WITH THE BOXERS

Gereip of the Week About the Wearers of the Mitts.

TCMMY RYAN WILL MEET BILLY SMITH

The Match Booked for Minneapolis This Month-Race Meeting at Union Park on the Fourth-News of the Wheelmen-Miscellaneous Sports.

There is but precious little stir in pugilistic circles just now, and nothing in sight. The Corbett-Jackson controversy has narrowed down to a burlesque, and there is no prospect whatsoever of the two ever getcan be "nagged" into it. The enormous development of his bumps of conceit and egotism are the salient points of assault, and already the men who make both fights and fighters, the sporting historians, have already trained their guns that way. As far as I am concerned, I think Corbett's persistent refusal to come to any sort of terms only evinces his superior mind over those of his kind. As the case stands today, the champion is fully \$125,000 strong, and he hasn't made the half of it with his dukes, either. Since he made a Has Been out of old John L., Jim has demonstrated that his resources outside the ropes are ample to keep the wolf from the door, and what need is there for him to take any risks in the unlawful pursuit of fighting. If he is onehalf as ambitious as he declares he is to be gentleman, he can accomplish this in no manner but by keeping out of the ring, and ever, I put prize fighters all on the same footing, and Corbett, simply because he has been successful in piling up the rocks, is no better than the common run, and if he intends to fight again, it seems to me it would be the nice thing for him to cease monkeying, get down to business and show a doubting world that he can lick Peter Jackson. Without a doubt the trouble with Jim is that he knows, as well as he knows that he is alive, that he has little better than an even break with the black fellow. If he was as cock sure of his game as he was with Charlie Mitchell, this fight would have been fought long ago, and we would now know really just how great he is. That he is the luckiest champion the world has ever known a fact not to be gainsaid. He won it by whipping an old woman and clinched is in a sideshow of a fight with a man who couldn't whip Dick Moore. But there is no kick coming on that score. I would rather see a man climb than tumble any day, and while I might envy his luck, I would certainly have nothing to say against its fairness or legitimacy.

The latest from Corbett is that in response of a cablegram from Parson Davies sking him to simply mention a when he would balance accounts with Jackson he says he will make no statements or promises until he returns to these So there you are. He may come back next month and he may not come back until next year, but in the meantime the red-hots can chew their cuds and do a little fuminating on the vicissitudes of the life of a sport. It is a rocky road at best.

is what Harry McEnery of

New Orleans has to say anent his subject: "Jim Corbett has acted badly with Peter Jackson, whom it has been said has always 'toted' fair with all his fellow men. It is true that Jackson is a black man, but that is no reason why Cor-bett should not have acted like a 'white man in his dealings with the African fighter All prize fighters are alike so far as the repectability of their calling goes, but all the world loves a fair man, and when a white man stoops to deceiving a colored man and lakes unfair advantage of his colored brother he has to stop counting on my friendship or him. The truth is that Jim Corbett has In his dealings with Peter Jackson, and the unbiased sporting minds will certainly agree with me after the case is fully considered. Corbett knows that Jackson has always said he wouldn't fight in the south, and with that understanding the match between the men was ratified. After long months men was ratified. After long months of wrangling the American puts his foot down and says that he will fight in the south and nowhere else. Now, tell me, what kind of pugilistic etiquette is James J. Corbett em-

Harry, you know, is the pugilistic seer of the Molasses City, and they think down there what he doesn't know about the punch-ers isn't worth learning, but I have known the celebrated "Bantam"—that is the name endearment by which he goes-to indulge in about as much guff as the ordinary run of fighting authorities. "Macon," in his wildest delirium, isn't a marker for him at times. However, what he mays about Corbett may be true, and again Before assailing the actions of either man, the inside history of this pro-posed match should be carefully studied. It was rotten from the beginning. From the very night the fight was made in the ring where Solly Smith extinguished Johnny Griffin over at Roby, one year ago, down to of a delusion and a snare and a big mutua theatrical advertisement. Originally they were to have fought last November, but the day after the first agreement to fight was made they meet over a bottle of red-top in Rector's, and put it off for one year. The end was then.

of a least a modicum of brains, and when he passed through here enroute to Kansas City I told him he was foolish to go so far into the country unless he meant to cut corn. But he said they were all right down there and that he had a hot tip that the coin was as plentiful as dog fennel on Main street, and I couldn't induce him to stop off in the city a while. He said h was afraid I'd run him up against Jimmy Lindsay. I gave him a letter to those exold gentlemen, Ralph Stout and Whitfield, and asked them to give him a feed when the proper time came. Now this is what comes from Johnny: KANSAS CITY, June 26.—To the Sporting

I always gave Johnny Van Heest credit

KANSAS CITY, June 26.—To the Sporting Editor of The Bee: Say, this is a good thing down here, and if you know of any champions out of a job they can be accommodated here, as they know all about fighters and all about the game. I was introduced to a dozen of the leading sports the other svening, and they wanted to know what I worked at, and if I had ever lived in the sountry before. Not one of them had ever country before. Not one of them had ever acard of me. Say, I wish I had stopped off it Falls City, maybe Charlle Abbey's pawould have given me a job killing potatobugs. But they give some big purses here. I saw two champions fight the other night for \$3.35. Prof. Jim Evans, the English rightweight, was manager of the affair. There were about sixty guys in the crowd, and they all went out in two carry-alls, about seven miles, where the solitude was almost equal to that here. Prof. Jim col-lected the \$3.35 on the way out, and announced when we came to a halt that it was all to go to the winner. And so it would, but after the fight the fellow who held the money couldn't be found, and the champion got nothing. But that wasn't all. Half the crowd had no money to pay their way back to town, so they hoofed the whole seven miles, getting here at cock-crow in the morn-ing. I knew a back driver. But say, if you meet any more fighters who want a good thing, just send 'em down to this quiet little place. It is dead out of sight. JOHNNY VAN HEEST.

Joe Walcott, the Boston darkey, didn't even get up a sweat with Mike Harris, the Bowery Boy, the other evening. A round and a half was all that was necessary for the Barbadoes shade to make Mike sing:

"De Bowery, de Bowery,
Dey do sich t'lings,
And dev say sich t'lings,
That I'll go straight back dere agin."
Harris, it will be remembered, whipped
Walcott in their first meeting, but the coon
has come fast and is now a candidate for

under the managerial guidance of my esteemed friend, Australian Billy Thompson. A club has been organized called the Hercules, and they are to have limited round contests only. The first pair of old chestnuts who will take a crack at each other are our old friends, Wiley Evans and Danny Needham.

In Boston on the evening of July 4 Stanton Abbott and Billy Meyer, the erstwhile Streator zypher are to box twelve rounds for a \$1,500 purse.

The contest between Dixon and Griffo at Boston Friday night is unworthy of mention. Without the shadow of a Coubt it was a cut and dried affair, adroitly executed. I Griffo, weighing 138 pounds, couldn't best the Haligonian in twenty rounds at 123, what could he do with him if he put up his dukes at even weight. Only get killed, that's all. But the affair is unworthy of discussion in these columns. The fact that Dixon wen into such a protracted contest with a light-weight, and a wonder at that, is sufficient to stamp the whole business as a fake.

It is now a settled fact that Tommy Ryar and Mysterious Billy Smith are to meet to a finish. It will be at Minneapolis on Thursday evening, July 26. I will run a special Pullman—that is if a Pullman is in sight at that time—to the fight, leaving here at 4:45 on the evening of July 25. A fins delegation will represent this city, and those desirous of taking advantage of a good rate can do so by applying to the undersigned. Full particulars next week. SANDY GRISWOLD.

A GREAT MATCH RACE.

Pyle's Robbie P and Alix to Go to a Finish

on the Fourth. The racing the past week at Union park Council Bluffs, has been of a sensational character during the entire meeting. Flying Jib having made 2:051/2, the fastest mile paced by any horse in the United States either in public or private, this year. Alix the queen of race mares, trotted a mile in that is the way it looks just now. How- 2:111/2, the fastest record made by a trotter this season, and it has never been equaled by any horse prior to July 4. Certainly such record breaking performances at one meeting should stimulate the management and insure the greatest crowd ever assembled on race track July 4 to witness the contest for supremacy between the western king and queen, driven by their owners.

The sweet little Alix, 2:07%, won the great free-for-all race at Chicago last August and her owner, Morris Jones, refused \$2,500 for

Robbie P, 2:13, owned by Captain Pyle has been an improving horse each year, and his record is the fastest in the world made by any horse driven by his owner and breeder. As he stepped a quarter in 31 sec-onds (2:04) gait) since his arrival at Council Bluffs, a bitter contest is assured, both owners being after money and reputation. Kate Caffery and Nelly Cobb, winners of their races the past week in fast time and traight heats, establishes the racing qualities of the Charles Cafferys, and Captain

Pyle is very desirous and hopeful to add another brilliant performance to the credit of his great son by defeating Alix on the day we celebrate. We admire the captain's pluck, as tainly he has overcome obstacles but few others would. Eight years ago his entire stable of developed trotters were burned at the fair grounds in this city with two exceptions, and two years ago at the same place he was knocked senseless by a collision while driving Newsboy, 2:12%, but the fol-

lowing week at the state fair found him again

driving the winners. St. Joe had 40,000 people at their meeting two years ago to see Nancy Hanks go against time, and certainly our three cities should do as well to see what promises to be the fastest race ever trotted in the west or in the United States at this season of the year There will be two other races of local horses, which is always exciting, owing to the popularity of their drivers and owners. Entries for these races will be received at the Drexel hotel, Sixteenth and Webster streets, up to 10 o'clock Monday.

The Fourth Annual Meet. Never in the history of cycling in Nebraska has there been such a prize list and splendid program of blcycle races offered as that gotten up by the Kearney Cycling clug for July 4 and 5. The occasion is the ual meet of the Nebraska division, League of American Wheelmen. The first meet was held at York in 1891, the second at Hastings in 1892, the third at Lincoln

in 1893, and each were prominent events of their time. The York meet will be remembered by the cyclists as a meet where every-one met every one else and had a good time; the Hastings meet is remembered as the meet at which Mockett had everything his own way and became state champion. The Lincoln meet was a success numerically and financially, but the races were cake walks and badly managed, because they weren't managed at all. Omaha sent the largest managed at all. delegation of cyclists to this meet that she has ever done, and it came back satisfied because Omaha "scooped the board." this year indications point to the grandest meet Nebraska has ever experienced. That Kearney club is composed of young business men who are hustlers and a credit to their town. They have laid themselves out, as it were, to make the "fourth annual" an

Waterloo of many an aspiring rac-ing man. There will be men from Colorado, Iowa, Illinois and Nebraska who can ride and ride fast. The Class B men will be given a chance in five different There will be plenty of new faces and several older ones. If you are looking for a place to spend your Fourth and have a genuine good time bundle your wheel into the baggage car Tuesday evening and his away Kearneyward. The prize list will foot up \$1,500 or more and is composed of high grade bicycles, diamond rings, gold watches, gold medals, silver medals, bronze medals, silver cups, cameras, etc. The program consists of twenty-two races, as follows:

overwhelming success. A fast track has

been carefully prepared, and will prove the

JULY 4.
Two-mile novice, value of prize, \$40; \$20.
Quarter-mile (open), value of prize, \$40; Kearney Cycling club championship, one mile, value of prize, \$45; \$18. Half-mile (open), 1:20 class, value of prize,

\$45; \$15.

One mile handicap, value of prize, \$35; \$15.

One mile, League of American Wheelmen championship, three prizes.

Two-mile handicap (open), value of prize,

One mile (open), Class B, value of prize, \$125.
Five-mile handicap, value of prize, \$25; \$18.
One mile (open), Class B, value of prize, \$25; \$18.

One mile, novice, value of prize, \$45; \$15. Kearney Cycling club two-mile champion-ship, value of prize, \$35. Half-mile Nebraska Division League of American Wheelmen championship, three

Two-mile (open), Class B, value of prize, \$125.
Five-mile club relay, value of prize, \$50.
Two-mile (open), 5:30 class, value of prize,
\$38; \$25.
Half- mile (open), Class B, value of prize,
\$50; \$50; Half- mile (open), Class B, value of prize, \$50: \$25.

Two-mile Nebraska Division championship, three prizes (medals).

One mile (open), 2:50 class, value of prize, \$48; \$25.

One mile (open), Class B, value of prize, \$125. The Kearney Cycling club, under whose auspices the meet will be held, will leave nothing undone to make visiting wheelmen

feel at home. Don't forget your League of American Wheelmen tickets; you will need Interstate Championship Games.

For some time past it has become apparent that the Christians were some few lengths ahead of anything of the amateur description in or near Omaha, and, as a re sult, their heelers have become surfeited with too much success. The next thing after winning a state championship is to go after other states, and this the Christians have done. Finding the championship of two states, Kansas and Missouri, held by the same team it seemed logical to arrange

for a meeting with that team, and, as usual, logic carried the day.

Two games have been made for next Tucsday and Wednesday, July 3 and 4, and should it become necessary a third will be played at a time to be agreed upon later. The Kansas City Reds, the team referred to, has for the past four years met and defeated all Tommy Ryan. Billy Smith or any of the the stronger mentioned and a number of the stronger mentioned and a number of the stronger professional teams. It played the opening series this season with Jim Manning's Cow-

game, besides keeping them down to the edge during the entire unpleasantness. The first of their two games will be played Tues-day afternoon, commencing at 3:45, and the second on the glorfous Fourth, com-

mencing at 3:30.

In addition to the regular ball game on the Fourth there will be an athletic exhibition and a game of lacrosse, all for the one price of admission.

For the Glorious Fourth. There will be two championship games at the Charles Street park on the Fourth, one at 10:30 in the morning and the other at 3:30 in the afternoon. Quincy will be the opposing team, and, although they occupy a low place in the standing, they have been materially strengthened within the last few days by recruits from the Southern league and will come here in fine shape to give the Rourkes a grand argument. The Fourth of duly is base ball day all over the country and with the people from all over the state who will be here the banner crowd of the season will undoubtedly be on hand to witness the triumph and defeat. Base ball patrons are urged particularly not to miss the morning game, as in this Quincy will have in her new twirler and is the game she is counting on as already won. The Omaha management is deserving of every encouragement and support, for in spite of the hard luck that has recently been visited on them they are straining every nerve to give Omaha as good, if not better, ball than to get, especially pitchers, but Manager Rourke is working industriously in this direc-tion and promises a crackerjack or two before the week is out.

Frank Ives Downs Vignaux. Frank Ives defeated Vignaux in a 300-point balk line game at Paris early in June, although I have seen no notice of it in the press on this side. It was the first time the two great exponents of the game ever crossed cues, and the rather aristocratic club rooms of the Cercle Aristique et Litteraire were filled with spectators. There was considerable money in sight and an Englishman who had "seen Iyes beat Roberts" won £100 on the result. "I was extremely anxious to meet Vignaux," said Ives after the game, "and I even offered once to play for nothing if he would meet me. I had played billiards with all the other great players, and I wanted Vignaux came very near getting Ive on his list, for, with 172 to go in his fifth inning, he ran 163 before missing. The score was then—Vignaux, 291; Ives, 192. The lat-ter then ran the game out with 108,, making an average of 60 in five innings. After the balk line game was concluded Vignaux and Ives played three cushions with 15 up. Ives won by 15 to 4.

Notwithstanding the slump of the Rourke family the Western association pennant chase still continues the hottest and closest in the country. While they are having a great race in the National league, it isn't in it with that of the Western. The Southern league has shrunk to four clubs, while the Eastern is but rarely heard of. The Western league is hanging on by an eye lash, with Sioux City so far in the lead that her nearest competitor has to use a telescope to locate her. In the Western association but three games separate the first five clubs, and the sixth and seventh teams are within easy reach. All are playing good ball and the race promises to hold out to the end in excitement and stubbornness. Manager Rourke is keeping the wires hot in his search for new talent and has a number of men on the string, who, if secured, will cause a sensation among the cranks.

Base Ball for the Week, The schedule for this week at the Charles Street park includes what ought to be a list of hot games. Today Jacksonville will make her last appearance on this trip and on Tuesday the yellow boys from Quincy will be here for a game that day and two on the Fourth. The Quincys have been greatly strengthened during the past few weeks and if they would now discard those abominable uniforms might do some great work. months is none too good for the man who selected those 'canary' hab liments. Thursday is an off day, but Friday, Saturday and Sunday Des Moines is here. Following the Prohibs next week we will have the leaders, St. Joe, here Monday, Tuesday and Wednes day; then the Rourkes leave us for a week —getting back here on the 20th in time to tackle Buck Ebright's lot of Farmers. If the management would like a big drawing card for Thursday next they can get it in Captain Abbott's husky Y. M. C. A.'s. They would pack the grounds.

An Omaha Horse at Milwankee. The Kinney brothers have refused a hand-ome offer for Tom Miller, the handsome sorrel colt who won the 3:00 trot at Milwaukee last Wednesday in 2:231/2 over a field of fifteen starters. There were five heats in the race, but the plucky Tom stayed nobly, winning the first, third and fifth heats. There was much excitement over the event and thousands of dollars changed hands.

Whisperings of the Wheel. Work, work, work, From dawn till the set of the sun! Work, with an eager, tireless will, When your training you have begun.

Eschew all your pleasures now, Discard your pet vices all, For you've got to have heart and lungs of If you stay with the "cracks" this fall.

You've got to be good and wise, You've got to be brave and strong, You've got to subscribe to a heap o' lies If to "Class A" you would belong.

For there's never an "amateur" But who sooner or later must stoop n more ways than one, or he'll be sure To find himself "in the soup." —Cycling West.

It is claimed that there are 7,500 wheelmen and wheelwomen in Denver.

R. J. Palmer, who lately passed through Omaha on his way to Denver from Chicago, has arrived safely at his destination.

The contract between the Tramway con pany and the Denver Wheel club has been signed and accepted by both parties, and work has commenced on the oval. This is the track on which the national races will be contested in August.

It is not apparent that many cyclists from Omaha will attend the two days meet at Kearney on July 4 and 5 on account of the distance. Several of the old "standbyes" will run over though, as a race meet would not be complete without 'em.

The ten-mile road race record for the world went glimmering at the recent Denver road race. H. R. Renshaw was the speedy youngster who lowered the existing record of 27 minutes, 26 seconds. His time was 27 minutes, 5 seconds.

Ed Prouix wears a happy smile and a beautiful diamond medal. The latter he won at Kansas City on June 18 as a time prize in the Kansas City road race. His time for the fifteen miles was 44 minutes 38 3-5 seconds through the mud.

Albert A. Dowd of La Junta, Colo., ha started to ride a twenty-two-pound Halliday-Temple scorcher across the continent. Cyclers will watch his progress with interest, as this is the first attempt of any cyclist to ride a semi-track racer over the country roads for so long a "spin."

Today, if nothing happens to spoil arrangements, a party of the Tourist Wheelmen will start for Red Oak, Ia., for the purpose of measuring the distance and locating the route for the annual club century in September. If the route is not suitable another will be chosen, possibly the route to Mr. Frank Fowler of the Hill Cycle club is preparing to send out an elaborate special train from Chicago to Denver, ostensibly to give wheelmen a chance to take in the grea national meet at Denver in August. Den

ver is preparing to receive 40,000 wheel-men during the meet. Fowler's train will make steps at Kansas City, Omaha and Lin-J. W. Selden, the Blair "speeder," is good one for a young man who has been riding only a short time, and is unfamiliar with the "tricks of the track." His time in the three mile, one mile and quarter mile sprints was 10 minutes, 2 minutes, 55 seconds, and 35 seconds respectively. With a good trainer and other adjuncts he would be a "crackerjack" among the local men. Measrs. Coulter, Locke and Reynolds of

west. The men are making a transcontinental tour in the interests of the "Falcon" cycle, built by the Yest Manufacturing company. The gendlemen are very pleasant young men to meet personally and expert cyclists. Their trip thus far has been one of great enjoyments and interest to them. Henry Frederickson, A. E. Prouix, Charlie Pegau and Rusself Condon are smiling pa-tronizingly upon the "local georchers" since they returned from Blair, not on account of the Keely cure, but on account of the trunkful of prizes they brought back with them. Pegau got second prize in the ten mile handicap. Conden first in the one mile and quarter dash. Fredericksen second in the one mile, and Proulx second in the

Captain Walker of the Tourist Wheelmen has named his men for the great Washington-Denver Relay, and will proceed to ge them into shape and thoroughly acquainted with their relays. He has named Melton.
Daxon, Hynes, Flescher, Smith, Taggar,
Pegau and himself as the team, although it
is likely that Proulx and another will be substituted for Daxon and Smith, as business will undoubtedly keep these men from participating. His portion of the relay has not been assigned him as yet, but he intends to send his men over the entire relay between Omaha and Fremont before long in order that the team may become familiar with any portion of it. The Omaha Wheel club team is also being organized, and will be sent over the entire relay for the same purpose. The message will be delivered to the Omaha boys by the Ganymedes in front of A. H. Perrigo's store on Douglas street, the Gany medes "toteing" it from Atlantic, Ia. The Omaha boys will carry it by frequent and successive relays to Fremont, where the Fremont club will hurry it on to Schuyler. Arthur D. Black of the Illinois division rac-ing board has the management of the relay ride in general, and has appointed the following well known wheelmen as state mana gers. The state managers will look after the message while in transit through their respective states: George B. French of the War department, District of Columbia; Albert Mott, Maryland; P. S. Collins, Pennsylvania; Jason C. Stamp, West Virginia; M. W. Bliss, Ohio; George Dickinson, Inliana; M. R. Thompson, Illinois; J. A. Pallis-ter, Iowa; James E. Ebersole, Nebraska; C. H. Hilton, Colorado. The message will be delivered to the wheelmen by the president at the War department, and will be carried day and night, through sunshine and rain, until it is handed safely to the governor of Colorado at the court house, Denver. The time scheduled is six days.

Yelps from the Bleachers. Quincy plays two games here on the

Fourth, Wednesday next.

chased.

What Omaha needs worst is one more pitcher, and a good one at that. It is a remarkable fact that no team in the Western league, so says Ren Mulford, has been shut out this season.

Old Pop Smith still continues to put up good second base. He is with Erie. Hutchinson is the name of the Southern leaguer Manager Rourke has signed for third. He is expected today. Joe Walsh has caught on big with Mil vaukee, and Manager Cushman has been

The Jacksonvilles, who are giving evidence of being the strongest team in the outfit, ought to draw out a great crowd today. Just think of it! The Washington papers have gone daft over "Pig" Ward. They say he is the greatest base runner in the busi

Whitehill hasn't the stamina to stay for the full trip. He is always larruped un-mercfully in the closing innings. Better trade him for a plug of tobacco. John W. Gaffney, the old "king of um

pires," has been reappointed a member of the lesgue staff vice Ned Swartwood, who has joined "Orator" O'Rourke in retirement. "Lady" Baldwin, who came over on the Mayflower, was resurrected by Grand Rapids the other day and he produced an assortment of obsolete curves that were entirely too rich for Billy Sharsig's gang. McVey and Moran are surely doing some

tremendous hitting. There isn't a pitcher in the association who doesn't tremble when either steps to the plate. McVey is in the .3.38 notch and Moran .3.30, The Times-Star says that Arlie Latham has shed his mustache. If Cincinnati knew her business she would shed Arlie Latham, He has been next to a dead weight for four

years. His alleged funny sayings wouldn't win a game of ball in a thousand years. Cincinnati's crowning idiocy was the sign ing of Mart McQuaid for the outfield. Mc-

Quald couldn't get his board out this way if he played two games a day. It is funny to witness the pitiful ignorance Captain Comiskey displays in his frantic efforts to dig up a ball player. Charlie Bennett is going east and expects o spend some time at New Castle, Pa., his ld home. His New Castle friends will

take him to Pittsburg on July 4, when the Bostons play there. If the arrangements can be made with the management of the two clubs Bennett will occupy the coacher's line at least for one inning for the Bostons. Manager Rourke wishes to call attention to the fact that the department reserved at the south end of the grand stand is intended exclusively for ladies and their escorts. He does not desire to be compelled to invite any gentlemen out of this precinct but will be

Newsy Christian Ball Gossip. In view of the number of base ball teams in the city and the few opportunities they have to play each other, there is a move-

compelled to if they persist in breaking the

ment on foot to arrange a series of games at Young Men's Christian association park to be played in the evening, beginning at One game a week during the months of July and August would give every team in town a chance at the Young Men's Christion associations, and that seems to be what they most desire.

Last Wednesday there was a meeting in Lincoln, at which the Hastings, Grand Island, Aurora, Fremont, Lincoln and Omaha associations were represented, the object of which was to discuss the advisability of forming a state Y. M. C. A. base ball league. Base ball through the state has taken a remarkable boom this year, but this busi-ness of playing here and there as the occasion presents itself is unsatisfactory so far as deciding the superiority of anybody is concerned. And it was with a view of making a clean cut fight for the amateur championship of the state that this step was

The Y. M. C. A. base ball team has found out how true the old saying is, to the effect that there are plenty of rooms at the top and unless some new teams spring into existence soon it will actually run out of games for the want of competitors. The recent massacre of Missouri Valley and the unconditional surrender of the Conventions have made it clear that whatever combination goes against the Christians have cut out for themselves a job almost as magnificent in pro-portion as some that have recently developed in the city council. Any manager who thinks the above is the result of an undue swelling will be listened to with

This league will not interfere with the outside games of any of the teams, and any onutside manager who may feel himself aggrieved by the claims of superiority made by any of the six teams mentioned will be cheerfully accomodated with a lambasting as thick and glistening and brown as he can consistently demand.

After an exhaustive discussion it seemed clear that such a league was feasible, and Lysle S. Abbott, the manager of the local association team, was appointed a committee to draw up a constitution and by-laws, and to prepare a schedule. In view of the advanced season it was thought best to play as few games as possible this year and if the plan proved a success then start abou 1 next year and play a four-months schedule. The opening games this season will be played at the western end of the circuit on the Fourth in case the final arrangements for the league are completed without unlooked for delay.

The management of the Omaha Western association team has developed a remarkable case of haggishness. Some time ago James Manning of Kansas City wrote to Abbett asking what proposition the Christians would make him for a game on Mon-day, June 25, when on his way from Kan-sas City to Minneapolis. Satisfactory terms were arranged, and instructions were secured to book a game for that date. Out of courtesy to the Omaha Western association management, which claims that by some legerdermain it has an absolute Messrs. Coulter, Locke and Reynolds of monopoly of the city and can keep every condition of the city last of the city and can keep every other professional team out, a request monday bound for Frement and further was made for such consent, and as Omaha

has no game scheduled for that day it could make absolutely no difference to her. After about four days solemn consideration the ukase was sent forth denying the royal apukase was sent forth denying the royal approbation, and Manning, not caring to antagonize the local maggots, canceled the game. In view of the gtatement that the denial was made for pu'el financial reasons the Christians offered to play the Omaha team on that day on almost any terms, but in spite of the fact that there could not be better drawing card to Omaha text now. a better drawing card in Omaha just now, this Proposition was also pigeon-holed. Then a proposition was made to play three games at suitable times, one on the Young Men's Christian association grounds, one on their grounds and to s up for the third. This, too, was received with a cordial refusal. The conclusion to be drawn from all these facts are apparently, in the first place, that the local maggets intend to use every endeavor to prevent the Christians from bringing drawing cards to this city, and, in the second place, that they are not consumed with anxiety to have their team meet the Christians.

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Questions and Answers.

BURWELL, Neb., June 21—To the Sporting Editor of The Bee; In playing a game of baseball the batsman bats a grounder which goes out between home and first base; first baseman fields it on fair ground. Would like to hear whether or not it is a fair or foul ball.—Please answer in Sunday Bee.—J. C. Hershey.

Ans.—If the ball was outside of the line when he picked it up it was a foul. If it rolled in and he picked it up on fair ground of course it was fair.

EMERSON, Neb., June 27.—To the Sporting Editor of The Bee; Will you decide the following baseball dispute in the sporting columns of next Sunday's Bee? There is a man on first base, one man out and the batsman knocks a fly which goes five or six feet outside of the diamond. The second baseman gets under the fly, but misses it, which leaves a base runner on first and second. One captain says the batsman is out because an infielder handled the ball; the other says the runners are all right because the fly was outside of the diamond. Which is correct? Also what are the boundaries of the infield?—Amateur. This was referred to me and I told them I would have you decide it.—Hugh A. Diamond.

Ans.—(1) The man was out. While the ball may have been five or six feet outside the diamond as you say, it was nevertheless an infield fly. (2) The lines, strictly.

HEBRON, Neb., June 28.—To the Sporting Editor of The Bee: Will you please publish an answer to the following in The Sunday Bee, July 1? The batter in attempting to bunt the ball makes a foul which strikes the ground about eight feet behind the plate. Question: According to the new bunt rule, would it be calked a strike on the batter or would it come under a foul tip? By kindly answering the above you will confer a great favor on a local sport.—E. W. Jones.

Ans.—It is a strike.

OMAHA, June 26.—To the Sporting Editor of The Bee; Well proper for the foundary to the foundary to

Ans.-It is a strike. Ans.—It is a strike.

OMAHA, June 26.—To the Sporting Editor of The Bee: Please answer these few que tons in Sunday's B e and oblige: What pitcher in the Western association has the best record up to date? Who has the best batting, also fielding record, same league? Who do you think will win the pennant in the three big leagues?—Crank.

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Ans.—(1) Don't know. (2) McVey of the Omahas. (3) Flynn of Peorla. (4) Baltimore, Omaha and Sloux City.

FREMONT, Neb., June 26.—To the Sporting Editor of The Bee: Will you please send me a schedule of the games to be played by Omaha? I did not see that one in Sunday Bee.—J. Wallace Murray.

Ans.—The weekly schedule appears each Sunday, Write to President McVittle for a schedule sheet. HARRISON, Neb., June 24.—To the Sporting Editor of The Bee: Ball player running from third to home, eatcher puts ball on base runner when sliding, but drops, Is base runner out? Don't catcher have to hold ball after putting on runner?—W. H. Hough.

Ans.-Yes, a reasonable length of time, Ans.—Yes, a reasonable length of time, FAIRF.ELD, N b. J n : 6—To the Sporting Editor of The Bee: I hear there is going to be an interstate sprinting match in Omaha on July 4, is this correct? If so, who may enter, what are the prizes and who is the race open to, I. e., what states, also amateur or professional? Please give me full particulars in next Sunday's Bee, I have been corresponding with other people, but thought I would be more apt to get it straight from S. G. himself.—W. H. Gardenier.

Ans.—Have heard of nothing of the kind.

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Ans.—November 12, 1873, near Pacific Junetion

He Proved He Was a Plumber. "The plumber joke is worked to death I will tell you one anyhow it is true," said one of the fraternity to th Courier Journal. "The young woman that figures in the story lives on Broadway, near Floyd street. She was sprinkling the stree this morning and used a hose that was sadly in need of repair. An itinerant plumber came along with a kit of tools slung over his shoulder. He asked the young woman if she wanted the hose fixed. 'What will vo charge?' she answered. The man looked at the hose critically and then said he would the nose critically and then said he would repair it for 15 cents. This was contrary to all tradition relating to plumbers prices, so the young woman told the man she did not believe he was what he represented himself to be. 'Still,' she said, 'go ahead and fix the hose,' The man took out his tools and seen had the hose nearly as good as and soon had the hose nearly as good as new. The miss gave the man 15 cents. He shook his head and said he wanted 45. shook his head and said he wanted 40.

'Why,' said the young woman in surprise,
'you said you would do the work for 15
cents.' 'Yes, I know,' he returned, 'but there
was more work than I thought.' 'Well, I was afraid you wasn't a plumber when you first came up, but now I know you are, and am willing to give you a certificate to that effect,' was what the young woman said when she gave the man his pay."

Jedge Waxem's Proverbs. Detroit Free Press: No man knos whats goin to cum uv him when he gits to be a ongresman. Ef thar wuz a law agin makin counterfit Ef thar wuz a law agin makin counterful promisses sum candidates wood hav a hard row to ho. Constituants wont hussel fer a congres-man that wont hussel fer them. Congress takes up more time undein than Congress takes up more time undoin than doin.

Putting Coxey in jale fer wawkin on the grass dont change the prinsipel uv the thing much that he started out fer.

A man cant be onest in politicks thes days, fer polliticks is agin a monoppolist. Pollitishans make statesmen and statesmen make the laws.

Ef the American eagel had a vote theraint no tellin what party wood git it.

A man that cant make money makin hay cant make it makin laws.

A woman kin roost on the ridge pole uv pollitics about as ezy as a fish kin roost in a tree.

An Attractive Kicker. Ex-Governor Winans of Michigan tells the following story on Mayor Pingree of De-troit: Mr. Winans was talking with a number of workingmen one day at the noon hour. when one of them remarked that he would like "to have a chance to vote for that man Pingree of Detroit." "But you are a demo-crat, are you not?" said another. "Course I am a democrat, but I would not have any objections to voting for Pingree. I believe that I would vote for more of my sentiments by voting for him than for any other nan in the state." What are your sentiments?" inquired the

man who was doing the cross-examination, "Well, I guess I can't tell exactly what he is in favor of, but, dern me, if he ain't agin' more things that I am agin' than any man I ever heard of in my life. Every time you hear anything big about Pingree he has got on a fight with something or other that all us fellers would be agin', if we had anything to do about it at all. DeWitt's Witch Hazel salve cures piles.

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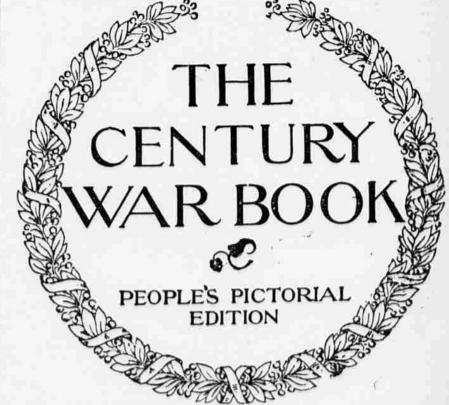
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