meet Danny Daly in their much talked of match was on ac-

count of sickness, but the fact is that Brother Billy did not want any of the Chadron boy's

game. Danny is now out with an offer to forfeit \$100 or knock out or stop both Hollywo od and Welch in ten rounds in one ring an 8 on the same night. On Thursday night las Daly knocked out Joe Hand, the Hot Springs champion in nine rounds.

Jack Davis has opened up a new boxing school near the corner of Sixteenth street

and Capitol avenue, and already has quite a large class of young business men. Davis is probably one of the most efficient teachers

of the manly art of self defencein the west.

Colonel William H. Linebarger and Major M. S. Barlow of the Bluffs left for New Or-

leans last evening to take in the Maher-Fitzsimmons and Ryan-Needham fights Monday and Wednesday evenings next. The Ryan-Needham fight comes off Monday night and the Maher-Fitzsimmons Wednes-

New York, Feb. 24.—To the Sporting Editor of The Bee: To those who take an interest in the construction of the human frame, Jem Ward, who was champion of England from 1825 to 1832, and Bob Fitzsummons make an interesting contrast. The latter has a short neck, and shoulders so excession

sively square that he might wear his sus-penders without being crossed. Ward, who was three inches shorter than Fitz, and

whose fighting weight was 175 pounds, had a small head and a bull neck then his shoulders

smail nead and a bull neck then his shoulders sloped gradually down. Under his arm pits his body again sloped down V shape to his waist, below the waistband he again bulged out to his strong loins and wide hips, thick muscular thighs, sturdy calves and rather small feet and hands. His arms were perfect models with every muscle heartifully.

small feet and hands. His arms were per-fect models with every muscle beautifully developed. Bob's hands and wrists are much larger than Ward's were, and bis arms longer, although much smaller above the elbows. For a man of his size Fitz has a well ribbed carcass; it is below the waist,

well ribbed carcass; it is below the waist, particularly his legs, where he saves weight. I see by The Bez he is trying to train up. Ward weighed 210 pounds in his clothes untrained, and was said to have once reached 224 pounds. He was one of those round, deep-chested men who prove much heavier t the scales than they look. Nat Langham gained weight during his training when he fought Caunt, but he had been ill. Red Bob's figure reminds one of O'Baldwin's on a smaller scale.

T. C. C.

How Bancrott Managed Milwaukee,

The whole story of Frank Bancroft's brief

and tempestuous career as an able extra

manager at Milwaukee has finally been re-

vealed, says Ren Mulford. The association

contracted with Mr. Bancroft-not the Cin-

cinnati club at Pendleton-and he went with

the other assets from the East End to Mil-

waukee. The first day he was there Harry

that I defeat him.

HARRY McCOY.

Dunuque, Ia., Feb. 25 .- To the Sporting

got a manager here. You don't need me. I was forced upon you. I'll tell you what I'll do. My contract keeps me here six weeks longer. I'll accept the cash for four and take my release.

President Gillette accepted and when the final parting came "Bannie" got \$100 cash and a check for the balance. "I wish you'd sort o' held that check back and not put it in for a week or so," continued the Milwau-keean.

Manager Bancroft gave his thoughts free

Manager Bancroft gave his thoughts free rein enroute to Chicago and when he stumbled in on President Hart he casually observed, "By the way, Jim, will you cash this check of Milwaukee's!"

"Certainly," responded that worthy, and the bit of paper was swapped for legal tender. Relating the incident, Mr. Bancroft said: "I knew that with that fight on Milwaukee would never show the white feather to Chicago, and rather than have the to Chicago, and rather than have the paper go to protest Colonel Gillette would have sold his shirt."

Good men have given bad paper ere this, but no one has ever shoved any of it upon the new business manager of the Cincinnation.

clared Paddock to be the winner. "The Tipton," who was one of Clarke's seconds, created some amusement by his denunciation of the "Nobby One's" cowardice, and was with difficulty prevented from striking the man he had just been seconding; politely addressing him as a "robber," "cur," "thief," etc., and wound up by declaring that he'd be d—d if he would pay any bets on such a rank —. He had, however, to do so, and the stakes went to Paddock, as of right they were due. The editor of Bell's Life in the remarks said that "the winner was a young, strong, game, country fighter, with a few points, and the loser, Clarke, was his superior in every-King Elmer's Ups and Downs. Ban Johnson of the Cincinnati Commercial-Gazette writes interestingly in the Sporting Life of one of the most popular players who ever figured in the Western association:

said that "the winner was a young, strong, game, country fighter, with a few points, and the loser, Clarke, was his superior in everything but a courageous heart." Nobby afterwards beat Jordan, the Weish champion, in twenty-three minutes, and tackled Paddock a second time the following year (1847), and was again beaten in forty-eight minutes. Paddock, sithough the most punished, won by sheer courage, hardthood and determination. Paddock's father was a small farmer and Tom grew up a sturdy rustic. His complexion was of an unusually florid hue, resembling a winter apple or root beer. His profile was something like John Bright's; the latter, although a peaceful Quaker, had a decidedly pugnacious aspect. He had a strongly marked jaw, mouth and chin, and his short, bull neck and broad, square shoulders gave him a formidable appearance. Caunt and Bendigo had been squanbling on paper ever since their fight in 1845, and Bendeclined to meet him again unless it was nearer London and farther away from Nottingham and the Nottingham roughs. Early Elmer Smith is once more in fast company and I, for one, sincerely hope that he will be able to keep up with the procession. Elmer has accred the biggest success and has proved the greatest failure of any player in the profession today. He joined the Cincinnati club toward the close of the season of '86. He was an unknown quantity at that time and early the following year when Colonel Aaron Stern took the club, he seri-ously thought of releasing him for the reason that he had six pitchers on his pay roll and Eimer was the most unpromising one of the lot. Tony Mullane was the club's mainstay up to the time he flew the track and jumped the team.

Smith was unable to display what merit, if any, there was in him, but with Toby gone Manager Schmelz was forced to shove him in the box. The Reds left on the eastern trip securely anchored in sixth place. When they returned home three weeks later they were in second place, and were close upon the heels of the champion St. Louis Browns. Out of the thirteen games played the Reds won eleven, and Elmer pitched in ten of the victorious games. He was the hero of the hour, and a band of music, together with about 500 cranks, celebrated his return to the Queen city. Prosperity was too much for the great

city. Prosperity was too much for the great pitcher, and he proceeded to giorify himself. The St. Louis Browns were the Reds' opponents. It was a Sunday game, and over 10,000 people flooded the grrounds. "King" Eimer was in the points, but he had lost all his cunning and skill, and what a slaughter it was. Elmer had a season off in '88, for he proved a miserable failure, and lost game after game. It resulted in his release, and the year following he drifted to Kansas City and won the peunant for the Cowboys. He fell down again last year and failed to win a game he pitched. In the Kansas City club he was afforded an opportunity to play an outfield position when he was not emploped in the box. sition when he was not emploped in the box and he soon developed into one of the hard-est hitters in the Western league. He is n first class fielder, thrower, good base runner, and there is no reason that I can assign for his not filling acceptably an outfield position with the Pittsburg club should be prove a failure as a pitcher. This is his season, how-ever, to pitch winning ball, and should be rival any of his past records the Pirates will be dangerous foemen in next season's tight

The First Batch of Players, President Jimmy Williams of the Western league has submitted the following list of players signed to the players committee, which has approved the contracts: Pitchers-Vickery, Griffith, Ferden, Eitel-

Bishop, Arthur Clarkson, R. L. Hart, Wadsworth, Vining, Madden, McNabb, Pears, Payne, Swartzei, Sullivan and John Catchers-Quinn, Berger, Lake, Baldwin, Darling, Bowman, Ivory, Newman, Sage,

org, Dewald, Frank Cunningham, Cassian,

First Basemen-Farrar, Fields, Campion Billy O'Brien, McQuirk, Motz, Carney, Breckinridge. Second Basemen-Smith, Ward, Nichol-

son, Eagle, Hattield. Third Basemen-Alvord, Carpenter, Laroque, Roat, Mayer, O'Rourke, Fleiders—Beecher, Friel, Gilks, Gettinger, Letcher, Farmer, Pettz, Polhomus, Hozrie-

ver.
The committee rejected Jersey, Bakeley, Bastian, Marr, Phillips and others for daink

ing and other faults.

By the above it will be seen that the Western is in a fair way to secure many of the players who last season stood way up in the American association circles. The intention of the committee as evinced above, to get rid of lushers and insubordinates will be wet come news to all honorable patrons of the glaring drawback, has always been a lack of of team system, due to incompetent munage-ment. But this season, under the new order of things, so much devolves upon the manager, that an entirely newstandard of morals is confidently expected. It will be skillful management that wins in the long run in this circuit this year, and managers mig well prepare themselves for the ordeal.

The Summer's Trotting Program. At the meeting of the Tekamah Driving association, the following program of races was decided upon for June 15, 16 and 17 .was decided upon for June 15, 15 and 17.—
First day, 3-minute class, 3 in 5, \$200; 2:33 trot, 3 in 5, \$200; 3 mile and repeat, running, \$100. Second day, 2-year-old trot, 2 in 3, \$200; free for all pace, 3 in 5, \$200; 3-year-old trot, 3 in 5, \$200; 1 mile novelty, \$25 at every quarter, \$100. Third day, 2:45 trot, 3 in 5, \$250; free for all trot. \$300; one mile and repeat, running, \$200.

The Lyons Driving Park association will give a meeting over its famous kite-shape track on June 22, 23 and 24, and September 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10. At the June meeting the fol-

fowing purses will be given:
Wednesday, June 22nd, trotting, 2:55
class, purse \$300; running, five-eight dash, 2 year olds, purse \$150; trotting, 2:26 class, purse \$500; running, one-half mile heats, purse \$200. Thursday, June 23rd, trotting, 2:40 class, purse \$300; running, three-fourth mile dash, purse \$200; pacing, free for all. purse \$400; running, three-fourth mile heats. ourse \$300. Friday, June 24th, trotting, year-olds, purse \$200; running, mile dash, purse \$200; trotting, free for all, purse \$400; unning, mile heats, purse \$300.

The Silver City Driving Park association

will hold their summer meeting July 4 and 5, entries to close may 18. The program:
First day, July 4, No. 1, 3:00 class, trotting, purse \$400; No. 2, 2:35 class, trotting, purse \$400; No. 3, 2:25 class, trotting, purse \$400; No. 4, running race, half mile dash, purse \$75; second day, July 5, No. 5, colt race, two-year-old colt race, for green colts, best two in three, mile heats, trotting, purse \$200; No. 6, mixed race, trotting and pacing, for county mixed race, trotting and pacing, for county horses eligible to 2:50 class, purse \$200; No. 7, 7:30 class, trotting purse \$400; No. 8, 2:50 class, trotting, purse \$400; No. 9, free-for-all class, trotting, purse \$400; No. 10, running race, three-quarter mile dash, \$100.

Dad and His Little Pen-Oswego, N. Y., Feb. 22 .- To the Sporting

Editor of THE BEE-Friend Sandy: What is the base ball outlook in Omaha-have you organized yet! Would like to hear from you as to the state of affairs in your bailiwick. What have the deserters done-have any of them caught on with any of the city leagues yet? The days of bluff are over with the ball player. Once he was a dandy, but you know what he is today, a big full blown rosette!

I am in the best possible condition—was never fatter in my life. The rest I have had since the trouble in Omaba has done me more good than the money I would have earned in the same time. President Williams earned in the same time. President Williams of Columbus, sent me a circular to fill out. I did so, but have received no reply; begin to think I am counted out. If I play in the Western league again I would prefer Omaha, but did not say so to Williams, but think my terms were too high anyway. Anything you can do for me will be kindly appreciated. Let me hear from you anyway.

W. H. Clank, "Dad,"

The Word with the Bark On. Through the Ohio State Journal President Williams of the Western league seeks to ease the anxiety of hundreds of base ball players

who are plying him with weeless letters of inquiry by the following maintesto:

First-We do not pay any advance money First—We do not pay any advance money to anybody.

Second—Our salary limit; \$\frac{1}{2},2000 \text{ per annum of club of twelve men, an average of \$\frac{1}{2},000 \text{ per man.} Of course some will get less. But it ought to no plain enough to anybody that we cannot afford to pay any \$\frac{1}{2},000, \$\frac{1}{2},800 \text{ and \$\frac{1}{2},000 \text{ salaries.}}\$

Third—All players applying for positions in our league should give reasonable figures if they want their propositions to be consid-

if they want their propositions to be considered. We cannot and will not exceed our

Fourth—We want only first class men and all amateurs and jobscure minor league players will save postage by not applying. How the Blg Teams Stand.

According to Clarence Dow, a well known known base ball statistician, the teams in the big league stand thus in batting and fielding TEAM BATTING AVERAGES.

TEAM BATTING AVELAGES

New York 277 8. Cleveland Boston 271 9. Chicago
Washington 270 10. Baltimore Louisville 370 11. St. Louis
Pittsburg 367 12. Cincinnati... TRAM FIREDING AVERAGES. St. Louis 949 7. Philadelphia 959
2. Washington 949 8. Louisville 939
4. Chloago 946 9. Cleverand 688
5. Cincinnati 945 19. Boston 937
5. Brooklyn 945 11. New York 93
6. Pittsburg 944 12. Baltimore 945

The Sporting Life Says This. The Western loague is organized upon new

lines and it should be given a fair opportunity to test the merit or demerit of the Sporting Life Millennium plan theories. On paper it looks like an unqualified success, but only time can tell the story. Let the big league keep its hands off the infant and give it a chance to grow and prosper. If it succeeds there may be-in fact, surely will be-good points worthy of adoption by the big league. If it fails the league will have nothing with which to reproach itself, either as regards the Western league or the other m leagues which are being reorganized similar lines to the progressive Western

At the Loup Kennels. C. P. Hubbard, the well known proprietor of the Loup Kennels at Broken Bow, made the sporting editor a call on Wednesday last, but unfortunately for the s. p. he was at home nursing the grip and Girard Griswold, jr. Mr. Hubbard has just purchased the imported Irish setter bitch Stella IV., by Beaconsfield out of Alma, bred by Captain Eccles, Dublin, Ireland, imported by George H. Covert, Chicago. Stella was bred on the 20th to Champion Dick Swivetler, champion Irish setter of America. Mr. H. also added to his kennels recently two other magnificent dogs, Irish setters, of the Champion Electric

The Kennel Club's Official Roster. OMAHA, Feb. 26 .- To the Sporting Editor of THE BEE: At a meeting of the Omaha Kennel club held February 23, a board of directors for the ensuing year was elected as

follows: John T. Evans, president; J. C. Morrison, vice president; W. F. Cadogan, secretary; C. W. Waterman, treasurer; E. L. Marston, W. E. Nason, J. H. Short, H. B. Kennedy, Charles Frenzer,

The Gabble of the Amateur. The state league will be a suppess. Bentrice is the best drawing town in the

Patterson (colored) is a fayorite in Fre W. A. Lockwood played short for Norfolk

Shanahan, as usual, will play short for the Nonpareils. Sam McAuliffo is the surest hitter in the Nonpareil team. Buck Adams, cutfielder, may make terms with Bentrice.

Plattsmouth has her eyes ou Sam Patteron for manager.

Billie Buiger is a good shore stop and can be addressed at Akron, Colo, Lan Dan Linghan would make a good umpire

for the proposed state league. Lee Pond is wintering in West Liberty, In. He is a fine second baseman. Jerry Edinger is getting out some new stuff to use on the coaching lines.

Jellen is a promising young pitcher and nay pitch for some minor league this season. Housworth will probably manage the Lin-This will insure the Capital City first class ball.

There are no less than four managers after George Taylor, but he will probably sign W. A. Rourke, Omaha's old third baseman will probably hold the reins over the Grand

Island aggregation. Kid Stoney, second baseman of last year's Hot Springs team, is one of the best men on ground balls in the business.

Sam Patterson thinks he can put in a winner for Pistsmouth. He may not be mistaken but some people think so. First Baseman Melrose is manager of a well known Farnam street turkish bath es-tablishment and is in fine shape.

Snyder has the making of a good twirler as he has good curves and plenty of speed. He will be found with the Cranes this season Mike Shanahon is getting the Nonpareils in shape at their gymuasium on South Thir-teenth street. They will open up the ball in March with a strong picked nine. S. C. Coman will get the Fremont team

together early and play exhibition games with the Omaha amateur teams. Fremont nterests will be well taken care of by coman. Beatrice will make no mistake in giving

H. Gatewood the management of her team He has all the requirements of a good manager and is well posted on minor league players, besides being a great hustier. He would land Beatrice on the top of the heap if anybody could. G. W. Castone is in correspondence with

part of the famous Cuban Giants of New York, and with part of the Lincoln Giants he could put in a team second to none. Kearney, Norfolk, or some other good town would do well to secure Mr. Castone, as he is well up u the business.

Some good man could get Hastings in line and do well up there. Hastings is a first class ball town, but her former manager, Roher, can't take hold as his growing busi-ness will not permit. Tom Morrissey, first paseman of last year's Sloux City te Billy La Van of Los Angeles, would make a good man for the work.

Good, hard rustling is bearing fruit. The following cities will be represented at the Capital hotel March I at Lincoln to organize the state league: Beatrice, Fremont, Grand Island, Norfolk, Platismouth, Lincoln and possibly Hastings and Kearney. Mr. Housworth of Lincoln is corresponding with the different delegates of the cities named and all are very enthusiastic over the prospect of a league.

Miscellaneous Local Sports. Messrs, Claffin and Riley have returned from a fishing expedition to Clear Lake, near Lyons. They caught a big creel of pickerel. Mallard ducks, probably shot south of here, have begun to come into the market. Goese have been flying over in large numbers and all the shooters are getting the fever bad. E. D. Fulford has sent an advance agent to Chicago to take a peep at the shooting parks there before accepting any of the numerous challenges addressed to him. If he makes a match with Kleinman Frank Parmelee will go over to see the race. 1 1887

ARAPANOE, Feb. 12.—To the Sporting Editor of The Bee: Picaso decide the Sporting Editor of The Bee: Picaso decide the following in the sporting column of next Sundays. In a four-handed game of high-five A and B have 43. C and D 59. A bids It and gets the deal. A leads the acc of trumps and gets one five with it. Then A leads low, to which D plays a tive, which is taken by B quick. So A and B make 12. C and D make jack and game. Who wins the game?—Commercial Hotel.

Ans.—Same old horse chestout. C and D win.

win.

SOUTH OMAHA, Neb. Feb. 10.-To the Sporting Editor of The Bee: To dec de a bet will you please state in your Sinday sporting columns of your valuable paper the are and height of Mr. De Wolf Hopper?--Whang. Ans. -6 feet 2. About 29.

RED OAK, In., Fub. 19.-To the Sporting Editor of The Bee: Please let me know in next Sanday's Bee if J. B. Hickok (Wild Bill) was the quickest and most accurate pistol shot in his day, or was his record beaten by any one?—Dead Shot. Ans. - He was a fine shot; that was all. CHEROKEE, Ia., Feb. 22.—To the Sporting Editor of The Bee: Please answer the follow-ing question in The SUNDAY BEE: From which



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Ans.—A rifle.

Avoca, Ia., Feb. 22.—To the Sporting Editor of Tark line: Will you kindly tell me by return mail, if in procressive high five, the head tables play a game of 52 points, or if any number of points not exceeding 52. Is called game? It seeminally would consume so much time to play the 52 points that progress would not be very marked.—Mrs. A. C. Ji.

Ans.—The host or hostess can very propared deside the number of points to consti.

erly decide the number of points to consti-tute the game. It must not necessarily be 52. OMARA. Feb. 24. To the Sporting Editor of The Bre: Please give in Sunday's Bre the dif-ferent "poker" hands in the order they come,

The hards at poler may be numbered as follows: (i) It contains no pair, straight or sequence, and is not worth drawing to for any reason; sometimes called a "kilter." It contains an ace, and may be worth of ing to for that reason. (3) It contains a "bobtail" flush or straight, i. e., four cards of the same suit, or a four sequence of differ ent suits. (3) It contains one pair. (5) It contains two pairs. (6) It contains three of a kind. (7) It contains a straight. (8) It contains a flush. (9) It contains a fuil. (10) it contains fours. (11) It contains a straight

OMAHA, Feb. 25 - To the Sporting Editor of THE BEE: To decide a bet please answer in Sunday's BEE: A and B are playing C and D high five. A bets C that A and B will win the next game. D refuses to play, saying that if game is not played that A will lose, and A claims that the game not being played he can-Ans. - The bet don't go.

OMAHA, Neb., Feb. 23.—To the Sporting Edi-tor of The Ber: To dec de a wager please an-swer in next Sunday's Ber: Is the prohibition law of Iowa a constitutional law or statu-tory, and oblige a constant reader?—M. A. F. Ans. - Statutory.

Ans.—Statutory.
GOTHENBURG. Neb., Feb. 20.—To the Sporting
Editor of The Beg: Pieuse state in The SunDAY Beg what brewing company manufactures the most boar in the United States and
employs the most men, and oblige a constant
render?—M. T.
Ans.—Angeliser, Rusch Ans. -Anneuser-Busch.

OMAHA. Feb. 24.—To the Sporting Editor of THE BEE: Will you kindly advise me through the columns of THE SUNDAY BEE who is the proprietor of Boyd's new opera house, whether James E. Boyd or a stock company, and if the latter, who owns the majority of the stock?—

Ans. -J. E. Boyd, sole proprietor. Ans.—S. E. Boyd, sole properting.

OAR, Neb., Feb. 23.—To the Sporting Editor of The Bre: Would like to know which is most used by sportsmen, the Schultze or Wood powder; also how much is used for an ordinary load of either? Answer in SUNDAY BRE.—CHARLES M. FEBRE.

Ans.—Schultze. Measure your charge of Schultze are towards below more or the second of the second or the second of the second or the second of the second or the second or the second of the second of the second or the second of the second or the second of the second of

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PAPILLION, Neb., Feb. 25.--To the Sporting Editor of The Bee: Pease answer the following in The Suppay Bee: In a 2:40 trotting stake race, nomination to be made July I, race to be trotted in September, if a horse has a record of 2:45 at the time of his nomination, and should lower it to 2:35 before this stake-race comes off, could be start in this race? I claim he can.--J. W. Beadle.

Ans.—You are correct. Ans,-You are correct.

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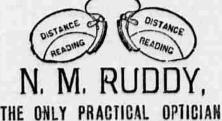
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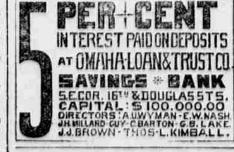
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