MAY'S FIRST GUST OF SPORT

A Glorious Day Among the Jacks Out on the Loup.

FORTUNES OF AN OLD OMAHA NEWSBOY

Big Budge of Horse and Base Ball News - The Whisperings of the Wheel-Pugilistics and Questions Answered.



VEN if the ducks are about gone, the jacks have arrived at last, and for the next two weeks fine sport may be had on most any of the favorite grounds within a radius of fifty miles. The birds were a little backward in getting her this spring on account of the nu mercus cold rains but now, that the

on Jeff weather has evidentily settied for good, they have come on Their stry will be short, and unners should improve the first opportunity

Jack Merrison and the writer were out o the Letp, Friday, and put in a royal day with the precious little scolopax. There are fine grounds here probably as good as any in the state. A low lying meadowland, stretching away down the beautiful valley for miles, forms an attractive feeding ground for the birds, and when found anywhere, they are found here.

The soil is loamy, black and rich, with thick-ets of wild rose, flags and moose grass all over it Hundreds of trickling rills cut their way in and out, up and down and across this choice tit of territory, not only for the jucks, but for song birds of all kinds, the red-winged blackbird, the jay, robbin, tanniger and blue bird have long made this their

 pring rendezvous, Jack and I reached the vicinity of the grounds early in the morning, and after seeing to the ric, and getting the right bearings from our host, we started in with Pan, Morrison's red setter, cavorting around us.

Once within the oozy land Jack ordered
Fan to go about her business, and she did.

I can't see much use of a dog for snipe shooting, at any rate when the birds are fairly prentiful, but on this occasion we were a bit doubtful whether we would find any or not, and Jack was envious to to try his new dog. However, they never came amiss in assisting in recovering the killed, and of course no objection could be made, A dead supe-air old hunters will bear me out-is about as hard a thing to find, especially on a reedy, grassy ground, as any game bird that can be mentioned. Without a dog, the utmost care must be exercised in marking down, and they should be retrieved at the earliest possible moment, as the homogeneousness between a well-ordered sulpe ground and the plumage of the tird is nder and a perplexity aiways. ·Hie on.

The sieck setter looked back over her shoulder, up into our faces for just a moment, then as Jack raised his hand, she bounded off with an eager whine, soon slowing to a quick walk, her nose up, her nestrils dilating and her tail going at a rate that plainly teld that the morning air was tainted with a welcome odor. Completing a circle she returned and, glancing up at Jack, said as plain as words;

"There's no jacks here." She was waved off the second time, and vaniting the conical tussocks and splasning with her velvet feet in the brack-ish pools, she was soon harder at work than ever. Guigerly she moved here and there poking her nose among the prickly rose bushes, searching grassy crypts and recay caveres, and snifting over the ground setermined to let no scent, however faint,

What a picture she made. It is one that never fails to send the sportsman's blood coursing and tingling through his veins. Suddenly, Jack and I had just pulled our bered feet from out a little larger mire than usual, we noticed a resilient movement on the part of the dog. The next moment she was as immobile as if chiseled out of stone. Her eyes were wide open and her red nos-trils expanded to their fullest, and pointing straight into a little flaggy, tangled swail.
"There they are!" laconically proclaimed Morrison, and the sound of his voice seemed to shatter the spell that lay over the scene. "Skeap! skeap! skeap!" and up from those reedy recesses, here, there, and all about us, it seemed, flushed a full score of jacks, the little white and brown sprites darting. twisting and convoluting in the dazzling surshine like so many fleeting shad-ows, and although much flustrated

at their sudden flushing, we both got in both barrels and downed three birds. Fan found them all, but she would not retrieve, and we had to gather them ourselves. She would stand beside the bird until we reached her, then she was off. "We are in for some shooting, after ail," remarked, as we stopped a moment to look

The birds had evidently enjoyad a hearty breaklast, and instead of rising high in the pir and circling, they had dropped all about us, in the low, scranny undergrowth and weedy sloughs A yelp had steaded Fan and she stood crouching and trembing, gazing back at us with a wistful look in her big intelligent eyes.

Jack bade her on, and we were soon in the midst of the liveliest sort of work. It was a regal morning and the picturesque-ness of the scene was such that no artist could hope to reproduce. So romantic, so refreshing, so exhibitating. But what can beat a fine spring morning on a good snipe

Fan was quickly on a stand and we moved cautiously up to her. "Skeap!" that was a bird from almost under Jack's rubber boot. But he didn't get far. My good old LeFever was too quick for bim.

Instantly, upon the crack of my gun, there was another flurry of birds, and we grassed two more. Unfortunately, we both shot at one bird, the last time, and when I picked him up he was riddled in such a way as to renderhim useless, and he was cast aside A few steps further and two birds got up and both got away, not, however, until Jack and I had both emptied our pieces at them. Nobody need be ashamed of missing an occasional snipe, no matter how slucgish or

how well they may lay.

Funny things happen afield, as was quickly exemplified in our case, for the next moment Morrison made a cracking double and soon

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"There she is, Jack," I called as Fan once more, for about the touth time, poised herself into a statue of living beauty. "You shoot," replied Jack, "and I'll take the rest."

The next moment, with that sharp, plaintive little cry the bird was up, and so was my gun. A buff of saure smoke, a ringing report, and the frantically gyrating gallinago plunges dead into the mud.

plunges dead into the muc Crack! creck! echoes Morrison's gun, and so the sport went on.

In time we got the birds pretty wild, and they flushed at they they flushed at long range, flew further and were less easily to bag. Fan's vocation was about gone, for whenever she ventured more

hundred yards away she would hidden by the interventing puckerbrush, the moving flags, grass and weeds, and Jack and I were depending as much on our own efforts to jump the birds, as we were on her fluding them for us. In the order of this bunt, we finally separated, I beating down an inviting slough, while Jack went up. The water, only patches showing here and there, midst the

sear spiatter-dock and fluffy weeds, glistened like barnished silver, and as I plodded on, I kept my eyes open for a rising teal or some belated old hen mailard, and correct were my suspicions for I hand't gotter more than suspicions for I hadn't gotten more than 200 yards from Jack before four blue wings leaped into the sir from a patch of broken down gave them both barrels, but was disappointed

at only stopping one bird. What were my feelings, when I saw the three remaining birds fly directly over Morthree let go and come tumbling down. however, managed to scep awing just above the growth of grass and weeds, and led Jack a weary chase, before he got in the deciding

I waited until he had returned and secured the other two, then started on again.

Well, we hunted and shot all morning,

meeting at a point not over twenty yards from the point we started in at a little after 12 o'clock. Our coat pockets were building with birds, and being tired and hungry, we repaired without further ceremony to the house. The dinner, with a couple of bottles of Krug's caoinet on the

side, we got away with, made the farm hands stand aghast. By 3:30 we were in the marsh again, and exactly the same spot where she had not the birds in the morning. Fan located them again.

They were wild and all flushed at once, whicking off in all directions, and high in the air, circled and circled until they were more specs against the overarching blue. Here they darted, whirled and flut tered in most erratic light, until we grow thed of waiting to mark them down. All about us in the mucky soll, we saw where the birds had been boring for angle

worms and grubs, and from the maras left, one would have thought hundreds of them had been feeding there.

While we had abundant sport in the afterneon, our bag footed up considerable one-half less than that of the morning. But we got what we went after, a day's healtful outing, and a mess of the rarest and mest icious of all feathered game, the royal

Fortunes of an Omaka Newsboy, William A. Brady, the well known theatrical manager and the backer of Jim Corbett, was once "stranded" in Omaha. It was about the winter of 1880-31, and Brady was then a young gid of perhaps 15 or 16 years of age. His folks having died in New York city his uncle and guardian decided to send him to San Francisco, where some of his reiatives lived. He was accordingly furnished with a ticket and sufficient money to see him through. On the train coming west from Chicago he formed the acquaintance of a clover gentleman, also going to 'Frisco. They had a very pleasant time en route, but telore reaching Omaha his friend disap-peared, and later he discovered that his ticket and all his money had also taken flight. In fact young Brady had had his eye teeth cut. He had been taken in by a snapper of the Canada Bill stripe, and he landed to Onata deat broke. He soon showed his hustling qualities by getting an engagement on the old Herald as a newsboy and imme diately achieved a success heretofore unheard of in this profession in Omaha. He saved his money and was on the high road to for tune when his roommate, a newspaper man named Jerome, then managing editor of the Heraid, "bliked" him outrageously and he was in the soup again. Nothing daunted, however, he started out with his papers again and soon realized enough to only a tractet to San Francisco, where he landed the following spring. After "supeing" at the old California theater, then conducted by Bartley Campbell, for a time, his bright countenance and activity attracted the attention of the stage manager, who put him in as call boy of the theater. This was the commencement of his theatrical career. Five year later he started out from 'Frisco with a company in a dramatization of "She," and won immediate success. He has now four or five companies on the road, be sides being interested in a number of other theatrical and amusement enterprises. The Omaha newsboy of a few years ago is rapidly getting to the front as one of the foremost of American amusement managers. Brady is a bright, energetic young man, not yet 30 years of age, and carries his success with becoming modesty. By the way, what has become of Jerome! The old-day newspaper boys used to tell some queer stories about him in those times. He disappeared from Omaha and was never again heard of. Fell in, prob-

The amount of money spent in the United States during the last few years on thoroughbred dogs, would be truly surprising were the total amount given to the public. The late J. K. Emmett set the ball rolling when he paid \$5,000 to Sidney Smith for the great Pintiminoa, which afterwards became the property of the present owner of Sir Bedivere. Plin had har fly left his native shores to cross the Atlantic, ere the St. Bernard world in England were whispering of the new star, which really proved to be the great Sir Bedivere! the most perfect dog of his kind ever bred-with the exception, perhaps, of Champion Guide, the smooth St. Bernard, which created a great sensation when he arrived in England a few years ago, from Switzerland-all the cracks have been aported and kept east-"Guide" was brought out by a Toledo man, and like many of the ridiculously high priced dogs, did not live long enough to be heard from, one would thing that after the large sums of money spent to no purpose, since so many valuable dogs have died shortly after their arrival. that St. Bernard fanciers would be timid in buying more, but the recent purchase of Mr. Josiya, an Omaha gentleman, who paid, it is said, \$750 for a handsome specimen bought at the home of Sir Bedivere in Mel

But it is not of the great St. Bernard that I started to write, for there are other hand some and most useful companions in the canine world.

We have the beautifut setter family and the pointer still favorites. The fox terrier, the Yorkshire, black and tan, and the many other denominations have their day, the mastiff, the Great Dane have still their admirers but the coming been is that handsome, jolly and good tempered little dog, the cocker spaniel, with his coat of silky texture, always ready, be it to play ball with the chil iren or go hunting with the master. As : retriever he has no peer. In prize winning cockers America stands first in round num bers, as will be seen by the entries at the late dog shows in Chicago, New York, Washington, Philadelphia and Boston, as compared with the shows held in England auring the same period. Among the champion cockers may be mentioned the following well known ones: Black Dufferin, Black Duke, both owned by George Douglass of Woodstock, Cannela; Red Jacket, the most beautiful. beautiful spaniel in America, his coat being of a rich chestnut red, owned by the Brant cocker kennels, Brantford, Out.; I say one of the greatest winners ever shown. Like Sir Bedivere she won everywhere she was shewn, having never been beaten but once and that was last September at Teronto, when her little sister, "I Guess," too; "I Say" second. At this show "I Guess" was bought at \$170 by an English fancter and taken back to England, from whence her great grandsire came a few years previous. Some time in the 80's F. F. Pitcher of New Hampshire imported champion Obo, E. R. C. 10,542, from Mr. Farrow, the great English spaniel preeder, together with Chice II. From this pair have been bred the greatest number of winning cockers now on the show bench, indeed it would be hard to find a winning cocker without Obo blood in his composition. Another great sire was "Tippoo," imported by J. F. Kirk, another of our

American cocker judges, From champion Obo we get, Bob Obo, Obo From champion Obe we get, Bob Obe, Obe IL. Obe Jr., Obe III. All champions, like their sire, in the next generation we get, Champion Brant, Black Duke, Black Pete, Black Mack, etc. Brant has sired more winners, perhaps, than old Obe, among the many may be mentioned: I Say, I Guess, Black Dufferin, Black Brant, Obadiah and others. The great your, where Existing others. The great young winner, Fascina-tion, who won first in the open class recently at New York, under Judge George Raper, brought from England to judge that show

is sired by Obadiah.

Nor is Omaha behind in cockers. There are quite a few to be found. Mr. Dimmick has one, likewise Mr. Meday. E. P. Newhall of the Pacific Express company, has a good one. Mr. McCormack has one of the genuine Oho strain, and one of the most promising cockers is one owned by Ben Wood, sired by a brother of Champion "I Say." J. H. Mclague has likewise caught the fever and has recently imported Woodstock Topsey in whelp to Champion Red Jacket. The Omaha cocker kennel hoasts of several good ones with more coming. It will be a pleasure too to know that we have in Nebraska a publica-tion of our own. The Breeder and Fancier published by W. F. McDermotat Beilevue, Neb., a very neat little journal, devoted to dogs, poultry, pigeons, rabbits, bees, and a household nock thrown in, who will say Ne-braska is not "getting there."

The Scheutzenverein's Tournament, OMAHA, April 30,-To the Editor of THE BEE: The Omaha Schoutzenverein will hold their opening shoot, or spring tournament this year on May 29. The main fonture of the meeting will be the competition for the magnificent medal emblematic of

the states championship. This trophy is un-

doubtedly the handsomest ever gotten up west of New York, the winner may well be proud of the prize, to say nothing of the

gratification the title "Champion rifle shot of Nebraska" may afford him. daisies.

Major General John Petty has won the medal twice, but it is now held by F. A. Fuller, whose score, I modestly state, was the largest made thus far. There are three more chances remaining for competitors to win the prize and championship. Every man who has been a resident of the state during the year past is eligible to compete by the re mittance of \$1 to the secretary. No one is barred, and all rife shots are invited to enter the coming shoot. Those wisning information relative thereto can obtain the same by addressing William Butts, the secretary There are a number of expert rifle shot throughout the state to whom a cordial invitation is extended. The tournament will be heid as customary on the Scheutzenverien's range, Ruser's park. F. A. Filder,

Captain Omaha Scheutzenverein. Down on the Platte. PLYTTSMOUTH, Neb., April 28.- Special to THE BEE -Since we have finally caught a glimpse of the sun once more, our pent up base ball enthusiasm has found vent in claiming the state championship. We are confident that we have got the winners and we are going to back them for all they are worth against any club in the league. The team as finally decided on is as follows: Maupin, catcher; Relves, Myers and Perrine, pitchers; Long first base; J. Patterson, second base; Kennedy, third base; Johnson, short stop; Yapp, left field; Sam Patterson, right field; and one of the pitchers in mid die. We have played but one game so far, That was the one yesterday with Fremont. Reeves and Yapp were the pitchers and both showed up in fine form considering that they have had no practice this season Reeves pitched winning ball for five innings but in the sixth he let down and was pounded rather lively. Yapp relieved him and finished the game in elegant shape. Fremont suffered much from comparison with the locals and clearly demonstrated that they must be materially strengthened before they will stand any show of winning Baker says he will fill up his weak spots and make them all hustle to keep ahead of him. It is to be hoped that they will as their work yesterday was much in ferier to the Plattsmounth boys. The home club showed a lack of practice, but still played pretty fair ball. Maupin was off in his catching and batting, but will round to all right with a little practice. He felt decidedly bad over his poor work but he did very well considering his bractice. Long on first played a very fair game and will soon demonstrate that he can field. His batting was all right and he seemed to have a good eye, John Patterson

on second played winning ball but could not ind the ball. He will hit 'em out though before the season is over in good shape. Kennedy on third loomed up like a three time winner. He batted the ball all over the lot and fielded like Jerry Denny. He showed up in much better form than any other man on the team. Johnson, short, played a fine fielding game but was a little work with the stick. He is going to be a hummer however with practice. Myers covered center gar den and did some beautiful fielding but could not see the ball. He will no doubt take brace before long. Sam Patterson, in right, played his game like he had practiced it. He batted in good shape and was at home or Taken as a whole the boys did very This afternoon they will take Baker's freaks into camp again. Perrine and Meyer will shoot the ball in and Maupin will catch again. We see that Grand Island and Hastings are knifing each other out west. This is good news. If the one can't beat the other, then neither can down Plattsmouth. But, seriously speaking, we do think that the race between Plattsmouth, Grand Island, Hastings and Beatrice will be a pretty one with Lincoln as the dark horse. If Baker braces up as he says he is going to, Fremont

President Jimmy Reads The Rec. While in this city last Thursday Manager

Schmelz received the following letter: Columbus, O., April 26.-G. H. Schmelz, Managor—Uear Sir: There has been some complaint made of the ball furnished to the eague. Our contract with the Reach company calls for a ball in all respects equal to the National League and American associa-tion bail and this league will insist on this ontract being carried out. Please inform me at your earliest conveni-

nce what your observation of the ball has I have a good many balls on hand and do not want to send them out if they are not

J. A. WILLIAMS, Secretary. The Reach bell, now in use in the Western eague, as The Ber has repeatedly stated, is the poorest, shabblest excuse of a base ball ever put on the market.

Buzzing Around the Stars. THE OMARA BEE Base Ball team hereby challenges the Eighteenth Street Stars for a game on their grounds. An early acceptance

will be agreeable. Address, Charles Klens, Manager, 1406 South Thirteer th Street If Manager Kiebs will call on The Bee he will learn something to his advantage.—|B.

Kennel Club News, The bench show dates, October 25 to 28, have been assigned to the Omaha Kennel club, and the same will be published in the current issue of the American Kennel current issue of the American Kennel Cazett , the official organ of the American

The board of directors of the Kennel club will hold a regular monthly meeting Tues-day evening May 3, at Dr. Whinnery's office in the Brown block, where a new secretary will be elected to succeed W. F. Cadagan, who resigned at the last board meeting.

Yelps from the Bleachers. Neither Ralph Stout or Dave Rowe wrote 'It ain't no use to grumble and complain;

It's jest as cheap and easy to rejoice: When God sorts out the weather and sends W'y rain's my choice. The Hoosiers are likely to have a new cap

ain-Billy O'Brien. "Buck" Ewing made the first New York nome run of the season. "Chicken" Wolf is about to be added to the Western league list.

Collopy is playing agnice third, while Gilks' all round is par excellent. George Hogriever is receiving some ering notices on his playing with St. Paul. "Studies in green" is what Lou House

nan cailed Uncle's ball playing in the Falls

The Hoosiers at exactly 3 this afternoon. Everybody go and see the Rustlers jump on them with both feet. Martin Duke, late of Chicago, expects to

sign with a league club soon. Another case of "great expectations." Smiling William Gleason says too much hand ball has rendered him ineffective as an arly spring pitcher.-Times Star.

The Clevelands will play the first Sunday e here on the day that nature will crown the May queen with roses, -Times-Star. Will Hart put long screws to the Orioles a few days ago and no mistake. He handled his Bond Hill whitewash brush artistically. Billy Hawes, who played in Cincinnati in St with the Onions, is to assist Sir Arthur Whitney at Lowell. Hawes will play first

Milwaukee is clinching first place. Some-ody must head her off. Charlie Snyder, backed by the Columbus team is the man to

Eddie Burke holds a rank today that he is not likely to attain again. His batting average is 1,000 and he leads the league.-Rer

Snyder, while umpiring, keeps one eye urned toward Columbus, O.; consequently his judgment is worked. He as good as won wo of Campau's victories here. President Williams says no club can carry ess than twelve men. If that is the case immy had better send on another man for

The Indianapolis team has been praying in ard luck and are in no department weaker than most of the other clubs. At Sportsman's park at 3 sharp this afternoon. Writing home about the state of exuber-ence existing in Louisville, Tom Brown said: "We had the key to the city the night of our

Omaha. She needs him bad enough.

opening game. Each player had a five bone hat given him. The following umpires have been signed by Secretary Coman of the State league: Phil Greusel, Cedar Rapids, Ia.; Frank E. Hart, Sheboygan, Wis.; John M. Fulmer, Schuser, Nat.

schuyter, Nen. Elmer Smith got a bouquet from his Pittsburg friends on opening day, but the lad's heart would have expended more had a terrier purp been led out to the place. Elmer does not care much for buttercups and

Doli Darling and Pitcher Sprague have both concluded to stay off the diamond. They have refused Western association berths after their teems were accepted. Mulford. Darling is putting up some pretty stiff bail for Minneapolis all the same.

The West Omaha Juniors have reorganized and are anxious to cross bats with any team under 15 years in the city. Sunday, May 8, they would be especially pleased to meet the Western Union Telegraph team. Address Charles Ruppe, captain, 2501 Douglas street. The first one of the Rustlers who makes a home run on the bears. home run on the home grounds can walk into General Fredericks and be measured for a new Duniap. That's the general's proposi-tion. One of those knobby new Derbys would match Jerry Jacob's season's shaving

ticket to a dot. Smash 'em, boys.
The fact that Michael Angelo Lane's seis sors have been duiled by running against a paragraph like this, "Anson's team is showing up stronger than was expected," calls forth the rather profane observation, "It is about time to call that remark in and throw it into the hell-box."

Tom Tucker will carry a gun and lay for all mascots hereafter. Isaac Rains, who rooted for Boston while the Hubites were in Baltimore, carried of Tommie's diamond ring and stud. He was captured in Wash-ington and jailed in the Monumental city. There will be one mascot missing during the

Jocko Halligan, the Reds' hardhitting rightfielder, although young in years com-bines a number of trades and professions. He has in his time fought a few glove contests, wrestled a few matches, driven trotters a few heats on the grand circuit tracks and can, on a pinch, do a neat clog dance.-

The following men will captain the Eastern association teams: Sam Wise, Roches-ter; Jack McGlone, Troy; Jay Fantz, Syra-cuse; Leo Smith or Siq Farrar, Providence: Dan Stearns, Buffalo; Harry Lyons, Philadelphio; Dan Shannon, New Haven; Mike Lebane, Binghamton; Booby Wheelock, Elmira, and Jim Fields, Albany.

The first triple play of the year was made at Pittsburg and Alf Cratty describes it so "Stricker opened with a hit, Crooks got his base on balls and Carroll made a single, filling the bases. Werden sent out a little fly to Bierbauer, who trapped it and threw Carroll out at second. Shugart and Beckiey put out Werden. Stricker ran home, and as Crooks had not run to third, he, too,was put out by Beckley, Shugart and Farreil."

Dave Rowe, the captain and manager of the Omaha team, sent a ball to President Williams, which arrived this morning. It is a very poor excuse. The cover must have been green when put on, for it would now nearly cover two balls. This discovery has led President Williams to send out a query to the various clubs asking how the balls are arning out generally If they are found not to be satisfactory, Mr. Reach will be notified o furnish a better class of ball, -Columbus Disputch.

Patrons who saw Elmer Smith in the Pitts ourgs the past week scarcely recognized the light, agile, greyhound-built young man who played left neld as the fat and flabby pitcher who used to play with the Reds. Eimer, in plain terms, has been taking care of himself. He was always possessed of great latent speed, but he never until recently took any pains to develop his powers. The past winter he awoke to the fact that fast sprinting is a very desirable quality in a ballplayer, and he gave most of his attention in training to this one point, "I started in to become an outfielder last year," said Elmer to me the last day the Pittsourgs were here. "I did it because I knew the base ball life of a pitcher, especially a lefthanded pitcher, is, as a usual thing, very short, and I wanted to stick to spangles three or four more years it possible. I found it a little awkward at first, but I have improved right along. My weakness at present is on balls over my head. This is due to the fact that I played in a short field in Kansas City last season and had no practice on long I can run faster than I ever could, and with my barting ability and the fact that I am coming every day, not yet being 24 years of

age, I am sure of staying in busin quite a long time."—Harry Weldon. Whisperings of the Wheel, The club poet arouses from his trance and gurgles: When old winter has taken the summerkeys, There is time to be blue enough if you feel; But when bluebirds come and the snowbird

the llying wheel, Somebody pass the bricks, please. The crop of beginners this spring is un-

usualiv numerous The Denver Ramblers have made up their mind to join the league and be "in it. All club runs seneduled for last Sunday

were abandoned on account of the rain. The Tourist Wheelmen pedaled over to Fairmont park Saturday evening, quite : crowd turning out. Sam Rumet has dropped out of the active

ranks, and is wheeless. That won't do, old boy, better line up again. The Omaha Wheel club take a morning spins out to to the fort this morning, starting

from the club house at 8:30 sharp. Six members of the Press Cycling club of Buff lo, N. Y., recently rode a century over the Erie road in eight hours and forty-two minutes.

The April number of Good Roads, the nealittle magazine issued gratis to League of of American Wheelmen members, contains some splendid articles on road improvement. H. Perrigo & Co. and M. O. Daxon have fitted up their respective establish-ments in splendid style and both dealers feel jubilant over the outlook for a brisk trade in

Hilinois Man-I am told the worst roads in the world are found in your state. Missouri Man (indignantly)—It's an infamous slander! They're in Nebraska. Ours are the next worst, sir!—Chicago Tribune.

Bot Young, the genial vice president of the Tourists, entertained a party of his friends at his rooms one day of last week, the occasion being the turning of another mile stone in the popular cyclists' life run. Clarence H. Smith of Detroit, famous for

his tours and who is well known to the local wheelmen, is organizing a tour from the city of New York to the national meet of the League of American Wheelmen at Washingon, D. C., this season.

The Bearings, that bright, newsy sheet which is published in Chicago and which is read by the majority of the wheelmen in this great land, has, with their customary enter prise, made arrangements with an able law-yer wheelman in Chicago to furnish legal adice gratis to its readers.

The "Dutch picnic" at the Omaha wheel club house last Wednesday evening was another success. Members were requested to bring their lunch, and the result was a flattering testimonial to the perceptive abilities of the club's gourmands. Such a dainty collection of edibles was never spread upon any table. Refreshments were also served in the basement. Everyone seemed to enjoy the entertainment immensely. "Club night' is growing to be quite an event, and is anxiously looked forward to each week by the club men and their friends.

Omaha may put on a little dignity now, and just cause sue has to feel proud, too, for a full-fledged and active ladies' cycling club claims the Nebraskan metropolis as its home. The club, though yet in its infancy, promises to be a fixed star in the local cycling firma-ment. Pleasant spins are taken nearly every pleasant evening about the city, the fair cap tain leading her little command like a vet-eran. The picture is a pleasing one, and many an admiring eye is turned toward the fair cyclists as they skim along, so delightfully cool and self-possessed do they appear. ladies are all very good wheelwomen May the Omaha Ladies' Cycling club exist for many moons.

Here is an example of how cycling may be carried to excess. Shadbolt is the name of a fame-seeking New Yorker who started in last May to break the world's record for mileage. The Wheel in commenting on his performance, says: "Shadbolt of the Brooklyn Bicycle club, rain or shine, is still grind-ing out his year's record. He is little more than skin and bones, and is looking anxiously forward to May 20, when his self imposed task will end. He has fairly lived on his wheel for eleven months, as may be judged from the fact that he has riaden sixty centuries, sixteen of them dur-ing one month." To a great many people the significance of riding a century is a feat unknown. It means that the rider covers twelve to sixteen continuous hours. This is a task that few cyclists attempt in this part of the country. When one person does his sixteen conturies in one mouth or thirty days, the enormity of the task becomes comprehensible Sixteen hundred miles is a

good many! What good this continuous sprinting will do the ambitious wheelman is a question to remain unanswered. Bioveling when induiged in to such an excess only tends to one result-the complete ruln of bealth

On the Track and In the Stable. The Gentleman's Roadster club has rented the fair grounds track at \$100 per month. Entries to the stake race for both June and August meetings at Lyons, Net., close May

G. E. Whitney of Boone, Ia., has moved his stable to Des Moines, and will train over the kite-shaped track there. Joe. 2:23, is at the Lincoln track, and Mr.

Matt Williams thinks he has a great horse in the son of Canonicus, 2:324. An excellent program has been prepared by the Silver City, In. Driving Park association for a meeting July 4 and 5.

Captain W. H. Ashby, of Ashiand, the porting a thoroughbred trotting stallion Judge Spencer, St. Joe, has purchased the 7-year-old gelding Borden, trial 2:201, by Mansfield, and now thinks he has the king of the roads in St. Joe.

Nancy Hanks will start at Belmont park Philadelphia, the first week in July, to beat the three heats trotted there by Maud S. in 1881-2:12, 2:131, and 2:1214

General Manager W.C. Brown, St. Joseph Mo., has purchased a mare sixteen hands high by St. Bel, dam by Dictator, g. d. by Blackwood 74, in foal to Electric Bel. John Snyder of Osceola, Neb., is owner of the Ridgway stock farm and among his nu merous good ones is a son of Shadeland On-ward, 2:18½, dam by Sattellite. This fellow is bred just like Fred K, 2:21½, and Mr. Sny-der helious he will be seen as the same of the same for helious he will be seen as the same of the sa

E. F. Davis, Beatrice, Neb., has a hand-some matched team, both by Counsellor, 1:215, dam by Hambletonian Prince, jr., and Ladd's Security. He has had some tempting offers for them, all of which have been refused, for he expects them to trot in 2:40 to the pore. J. P. Wagner of Beatrice is the owner of

der believes he will be fast.

three great stallions in Norval Chief 18156, by Norval the son of Electioneer, 2:1736; the second is Terror 10308, by Madrid, by General Wilks, and the third Gawood, by Chitwood, by Nutwood.

Newton farm, Grand Isle, Neb., has bought the 5-year-old brown horse Scientist 7323, by Almont Wilkes (sire of Republican (4) 2:214), dam Dictator Girl, by Dictator; second dam by Doctor Keene, son of Mambrino Champion.

Entries to the various class events an Entries to the various class events am-nounced by the Syracuse, Neb., association for their summer meeting July 2 and 4, close tomorrow, May 2, and the entries to the stake events for the Inter-Stat: Breeders' meeting over the same track August 16 to

19, also close on the same date.

Idavan 2-234, is looking fit for a hard race now; he is in splendid form, in fact there are few finer looking strings of norses than the one Dick Tilden now has charge of. He has a yearling brother to Roseleaf, by Pelletier, that in every way looks like a trotter. Idavan has a number of colts in this state and all that we have seen are splendid looking

Mr. Williams has concluded to let Allerton go away from home and we may expect to see him in some very choice company during 1892. In speaking with a gentleman the other day in Chicago concerning the event between Alierton and Axtell, he said it was dollars to doughnuts that Axtell would be the winner in 1, 2, 3 order, and the gentle man is in a very good position to know what he was talking about.

Utica is building one of the finest one hal f mile race tracks to be found most anywhere. Through the efforts of Messrs. J. E. Murphy, Dr. R. D. Havoy, Charles, Heimburger, George Lamphier and others, sufficient money has been subscribed to lease a pier of ground embracing fifteen acres for five years, and work has all ready been commenced upon the same. The track will be put in first-class shape as rapidly as possible. There are a number of well bred and speedy horses in Utica.

horses in Utica.

S. J. Wagner, Lushton, Neb., has purchased of Watson & Co., Beatrice, the Kentucky bred stallion Cotonel Sims 17016, by Charley Offut 7753, dam Sadie, by Edgewater 19730 (sire of Harry W 2:274 and size of the dam of Edgewars (4) 2:16), g. d. sire of the dam of Edgemars (4) 2:16), g. d. by Jubilee Lambert 518 (sire of Jubilee De Jarnette 2:20% and sire of the dams of three 2:30 performers) g. g. d. by Almont Senti-nel 6054, by Sentinel 280, sire of eight 2:30 trotters. Charley Offutt, the sire of Colonel Sims, is by Almont 33, dam by American Clay 34. In the pedigree of Colonel Sims that is highl as the breeding of his sire is of the kind of blood that has furnished us with many of the best and famous horses.

James G. Ladd, Beatrice, Neb., and M. E. McHenry have offered to match Lobasco, 2:16/4, against Pat Downing, who made a time record of 2:13 last fall, for from \$1,000 to \$5,000 a side, half forfest, balance to be paid 183,000 a state, that forfer, balance to be paid in August. Pat Downing was sent against the watch five times to beat 2:13½ before the feat was accomplished. He was fourth twice at Rock Island, Ill., last August in 2:23½, 2:17½, which heats were won by Brilliant, 3:17½, and Charleston 2:15, the latter winning the race, while Pat Downing was distanced in the third heat. Pat won a race at Independence, la., in August in three straights, best time 2:18. At the same meet ing Lobasco won a race in 2:16%, 2:16% 2:18 and trotted almost a dead heat with Bonnie Wilmore, when Bonnie took his mark at 2:1414, in fact the heat was so close that the Instantaneous photograph was used to decide which had won the race. Both Lobasco and Pat Downing are known to be great race horses and should a race be arranged it will be an event worth going mile

Tit-Tattle of the Ring. Zeke Abrams of California, writes Danny Daly, that he will match him against the winner of the Hawkins-Smith fight. Danny's brother Mike also has the pro pect for

an early go on the slope. Billy Myer and Jack McAutiffe have been matched to fight for a \$10,000 purse in New Orleans on the Saturday preceding the Sulli-

van-Corbett match. It is evident that Billy O'Donnell of Sioux City couldn't be pushed into a ring with Danny Daly. The latter is willing to meet him for any kind of a purse or stake, from a

nickel up. Billy Woods, who defeated Jack Davis, wants to meet Joe Lannon, Maher or Fitz-simmons, just to shake hands, however. Some people have queer ideas about the manner in which Billy whaled Davis, and do not hesitate to say that Jack made big money

by laying down.

There is about as much doubt as to whether the Hall-Fitzsimmons match will come off as there is concerning the Sullivan-Corbett match. The articles called for the fight to take place between November 1 and December 30, but the Olympic club wants the fight to come off the same week as the Sullivan-Corbett fight is expected to. This, Hall says, will not do, as he would not have time to train after making his intended trip to Europe. It is doubtful if the Olympic club will let its offer for a \$12,000 purse stand for any other time than the Sullivan-Corbett week, as they could hardly afford to

Jimmy Noonan the amateur featherweight champion of Chicago is in the city.

Questions and Answers. [No answers by mail in this department.] OMARA. April 33.—To the Sporting Editor of THE BEE: Would you please inform me in your next Sunday paper who was the referee in tug of war between Swedes and Dines last Wednesday night?—B. P.

Ans.-Frank S. Parmeiee. Ans.—Frank S. Parmeiee.

Outscil. Bedfrs. April 29.—To the Sporting Editor of Tag. Beg. In reply to a query in your "Wheel Whisperings" of Sunday before last. I beg to state that young Hattenhauer. the Council Buffs racer who gained so many laureis at Missouri Valley last season, is riding a Columbia pneumatic this season, is riding a Columbia pneumatic this season, it chas given up racing and is working in the interest of the League of American Wheelmen, having aiready sent in a large number of applications for membership. We have no doubt he will be a credit to the Iowa division, and on club runs will be on hand when the dinner belivings at Gienwood.—C. B. W. C.

Lover of Sports, Hildreth, Neb.—Mrs. Dr.

Lover of Sports, Hildreth, Neb.-Mrs. Dr. Ayers is the owner of the only thoroughbred nastiff in this city. r LEXINGTON Nob., April 20 -To the Sporting Editor of THE BEE: A. B. claims to have killed a mallard this spring weighing six pounds to they ever reach that weight?-

Ans.-Never. ONAHA. April 29.—To the Sporting Editor of THE BEE: Was Danny Needham ever whipped by Patsy Kerrigan. If so where and when, and how was it done. I let that Kerrigan and Needham never fought.—John Quill. Ans.—Patsy Kerrigan and Danny Need-ham fought a 102-round draw on February 27, 1590.

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ONAHA, April 23.-To the Sporting Editor of

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THE REE: In a game of razzle dazzle A bids 12, calls for the king, C holds same; is it absolutely necessary for C to blay the king on the first trick if he does not wish to?—C. A. Olson. Ans .- It is not, but in the majority of cases it is the safest play, but there is nothing compulsory about it.

SOUTH OMAHA, April 30.—To the Sporting Editor of THE BEE: Will you please answer in Sunday's BEE where Handiboe. Omaha's pitcher, came from, and his age and record. If you can you will greatly oblige—Harry Fenters. Ans.-(1) Columbus, O. (2) Twenty-four.

(3) Batting average, .260; fielding, .948. COUNCIL BLUFFS, In., April 39.—To the Sporting Editor of THE BER: Please answer in your next Sunday's BEE the following questions: (A) Did the Brotherhood have a league last year or year before, (B) Did Chicago and Boston have a Brotherhood teams. (C) Was Boston or Chicago ever in the American association. And oblige—H. S. O. Ans.-(1) The year before. (2) Yes. (3) Boston was last year.

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