

BOSSBY A BIG COMBINE

Affairs of the New National League Controlled by a Powerful Ring.

FOUR AMERICAN PRESIDENTS ARE IN IT

Von der Ahe, Brush, Phelps and Byrne Run the Machine—Roadster Club Affairs—Tug of War Contest—Other Sports.

New York, April 4.—The Boston base ball correspondent of a morning newspaper sends this to his paper: "It will be remembered of a startling nature to the base ball world that the new big twelve club league was organized by a combine that four votes absolutely carries the day in all its present actions, that the four oldest league clubs are helpless under the feet of the American association element, and that they are likely to remain there. The formation of this combine took place in Indianapolis and other western cities before the recent consolidation was made. It was part of the agreement whereby the Louisville, St. Louis and Athletics were won over. The combination comprises the clubs from St. Louis, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Louisville, Washington and Baltimore.

"This combination votes as a whole on all important questions and also in the election of officers. It actually controls the votes. Four votes out of the seven it agreed will govern, and so four clubs by the same agreement or compact can control and, in one case at least, has actually controlled the new league legislation. Von der Ahe, Phelps, Byrne and Brush formed a new combination within the combination after the Indianapolis meeting. They secured agreed to stand together as a unit on all important issues. Any three of the four agreeing shall control the fourth, and those four, in turn, shall control the seventh, and the seventh, in turn, shall control the other three, thus, Von der Ahe, Phelps, Byrne and Brush have the twelve club league by a threat, and whenever any of the four agree to prevent a measure carrying or introduce a wrong measure, it may be considered as done. The first vote in favor of the election, Ever since President Young has been very subservient to the interests of the four club combination, and he has never, however, at the present time only a council of four."

St. Louis, Mo., April 4.—The story of a base ball combine operating over the country today finds no confirmation here. President Von der Ahe, charged with being one of the chief conspirators, said that the newspaper fabricator had no absolutely no foundation for it. There may be a little jealousy, but that does not amount to anything.

"What do they mean by referring to things that have happened since the Indianapolis meeting?" "I guess they mean the organization of the committees and other work, done with a perfect understanding on all sides."

ROADSTER CLUB AFFAIRS.

Four Tracks Under Consideration—New Members. An enthusiastic meeting of the Gentlemen's Roadster club was held last night at the Millard hotel. The attendance was large and much interest was manifested in this spring and summer drives. President Richard Smith was in the chair.

The committee to which had been referred the matter of securing a track, reported that it had made no progress since the last meeting—a week ago—in making arrangements with the East Omaha people, the Council Bluffs park, the Sherman avenue fair grounds or Chickering grove. H. E. Burkett first time he was asked if he would make a contract with Thompson, who has charge of the fair grounds, agreeing to pay him \$1 per capita of the club's membership.

The by-laws and constitution committee was not prepared to report and was granted further time.

The following names were presented for membership in the club and were favorably acted upon: Fred Nash, Charles Sutphen, E. T. Wilbur, Wm. A. Arnold, Wm. B. Bredford, George W. Ames, G. L. Griswold, J. W. Paul, Andy Murphy and R. O. Becken.

Great Promise from Ponca. Ponca, Neb., April 4.—(Special to The Bee.)—The Driving association of this city is already making active preparations for some of the finest exhibitions of speed during the coming season ever witnessed in Nebraska. The mile track owned by the association was first offered for the first time to the consideration of horsemen less than a year ago. Owing to its recent construction the track was not at that time in as good condition as the directors had expected to have it. But nevertheless it was pronounced one of the finest courses in the state, if not in the entire country. The soil is perfect for the ground, and the drainage is throughout its entire extent. The track is now being put in the best possible condition; all the buildings are being enlarged and moved to the most suitable part of the grounds, and everything done that can add to the satisfaction of horsemen and the visiting public. The season will open on the 15th of July, and will be in full swing on the 1st of August. The association a committee was appointed to confer with the Nebraska association of Trotting Horse Owners and offered for the first time to the consideration of horsemen less than a year ago. Owing to its recent construction the track was not at that time in as good condition as the directors had expected to have it. But nevertheless it was pronounced one of the finest courses in the state, if not in the entire country.

Results at Gloucester. Gloucester, N. J., April 4.—Weather clear. Track fast. First race, six and one-fourth furlongs, selling. Rita won, Ketchikan second, J. H. third, Garwood, Majella and Todd third. Time: 1:22. Second race, seven-eighths of a mile, 2-year-old maidens. Little Madam Colt won, Little second, Athlete Ely (the favorite) third, Lost Stars third. Time: 1:45. Third race, one mile, selling. Each the favorite, won Gardner second, Illian third, Plouffe third. Time: 1:18. Fourth race, three-quarters of a mile, selling. Guard won, Dickens second, A O H third, Little Queen third. Time: 1:18. Fifth race, one mile, selling. John Lockland won, Young Lottery second, Vance third, Count-Me-In and Cesar third. Time: 1:20. Sixth race, seven furlongs. Inferno won, Crisp second, Pearl set third. Time: 1:24.

Horse Sale at Beatrice. Beatrice, Neb., April 4.—(Special Tele-

gram to The Bee.)—The Falton and Trecoil combination sale of light roadsters and standard bred trotters began here today with a large attendance of out town bidders. The horses, however, are being sold from Iowa, Kansas, Illinois, Colorado and Missouri. The sales this afternoon were of light roadsters and generally inferior horses. The best sale of the afternoon was for \$250. The sale will be continued tomorrow, at which time a number of finer bred standard trotters will be offered for \$250. The sale will be unfavorable to induce much spirited bidding. A number of very promising young sters will be put on the block to-morrow.

Here are some of the good things offered by the cards for today:

- 1. Harrison—Contest. 2. Mahello—Lovelier. 3. Topeka—Fenelon. 4. Halpern—Book. 5. Belle Ode—Pisa Ode. 6. Frany—Ely.

New Orleans Racing. New Orleans, La., April 4.—Another day of cloudy weather cut down the attendance at the spring meeting today: 1. Time: 1:24. 2. Time: 1:24. 3. Time: 1:24. 4. Time: 1:24. 5. Time: 1:24. 6. Time: 1:24.

W. H. Watkins Locates Here. W. H. Watkins, who was manager of the famous Detroit team that it won the National league pennant, afterwards with Kansas City and St. Paul, but now connected with the Turner-Frazier Mercantile company, has located in his permanent residence in this city. Mr. Watkins is probably one of the best known base ball men in the country, and though out of the business has been a constant devotee of the great game, and keeps thoroughly posted as to its progress. He will be a roster for Omaha this summer.

Canavan Goes to Chicago. Louisville, Ky., April 4.—A dent between the Louisville and Chicago big magnates has been made and a contract is being negotiated in this city. Mr. Canavan is probably one of the best known base ball men in the country, and though out of the business has been a constant devotee of the great game, and keeps thoroughly posted as to its progress. He will be a roster for Omaha this summer.

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FREE POWERS AND SHARES

Without taking a vote upon Mr. Burrows' amendment, the committee rose and the house adjourned.

IN THE SENATE.

Mr. Morgan's Resolutions Discussed—Sen. Morgan's resolutions on the silver question were taken up in the senate today. Mr. Morgan expressed a willingness to let them go over until tomorrow, so as not to stand in the way of the Indian appropriation bill. Finally, after some minutes debate, the bill in question is commended to the committee on foreign affairs, and will be reported tomorrow. Mr. Morgan's resolutions were taken up in the senate today. Mr. Morgan expressed a willingness to let them go over until tomorrow, so as not to stand in the way of the Indian appropriation bill. Finally, after some minutes debate, the bill in question is commended to the committee on foreign affairs, and will be reported tomorrow.

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TO BUY SENATORIAL VOTES

Interesting Testimony of a Lobbyist Concerning the Last Legislature.

HE FAILED TO GET HIS SHARE OF BOODLE

Now a Lincoln City is Asked to Compete His Alleged Complicity in the Deal to Divide the Proceeds

Lincoln, Neb., April 4.—(Special Telegram to The Bee.)—The preliminary examination of Farmer Spork of Ulysses, charged with embezzlement of \$2,350 from A. W. Behm, was commenced before Judge Foxworthy this afternoon. The parties concerned were lobbyists before the last legislature and the particular piece of work in hand was the defeat of the famous "concurrent resolution No. 9."

Attorney Woodward in stating the case before Judge Foxworthy this afternoon said he proposed to prove that Spork and Behm had, in February, 1891, entered into a compact to buy five senatorial votes against the joint resolution for taking away the existing laws on the subject of officers, they got \$3,000. Robert Dorgan of Lincoln was to handle the cash, which was contributed by the lobbyist, that Spork paid \$2,000 from the Capital National bank at 6 o'clock the evening of February 13, but left without dividing it.

Behm, the complaining witness, was put on the stand. His testimony was to the effect that he and Spork had agreed to turn over enough votes to defeat the resolution by the senate by the time the legislature was made at room 24, Capitol hotel. They were to divide \$3,000 between them. On the way to the hotel, Spork immediately returned to his home in Ulysses. As soon as Behm discovered that Spork had received money to buy the votes, he immediately telegraphed having received a cent from Dorgan. Behm then returned to Lincoln and saw Dorgan, who declared that he not only had paid Spork, but had the balance of the \$3,000 ready to pay over.

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BY RAINS AND HIGH WATER

It turned to snow and continued all day with a strong wind, giving it the appearance of a blizzard, and shows no signs of stopping. The snow is very deep and fell to the depth of over five inches. The first train from the east since the morning of the 1st inst. passed today. There was no snow all here, but will reach the Nebraska coast, and all was calm until today.

Cold in Colorado.

Denver, Colo., April 4.—A News special from Julesburg, Colo., says: Charles Rosen, P. J. Gerhart and Joseph Cloe, together with Rosenquist's two daughters, have been temporarily living in a barn, awaiting the completion of their new house, which they have built on the site of the barn here. At 3 o'clock this morning a heavy wind blew the barn over, carrying it clear off the ground for a distance of fifty feet, and as the barn fell, it first struck the east side of the barn, and then the west side. The train from the east since the morning of the 1st inst. passed today. There was no snow all here, but will reach the Nebraska coast, and all was calm until today.

High Winds and Water.

Little Rock, Ark., April 4.—A severe wind and rain storm swept over eastern and western Arkansas today doing much damage to buildings and crops. At Pinn Bluff the building in Citizens' park was demolished, and so was the colored Methodist church. In the Arkansas valley, thousands of feet of water were uprooted and several farm houses destroyed. H. Hilbert's house at Carlisle was blown away. In Franklin county, on the Little Rock and Fort Smith railroad, is over its banks. Portions of the railway track have been washed away and no trains are running today. A high wind upset the boat and all were drowned.

Expected a Cyclone.

Ottawa, Ia., April 4.—There is great anxiety manifested here tonight over the fact that the people are fearful of a cyclone. The Milwaukee officials had orders from Kansas City to look eleven watches, close all box cars, secure them firmly and set all brakes, as the weather bureau predicted a cyclone. A stiff gale adds to the alarm.

Investigating the "Sweater" System.

Chicago, Ill., April 4.—The congressional committee investigating the "sweater" system in the cotton industry began work here today. Its members visited a number of places where cigars are given out to be made in tenement houses and made to be made by the "sweaters." The committee will investigate the "sweater" system in the cotton industry.

Fatal Fire at Leadville.

Leadville, Colo., April 4.—A fire attended by fatal results occurred here yesterday. Five men of Leadville, eleven watches, close all box cars, secure them firmly and set all brakes, as the weather bureau predicted a cyclone. A stiff gale adds to the alarm.

Local Deaths.

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Hot County Republicans Delighted.

O'Neill, Neb., April 4.—(Special Telegram to The Bee.)—Judge Bartow's decision in the case of Scott against the board of supervisors was handed down in writing last night. The decision is in perfect harmony with the hopes of the Republicans in the county. The decision is in perfect harmony with the hopes of the Republicans in the county.

No Satisfaction for Farmers.

Blair Springs, Neb., April 4.—(Special Telegram to The Bee.)—Disaffection is growing among the farmers of Blair county. The farmers are dissatisfied with the action of the county board of supervisors. The farmers are dissatisfied with the action of the county board of supervisors.

Heavy Damages Demanded.

DAKOTA CITY, Neb., April 4.—(Special Telegram to The Bee.)—The case against John Alberts who was arrested last week on a complaint sworn out by Perry and Brooks, is now being heard today by Judge Foxworthy. The case is now being heard today by Judge Foxworthy.

Sarpy County Litigation.

PALMERS, Neb., April 4.—(Special Telegram to The Bee.)—District court for Sarpy county opened here today with Judge Scott