### CHAT WITH THE BOXERS

A Few of the Notables Met in the Land of the Alligator.

THE LOCAL HORSEMAN'S MEATY COLUMN

Breezy Base Ball Gossip-A January Goose Hunt-Biffs with the Gloves-And the Usual Weekly Sporty Roundup.

I found the following poetic and eloquent effusion upon my desk yesterday morning. The author's name is withheld to save him

The author's name is withheid to save him from endless annoyance from masse managers. The lines are entitled:

CORBETT, THE KING.
Within the prize ring hand to hand,
The modern gladiators stand.
Two o'er the rest superior rose,
And proud demanded mighter foes;
Nor called in valb-for legends tell
How set the star of great John L.:
Nor better English Mitchell's fare,
Whom senseless from the ring they bear,
While wild shout makes the welkin' ring,
"Forever Corbett! Corbett's King!"
I have been asked from sully since my re-

"Forever Corbett! Corbett's King!"

I have been asked frequently since my return from Jacksenville what I think of Corbett now, and honeatly and candidly I reply that I think of him as I have always thought, that he is a mighty lighter, the greatest probably of all now prominently before the people. I have never written one solitary line derogatory to Corbett's ability as a fighter, and never will until I have ample and honest grounds for so coing.

Mitchell had no more show wit, the American champion than a snow flake in one of the smelter's Lg farenaces, and I was one of the very lew sporting critics who went on record that sporting critics who went on record that he would not last over ten rounds, and in Jacksonville I placed a dollar or two that he wouldn't be there at the end of six. As to Corbett's foul tactics in the late snap, to Corbett's foul tactics in the late snap, ever word that has been written is true, and they were a revelation to his host of friends. That he lost his head, had abundant grounds for his action, may be true enough, still that is no excuse. He could have whipped Charlic Mitchell easily in six or seven rounds with either hand tied second or seven rounds with either hand thed se-curely around his back, and he should have held himself above any move that would have laid him open to criticism. But what he did do cuts no figure now; nothing could have altered the result. As I said in my telegraphic story of the fight, he proved himself a resistless physical tornado, and I now think he can whip any man in the businow think he can whip any man in the business in the world, not excepting Peter Jack-

In substantiation of what I said of the fight, I herewith produce what P. J. Dona-hue of the New York Recorder had to say. He is the best authority on the game on either side of the Atlantic and a friend and staunch believer in the prowess of Jim Cor-

Mr. Donahue said: "Viewed critically it can only be said that it was a most disgraceful exhibition. The American champion lost his head in his anxiety to annihilate his opponent, and the seconds of Mitchell were rattled from the start. Principals and seconds violated all rules of the ring, and so palpable were the fouls that I thought the excited mob would overstep the bands and carry all before them. Pandemonium reigned and there were yells of derision and threats of violence are the part of the state of threats of violence and, as I said before, it is fortunate that the affair was over so

The first time Mitchell was knocked down Corbett stood over him like a lion over its prey. His eyes blazed with anger, and his usually pale sallow face was livid. Referee Kelly stepped between the men and prevented Corbett from committing a foul eree Kelly stepped between the men and prevented Corbett from committing a foul. The second time the Englishman was floored Jim stood over his prostrate foe and, as the latter raised himself to one knee, Corbett struck him on the head. Jim had lost his self-control, and would have battered his helpless antagonist to insensibility had he not been restrained. A dozen men jumped into the ring and surrounded the big man. His seconds, Billy Delancy and Jack Dempsey, fought with him to prevent him striking Charlie again and again, and thus losing on a foul, while Fogatty ran thus losing on a foul, while Fogarty ran across the ring and carried the almost in-

The scene was one I shall never forget The spectators, wild with excitement, jumped to their feet and stamped and yelled until seemed as if bedlam had broken loose Men who are usually gool at such times were greatly excited, and excitable men made wild threats. It appeared as if serious trouble would result. The gong sounded, and in the minute allowed rest the hubbub subsided somewhat and the crowd became less demonstrative."

Corbett has changed vastly from the man so many of us saw a little over a year ago in New Orleans. The Corbett of that occasion and the Corbett who so quickly fanned Charlie Mitchell to sleep the other day are two entirely different individuals. On that September night in the Olympic arena he was a mere stripling to what he is now. Then he was a David to Goliath, but today he is a Colossus of Rhodes alongside of all living aspirants for fistic fame A finished athlete, symmetrical as a model in body and limb, of fabulous strength and marvelous quickness, and a fighter who throws a deep shadow over the world of

Already the press has begun to debate on the coming Corbett and Jackson soirce. But the hope ir that we may be spared the avalanche of rot which has been launched another big fight will be held in Jacksonvile is as improbable as the fear that Grover Cleveland will yet be made king of all the Americas. But few men who went down there a week ago will ever go again. Do-'em-All club will ever more prove a barrier to the sporty element to the flowery land of Ponce de Leon. They held-up, shook-down and maced everybody in sight and are the execration of all legitimate sportsmen today. They even mulcted the newspaper men, the men who have been capping their game for nearly a year, \$20 a head to see seven minutes fun, and then permitted outsiders at \$2 apiece to crowd in and monopolize the seats set aside for them. They charged \$35 for box seats when there wasn't a box on the grounds, nothing but a ot of rough circus seats, many of them un protected even with a shingle for a roof. They charged \$35 for these imaginary luxu-ries, and \$45 when they stuck an over-ripe sucker. And more and more yet, after they had burglarized all the foreign visitors in this outrageous manner, they opened up their ticket office out on on the grounds and sold boxes, reserved and press seats for whatever they could get for them. Some paid \$5, some paid \$2.50, and not a small number got in for \$1. They proved them-selves a set of cheap shoe-strings, utterly and wholly devoid of honesty or principle. and as incapable of business as a when the first stranger struck the town and they never put them back again until the last guy had left the place. Is it likely that such a nest of rats will ever again be red to enjoy the profits of legitimae

NORTH PLATTE, Neb., Jan. 28.—To the Sporting Editor of The Bee: Your account of the late scrap was the most interesting, and doubtless, the most valuable, I have ever read. None of the accounts of the different reporters say that "Jim came up with smile on his good-tempered mug." as th editor of Bell's Life used to say of old Tom On the contrary, his flerce little eyes and thin-lipped, cruel mouth must have been the opposite of an open countenance or "a good-natured mug." It is a curious fact that all the old time English championship fights, from 1837 or 1838, when Deaf Burke butted Bendigo on the ropes down to the very debatable contest between Harry Broome and the Tipton Slasher (1851), were Corbett made narrow escape of losing his championship

Ring history proves that pugilists who with increasing years wax fat and corpulent invariably leave off louers. Nothing is more unsportsmanlike or contemptible than for a pugilist to attribute his defeat to polson. By the way, what is the object of modern pugilists or their handlers putting such egregious lies in the papers about their measurements of body and limbs, weights, etc? A dark and light-lined sketch of Corbett and Mitchell has been going the rounds of the press, where Corbett

represents "Slim Jim" and Mitchell is shown with a pair of shoulders said to measure two feet four across and Corbett's two feet. John L. had the most massive frame of all the puglists of the present time and his shoulders naked from point to point, before he met Corbett, measured twenty-two inches. If Mitchell measured six inches broader than Sullivan and four inches more than Corbett he must have had a coat on with artificially squared shoulders composed of buckram and padding. Corbett's calves in one table are 17 inches and Muchell's chest measurement was given as an inch and a half more than John L.'s. The latter said Mitchell had much increased in weight since he fought him in France in 1888, and that his fighting weight would now be from 107 to 202 woulds. "Poor little fig. in weight since he fought him in France in 1888, and that his fighting weight would now be from 197 to 203 pounds! "Poor little fifteen-stone baby Mitchell," quoth old Jack. "The crushed tragedian" said he had said hard things about Mitchell, and he did not think any worse of him for retaliating, and said he was no coward. Sully said James J. came into his room at 'Frisco and begged of him not to hit him hard, "I swear it." James J. said Sullivan was a man he admired, and that his heart warmed to his Irish, etc. Old Jack seemed to prefer Mitchell's peppery remarks to James Jay's slobbers. He probably thought Charlie's were more sincere, and Jim's came from the pen of his mentor, Brady, for advertising purposes. Modern Queensberry rules contests seem to be all in one extreme or the opposite in regard to the number of rounds. Feter Jackson and Jim Corbett, "The Buffalo" and Greggains-were most prolonged tedious affairs. On the other hand The Buffalo" and Greggains-were most pro-longed tedious affairs. On the other hand many expected long scientific contests be-tween the great guns have been disappoint-ments which have been all over in a few rounds, and not worth the price of admis-sion. T. K. C.

Here is a starter:

TACOMA. Feb. 3.—Barney Levy, well known in Tacoma, has started a movement to organize the Washington Athletic club, for the purpose of having the battle between Jim Corbett and Peter Jackson take place in this city next June. Mr. Levy is enthusiastic over the scheme, and is confident that it can be successfully carried out. He proposed that the club offer a purse of \$40,000, or some sum that will induce the fighters to come here. He says there are enough sporting men in the city, in Callfornia, Oregon, Idaho and Montana, to insure success. There are enough miners in Montana alone who would come here to see the battle to insure the financial success of the same o the battle to insure the financial success of the scheme. Sporting men who have been talked with in regard to the matter speak favorably of it.

T. K. C.

I met Tommy Ryan at the Windsor on the morning of the fight. He was togged up in great style, with light derby, English box-coat, creased trousers and proper stick, and physically looked out of sight. Tommy has broadened in every way since he left Omaha, and weighs, walking around, 179 pounds. He was a Corbett man, but con-sidered Mitchell tricky enough to stay twelve or fifteen rounds. In speaking of Mysterious sidered Mitchell tricky enough to stay tweive or fifteen rounds. In speaking of Mysterious Billy Smith, Ryan grew extremely vivacious, and declared that a finish fight would be a gift. "Punched him so hard in our last go,"continued Tommy, "that I am afraid he will never consent to meet me to a fin-ish. If he does, he will have to be bullyragged into it, and I want all my newspaper friends to help me out. All they have got to do is to publish what I say, and I think Smith is a cheap fighter and that I can lick him sure, without getting a bloody nose. It maybe, however, that I will be compelled to slap his face in public to spur him up to the forther point. He is a hot headed to slap his face in public to spur him up to the fighting point. He is a hot headed duck, and a personal affront of this kind would likely make him fight. But if we ever do meet, Sandy, don't you fall to put a lit-tle dough on me." Tommy is dead stuck on his New England home, and said that out-side of Omaha he would rather live there than any place in the world.

I met still another old Omaba celebrity at the fight, in the guise of no less a personage than Jack Prince, the bicycle champion. Like Ryan, he also seeme In clover. He wore an English suit of drab, with a vest as full of color as Joseph's coat, patent leather gaiters and a diamond stud nearly as big as a tin cup. Although a fellow countryman of Mitchell,s, he had expense money on the American champion, and, when I met him, was feeling particu-larly hilarious, as he had just closed a contract with M. Lelande of the Los Americanos, Havana, to ride against a relay of horses after the bull fight on the coming Sunday afternoon in that famous city. Jack sailed via the Lelande excursion Tampa, Key West and Havana, Friday afternoon, leaving Mrs. Prince in Jacksonville the guest of a daughter of one of the big hotels. He expects to make a tour of the principal West Indian cities ere his return to the United States and will be in Omaha

There were still a couple of more ex-Omahans I met, in fact, traveled with them from Evansville to Jax. First of these was Big Marks Gumbert, who has the street cleaning and sweeping contract for Evans-ville, and is getting rich hand over fist, and next Mark Stafford, a genial sport, who a few years ago waxed fat and cleaginous off the members of the Nebraska legislature down at Lincoln in that ancient and time-honored divertisement called poker. Johnny Regan was also with the gang and an agree able trio they made. They had a basket of Clicquot with them, a bale of Perfectos, a marked deck of pasteboards and were as lavish with their effects as so many Coal Oil Johnnies. I haven't got time to tell of the game of whist we had in which each man got the biggest poker hand, but it will make good reading in the time to come.

The disgraceful scenes that were enacted at the Florida metropolis were in sad contrast with those that were unfolded by the model clubs at New Orleans. The Do-em-All club was a fake and dead-beat concern from its very incipiency. Neither Manager Bowden or President Mason possesses the brain of an ordinary jackass. Bowden has a head like a tack, is humpbacked and as repulsive in form and feature as the Satyr. Mason is a sycophantic, puffed up little Eng lishman, mercenary as a miser and as devoid of principle as a bunco-steerer. They are both bluffs on manhood and cannot hereafter, in the sporting world, take rank even with the shoe-strings or tin-horns. They knew that with this fight their connection with sporting affairs would forever be at an end, so they went to work systematically and remorselessly to gut every man in sight. In speaking of these people in the New York Recorder Peter Donahue said "They talk about future fights and the purses they will give. Let me give them a tip. Bowden, Mason and company have as much chance to give a fight in Jacksonville as I have. They are on, what sportsmen recognize, as the "bum." Bowden may be a great man in Duval county, but he figures as a dummy with sport lovers; Mason comes under the head of a monkey. As for the rest of the outfit, they do not know that ice They place their hooks and then go to sleep.

give the form of thievery visitors to Jack-sonville were forced to undergo. If you had money you were held up, and if you had no money, you were held on suspicion. Every-body was on the "get the coin" order, and when they fell out, and could not find "suckers" to rob, they robbed between them-selves. It was a most delectable assem-blage of thieves, and to me it seemed as if the contents of all state prisons had been sent upon Bay, Hogan and Main streets. Every man who ever turned a crooked stone, or walloped a leather or dipped into a pocket or put powder into a safe, was there, and the only wonder to me was that the

I do not know anything about it, but it seems to me that the Florida bank and a few other institutions were lucky in escaping. I would be with the governor today i he made another attempt to prevent fight-ing in the Peninsula state. He was right from the start, for he knew his men.

militia there was made manifest within twenty-four hours. He knew that the men who would charge \$85 for \$25 tickets were not the kidney to take an event of the kind on their hands. He is a game sport, but an honest one, and he sized Bowden and

Mason and company up in the same style he would as if acting as chief justice of the circuit court. He knew the shriveled-up and unreliable Bowden and the blatant and untruthful Mason, and he knew that Brow-ard, the sheriff, would be thrown down, and he put in the circuit complete, will the he put in the cigarette-smoking militia.

To the newspaper men Bowden and Mason never told the truth and, when they agreed to make the hard-workers of the press pay in order to give the news to the parens of the game, they sounded the death knell of the Duval Athletic club. It may not mean much to either man, but it means some-thing to sycophantic Joe Vendig, who was a composed of buckram and padding. Corbett's calves in one table are 17 inches and in another 14½. Which are we to believe? If that double dark and white-lined sketch of Jim and Charlie is correct, Corbett, although nearly a head taller, must have looked a perfect lath in comparison. A reporter said he was present when Mitchell weighed, stripped, after exercising, 162 pounds, and that could be relied on as correct. Most of the papers stated that he would enter the ring at 175 or 180 pounds.

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SANDY GRISWOLD.

A January Goose Hunt. To the Sporting Editor of The Bee: The exceptionally fine weather that prevailed this winter up to has recent date has caused ducks and geese to linger in the northern latitudes much beyond their wonted time, and in some sections have afforded exceptionally fine shooting. This is particularly true along the Mississippi river., where goose shooting, as a rule, is a decidedly slim pastime. During a visit last week to Burlington, Ia., the writer accompanied several local gunners on a trip for the wary honkers and succeeded in bringing two of them-a Hutchins and a Canada—to bag. The shoot-ing is all done at the air holes on the river, which are sufficiently large and numerous to induce the birds to remain in the country.

No such bags of geese are made now, or at any time, in the Mississippi valley as fall to the lot of the gunners along the Platte, but they are sufficiently pientiful to reward the enthusiastic gunnes for his trouble. Shooting geese is always attended with a large measure of personal discomfort, and none but the enthusiast is liable to extract enough pleasure from it to repay for the hardships. As the writer sat in the blind that morning with the keen north wind, as it swept down the Father of Waters, playing a lively game with his hirsute appendages, he was forcibly reminded of "What fools these mortals be." But it was worth it all to see the royal birds double up and come down "ker plunk" on the ice.

The sportsmen along the river are making the most of their present opportunity, which comes to them but rarely.

C. J. BEST.

About Western Turf Matters. There is an increasing demand for the

pacer as a road horse. Only one addition was made to the 2:05 list last year—Flying Jib, 2:04. The Keystone farm is issuing its first annual catalogue. It will be out in the next ten days and is a very complete affair.

Kansas has three kite tracks, one at Hol-ton, one at Ellsworth and the third at Rus-A meeting of the Improved Stock Breeders

will be held at Columbus, Neb., February There were eleven newcomers to the 2:10

trotting list in 1893 as against five new ones in 1892. There are 183 trotters with records of 2:15 or better. Sixty-seven of these were

added in 1893. The 2:30 list now numbers over 10,000 performers, over 2,000 of these having been added during 1893:

During the campaign of 1893 over 20,000 horses were raced, and of these over 2,000 entered the 2:30 list.

The Lucas county fair will be held September 18 to 21. The secretary is W. M. Householder, Chariton, Ia. Dr. D. C. Everson, Cawker City, Kan., has urchased the stallion Borden, 2:24%, by Cuy-

ler, dam Silence, by Abdallah XV. Eight stallions now have trotting records below 2:10. All of them have secured

their records n the past two years, Race meetings the coming season will be patronized more liberally than last. There will be no World's fair to divide attention. Thirty-four pacers and twenty-th ters have records of 2:10 or better. Twentyseven of these, or almost half, are products

Rosewater, the big roan stalion that last spring took the record at Omaha of 2:16½. will be in Driver Chase's string this season. He will be worked on the mile track at St. Joseph.

The Hedrick, Ia., Kite Track association will hold a July meeting. The usual liberal purses will be offered. A special prize will be offered for a reduction of the

track record of 2:151/2. Ben Marshall, a full brother to Mary Marshall and May Marshall, will be in the year-old pacing classes this year. If can do as well as his s isters there will no trouble whenever he starts.

At the close of the year 1892 there were but two horses with trotting records below 2:08. Now there are six: Nancy Hanks, 2:04; Directum, 2:05¼; Stamboul, 2:07½; Alix, 2:07¾; Arion, 2:07¼; Kremlin, 2:07%. Orrin Hickok will drive the Russian stal-Krakus, in his races on the American turf this year. Secretaries will have to re-cord his breeding as follows: Krakus, by Bezimmy-anny-Arfin, dam Tishina, by Krivoduskin.

a race—Mascott, 2:04, and Flying Jib, 2:04%. Only four horses have ever beaten 2:05 in a race or against time—Nancy Hanks, 2:04, Mascott, 2:04, Flying Jib, 2:04, -and Hal Pointer, 2:041/2.

R. Boyleston Hall, who is still balancing (?) horses, has done some of the most wretched work on western horses that the writer ever saw. If all his work is alike it is good idvice to always let him practice on some one else's horses.

Twenty-five of the representative citizens of Independence, Ia., have organized an as-sociation for the purpose of perpetuating the meetings started by Charley Williams. Independence, however, will never become a race horse town again.

Fred Carmen of Tarkio, Mo., has in his string of campaigners for the coming season the fast pacer Northwest, 2:15, by Egmont. Northwest will be put to trotting this season. In the same stable is Billy Bunker, 2:19, and Charles H., 2:2654.

There are but five race tracks in America where the 2:05 mark has been beaten. They are Chicago, Terre Haute, Detroit, Nashville and Sedalia. Only one of these, Sedalia, is kite shaped, and it holds the slowest record of the five, 2:04%.

There is a constant demand for horses that are well bred, handsome, stylish, good color, kind disposition, fearless and that can draw two in a wagon at the rate of a mile 2:50 or thereabouts. Such a norse' is

worth today from \$500 to \$1,000. Cyclone, by Caliban, was one or the greatest sires of extreme speed that ever lived. He was taken with lockjaw and died two weeks ago. He was the sire of Dr. Sparks, 2:1214; Gillette, 2:1114; Cicerone, 2:12%, and twelve others in the 2:30 class. Pansy McGregor, the yearling that holds the world's trotting record, is reported to have a "dickey" leg. If she has, however, she must have got it within the past few weeks, as the writer saw her less than six

weeks ago and she was as sound as a newly minted dollar. Driver John Kelly has opened a public stable and will have Directum in his the coming season. He writes that he ex-pects the little black stallfon to go very close to the 2:00 mark this season. Mr. Kelly will race his stable through the east and middle

Trainer Daugherty of Leon, Ia., writes that Iowa's famous pacer. Blue Sign, 2:08½, is being worked every nice day, and that he has fully recovered from the injury he sustained in the great free-for-all pace at Fleetwood Park, N. Y., last fall. Mr. Daugherty thinks that Blue Sign will beat 2:05 this year. Since a son of Robert McGregor, owned in Kansas, is the sire of the champion yearling, that blood is in demand in the pop-ulist-ridden state, and Tuiloch & Warren, expecting to profit by the boom have recently purchased and taken to Topeka the stallion

McInez, by Robert McGregor, dam Inez, by Sweepstakes. N. A. Cole of Creston, Ia., who is the western representative of the Horseman, Chi-cago, is compiling a directory of western breeders who campaign their horses. The directory will contain over a thousand

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names and will be the first one printed. It rulned last year by the depredations commitwill be a great assistance to associa-tions and others.

The Red Cross Stock farm of Stewartsville Mo., is arranging to move to Creston, Ia. This farm owns Red Shawmut, 2:25%, by Shawmut, 2:26, dam Kate Mitchell, 2:28½ by Red Wilkes. This horse is an intensely inbred Clay-Hamiltonian, a cross that is much sought after and highly prized.

Up to the present time the weather in the west has been magnificent and there has hardly been a day that horses could not be worked on the track or road. nearly all the western campaigners are in fine condition and, if the weather continues as it has, there will be some fast work by western contingent when the season opens.

the Kentucky legislature which will pre-vent associations from defrauding horsemen. The bill requires that any association advertising a race meeting shall give a good and sufficient bond to the state for the full amount of money proposed to be raced for. The best associations of Kentucky are urging the adoption of the bill.

As predicted in last Sunday's Bee, Ab. Fullager, the good Illinois trainer, who was last season with M.E. McHenry, has engaged with the Keystone farm for the coming sea son. It is hardly necessary to add that Fullager is a first-class driver and that he will have some of the best bred and fastest horses in America in his stable.

Hawarden, Ia., is out with its announce Last year the Hawarden association held one of the most successful meetings in the west. The association has a new regulation mile track and at its first meeting the track got a record of 2:11, held by the Nebraska horse, Ontonian, 2:071/2.

Midwinter Lunch for the Fans. Larry Twitchell will wield his little club

for the Colonels again this year. Boston's catchers for next season will be Ganzell, Merritt, Ryan and Connaughton. Sioux City has already selected a place hang up the championship "rag"

Danny Shannon has caught on with Wilkesbarre. He will manage and play sec-J. J. McClosky will play first and manage the Lincoln team this year. He is a

Ned Williamson, late of the Chicagos angerously ill. He is at present at Hot.

Springs, Ark. Rusie, German, "Dad" Clarke and Westerelt are New York's "sure thing" pitchers. Brooklyn is trying to unload Lovett. would make a good man for Omaha,

course he would. Manager Cushman of Milwaukee signed T. C. Williams and waived claim to Pitcher Cobbs

Savannah capitalists have purchased the Southern league franchise formerly owned by Jimmy Manning. Chicago has collared a new catcher in Martin J. Lee of the Waukeshas. He is

said to be full of mineral water. Tim Donahue of the New England league has just been tasseed by Jimmy Manning. He has a mark of .334 with the stick. Big Sam Dungan has already reported at Chicago. Sammy doesn't intend to a the grass to spring up under his No. 9's. Indianapolis has landed Pitcher Bobby layle, the youth whom the Omahas mashed for twenty-six hits one June day two years ago.

Jimmy Canavan hasn't made more than a freight car full of coin out of his pole snap this winter, and has given it up and gone to handball playing. After ten years separation old "Pop" Smith, Billy Kuchne and "String" Field will be reunited in the spring. They have all signed with Erie.

The Boston people are squealing about Kid Nichols pitching so much on the coast. They fear he will report at Beantown in the spring with a lame fin.

Southern league magnates are clamorous for a rule which will prevent the big leagues from taking all their good players from them. They claim that their circuit was ted by the league.-Ren Mulford. Kansas City is quite jubilant over her base ball prospects. Manning is scouring the east for young blood, and is getting to-

gether quite an array of talent. The Bostons made more runs than club last season, scoring 1,003 times. Philadelphia made 988 and Cleveland 944. New York led in stolen bases with 313. Robert Martin and Thomas Burns have

purchased an interest in the Minneapolis Baseball club. These two John S. Barnes now control the club. St. Jacob Beckley has gone to Hot Springs

to boil out all the little measley strikes and weak hits that are in him. land at Pittsburg full of home runs and Home Run Breckenridge refuses to yield the blandishments of Count Campau. He says he wouldn't play in New Orleans

for the biggest steamboat on the Missis sippi. Ed N. Williamson, the old short stop in the days of the Chicago White Stockings' prominence, is dangerously ill at Hot Springs. He has grown to be a mammoth and is ailing with some sort of liver dis-

ease.-Cincinnati Times-Star. I met Ted Sullivan at Jacksonville, and he said the new Western association ought to be a moneymaker. He sent his regards to "Stub" Bandel, Russ McKelvey and Harry Saulisbury and said he would drop us in the spring. Ted will manage

the Atlanta team this year. Frank Selee in a personal letter to George Bennett: "There is no gainsaying the fact that we have been greatly weakened by the fearful misfortune that has befallen our great catcher, Charles Bennett, His loss, not only as a player, but as a man, severely felt in our ranks, and I heartily and sincerely regret that he is lost to the diamond. I am frank to confess that the old war horse was without a superior in his line and that it will take a long time before we can get one or two men to jump in and do the work he has done. He was not only one of the most gentlemanly men on and off the diamond, but he had a faculty of very effectually acting as a peacemaker when any little disturbance arose."

Billy Rourke Will Manage Omaha. Billy Rourke, who was with the Omahas

n 1857, has been signed to play third base and manage the Gate City team this year. He is well and favorably known to all the old patrons here, and his return will be hailed with no little pleasure. He has already began hustling for a team, and says he will have a corker in line by the time the

blue birds begin to chirp. Rourke was born in Columbus, O., in August, 1864, and made his professional debut on the diamond at Zanesville, that state, in 1885, along with such players as Larry Twitchell, Nick Handibo, Carl McVey and Curt Welch. In 1886 he was with Duluth, that club winning the championship of the Northwest league. He played in Omaha in 1887 till July 15, when he returned to Duluth. In 1888 he captained the Lima team in the Tri-State league, and won the pennant. He then resolved to quit base ball, and accepted a position with the Grand Island Canning company, Grand Island, Neb. In 1800 company, Grand Island, Neb. In 1966, he went back to the national game, playing with the Ft. Worth, Tex., team. The Texas league was short-lived and in June of that year he went to Cedar Rapids, Ia., in the Two-Eyed league, and his team ended the season in second place. In '92 h managed the Grand Island State Leagu team, but last season was engaged at his

old trade.

Billy Rourke is a rattling good ball player and a gentleman, and the Omaha club has made a wise selection in him for their team manager.

BLOAN, Ia. Jan. 25.—To the Sporting Editor of Best Paper West of Chicago: To decide a bet please state in Sunday's Hee what time they go by in Jacksonville, Fla., Central or Eastern time?—F. H. Fariese.

Ans.-Central, ALMA, Neb., Jan. 25.-To the Sporting

Editor of the Bee: What cities are represented in the Western Base Ball association this year? Is there to be a Western league and, if so, what cities are represented? Please answer in next Sunday's Bee and oblige a "constant reader" of your sporting page.—L. E. Fever.

Ans.—(1) Omaha, Lincoln, Des Moines, St. Joe, Rock Island-Moline, Quincy, Peorla and Jacksonville. (2) Yes. Kansas City, Sioux City, Milwaukee, Minneapolis, Detroit, Grand Rapids, Toledo and Indianapolis.

OMAHA, Jan. 28.-To the Sporting Editor of the Bee; Please state in Sunday's Bee where Denver Ed Smith was born, and whether he ever fought with Charley Mitchell?—Robert Hicks.

Ans.—(1) Birmingham, England. (2) He OMAHA, Jan. 25.-To the Sporting Edi-

OMAHA, Jan. 25.—To the Sporting Editor of the Bee: To decide a wager will you kindly state in the query column of the Sunday Bee the dimensions of the ring in which Sullivan and Mitchell fought in France, and greatly oblige?—Fenquag.

Ans.—Twenty-four feet square.
SCHUYLER, Neb., Jan. 25.—To the Sporting Editor of the Bee: To decide a dispute please answer the following question in the sporting department of the Bee: In the Sullivan-Corbett fight which did the most dodging and running around in the

the Sullivan-Corbett fight which did the most dodging and running around in the ring, Sullivan or Corbett? I claim Corbett did.—Halley M. West.

Ans.—Sullivan didn't do any running or dodging. He couldn't. Champion Jim did a little sprinting, considerable dodging and all the fighting.

OMAHA, Jan. 26.—To the Sporting Editor of the Bee: Will you kindly decide a bet: A bets that Corbett hit Mitchell with his elbow or arm and B bets that he did not. Kindly decide this bet in your next Sunday's paper?—A Subscriber.

Ans.—He knocked him down the first time with a blow across the face with his

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with a blow across the face with his wrist.

SOUTH OMAHA, Jan. 28.—To the Sporting Editor of the Ecc: Will you state in your columns the correct answer to the Jackson and Frank P. Slavin fight in England and the number of roundy fought? A bets the fight did not last three rounds and B bets it did. Please state number of rounds.—A and B.

Ans.—Ten rounds.

SUTTON, Neb., Feb. 1.—To the Sporting Editor of the Bee: Will you be so kind as to let me know what the score was in the billiard game between Ives and Roberts last fall? Can yon let me know how Pony Moore, Mitchell's father-in-law, bet on the last great fight, Mitchell or Corbett?—

Ans.—(b). Ca'nt give you exact score without looking up the files. (2). He didn't bet at all—was too smart.

BLENCOE, Ia., Jan. 29.—To the Sporting Editor of the Bee: Will you please answer in your Sunday issue how long ago was it that Jim Corbett and Peter Jackson fought their draw?—Constant Reader.

Ans.—May 29, 1891.

OMAHA, Jan. 29.—To the Sporting Editor of the Bee: Please answer in next Sun-

Ans.—May 29, 1891.

OMAHA, Jan. 25.—To the Sporting Editor of the Eee: Please answer in next Sunday's Bee Dempsey and Fitzsimmons' weight in their fight at New Orleans; also what daily paper, if any, Mr. McCormick (Macon) is regular correspondent for, and oblige?—Subscriber, 103 South Thirteenth Street City.

oblige;—Subscriber, 155 South Interests
Street, City.

Ans.—(1) Fitz, 150½; Jack, 147½; (2) The
New York Advertiser.

TRENTON, Neb., Feb. 1.—To the Sporting Editor of the Bee; Please state through
the Sunday Bee how many times Corbett
knocked Sullivan down in their fight? The
request is made to decide a bet; one-party
claims that Corbett knocked Sullivan down
about the fourth round, and again in the claims that Corbett knocked Sullivan down about the fourth round, and again in the last round; the other party deales the first knock down.—W. M. Ward.

Ans.—Sullivan wasn't knocked down until he went out in the twenty-first round.

OMAHA, Jan. 27.—To the Sporting Editor of the Bee: Please state in next Sunday's Ree whether Corbett and Jackson fought a draw in the California Athletic club. San Francisco, or not, to settle a bet; that is, give the referce's decision?—J. B. and W.M.

Sive the referee's decision?—J. B. and W.M.

Ans.—After sixty-one rounds had been fought the referee decided no contest.

GLENWOOD. Ia. Jan. 25.—To the Sporting Editor of the Bee: Would you be so kind as to tell me whether Poter Jackson (colored) was ever whipped or not? By so doing you will greatly oblige.—Rox Hanks.

Ans.—By Bob Fornam in Sidney, N. B. W.

ELK CREEK, Neb., Jan. 22.—To the Sporting Editor of the Bee: What is the fastest mile on skates? To decide a bet in your next Sunday Bee.—A Bee Reader.

Ans.—Three minutes, 142-5 seconds.

LINCOLN, Jan. 23.—To the Sporting Editor of the Bee: In playing high five one party has forty-six and the other fifty points, fifty-two being game. The party having forty-six points bids eight and make their points, while the party being fifty plays high and low. Who wins? H. W. Brevenbeck, 138 North Tenth Street, Lincoln, Neb.

-The side having fifty points, with could be substituted for an ace.

high and low in their hands goes out first, High and low always counts out first. WOOD RIVER, Neb., Jan. 25.—To the Sporting Editor of the Bee: To decide a bet will you kindly write a letter to me answering the following question: Did Sullivan and his backers give Mitchell and his backers money to make their fight a draw the time they fought in France? Please answer this through personal letter and I will remit you whatever your trouble is.—John M. Brett.

Ans.—No questions answered by mail. They did.

CHADRON, Neb., Jan. 24.—To the Sportling Editor of the Bee: Please decide the following bet: A bets B that Corbett will win the fight; during the conversation B claims that if Corbett don't whip Mitchell it is a draw; A loses the money, Please answer in Sunday's Bee, does the money go with referee's decision?—Rounds.

Ans.—(I) A draw would have made the bet a draw. (2) Yes.

COUNCIL BLUFFS, Ia., Jan. 25.—To the Sporting Editor of the Bee: A bets B that if they fight to-day Corbett will whip Mitchell. They fight and it is declared a draw. Who wins? Please answer in Sunday's Bee.—A Render.

Ans.—Under the circumstances it would have been a draw.

RED OAK, Ia., Jan. 25.—To the Sporting Editor of the Bee: Please state in next Sunday's sisue of the Bee of what descent is Charles Mitchell? Is he a naturalized American now or not?—Harry A. Clements.

Ans.—(I) English. (2) No.

FAIRBURY, Jan. 26.—To the Sporting Editor of the Bee: To settle a dispute will you please let us know by Sunday's Bee what time is used in Jacksonville, Central or Eastern, or is it different from time used in Omaha?—Mont Mann.

Ans.—Central, same as here.

COLUMBUS, Neb., Jan. 27.—To the Sporting Editor of the Bee: Qanne, of cribbage, four points; C plays 4, takes four points; C plays 4, takes four points; C plays 4, takes sky points; D plays 3, takes two points; A plays 2, takes three; B plays ace, takes four points; C plays 4, takes in own and the plays ace, takes four points; C plays 4, takes in plays 3, takes two points; A plays 2, takes thre

Subscriber,
Ans.—He has not.
OMAHA, Jan. 23.—To the Sporting Editor of the Bee: To decide a bet please state in your next Sunday's issue if, in playing high five, the bidder is compelled to lead trumps?—H. L. and G. S.

Ans.—No.

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PORTSMOUTH, In., Jan. 25.—To the
Sporting Editor of the Bee: To decide a
bet please answer in next Sunday's Hee:
Did Corbett and Jackson ever have a
fight?—Jacob Korth.

Ans.—Yes. a draw.
PREMONT, Jan. 26.—To the Sporting
Editor of the Bee: Where was Champion
Corbett's father born, and in what year?
Kindly reply through the columns of the
King Bee and greatly oblige.—A B Reader.

Ans.—In Ireland: don't know what year.
FREMONT, Jan. 27.—To the Sporting Editor of the Bee: Please answer in Sunday's
Bee: What is the best ten-mile record on
a wheel? Thanking you for same, I remain.—Fred.

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Ans.—Road record, 28:31.

LINCOLN, Jan, 21.—To the Sporting Editor of the Rec: Please answer theso questions to decide a wager: In double high five (1) Can a player disgard and trump? (2) Can a player pick out a discarded trump and play it? (3) Has the dealer the right to look at the bottom card? (4) If both sides go out at the same time, which wins?—Earnest Themalin.

Ans.—(1) Yes, but not a natural point, (2) No. (3) No. (4) How can they both go out at the same time? If I am fifty-one and make high, I am out.

SUPPERIOR, Neb., Jan, 25.—To the Sporting Editor of the Bee: In a game of seven-up A runs the cards; they run diamonds three times, leaving of course but one card; has not A the right to turn that card without consent of his opponent in the game?

Please answer in Sunday's Bee. J.

Please answer, in Sunday,
Mitchell.

Ans.—He has not.

OMAHA, Feb. 1.—To the Sporting Editor of the Bee: To decide a bet please state in the Sunday Ree: What constitutes a royal flush in a game of poker? H claims that a royal flush beats four aces, and N claims that if four aces are out no royal flush can be held, because a royal flush can only be held with the ace in it? (2) Is the joker a legal card, and can it substitute an ace in holding a royal flush? Helaims it can and N claims it can 'T-W. D Henderson, 1123 North Seventeenth Street, Ans.—(i)Ace, king, queen, jack and the

of any suit. Any straight flush beats four aces. Four aces and a royal flush cannot be held at the same time. (2) The joker is not a legal card, but if playing straights