Whisperings of the Wheel.

which occurs upon the last Sunday in Sep-

It is "Papa" Fiescher now. Ask Louie all

The country roads leading out of Omaha

are about as dusty as before the slight rains,

and country riding is not as pleasant as it

The Omaha Wheel club has decided to

move into new quarters and will give up

their old quarters at the corner of Seven-

teenth and Chicago, which has been their

home for several years. The club finds that

the club house was a little too expensive dur-

ing the "hard times" and this is their main

reason for moving. New quarters have

been secured in the Boyd theater building

and will be fitted up as rapidly as possible.

The club will inaugurate a new move in the

matter of memberships in the future and

will become more of a social feature, recog-

nizing the fact that a combined club is

F. G. Barnett of Lincoln has demonstrated

the fact that he is the fastest of the Ne-

braska "flyers" this season, being head and

shoulders over the other aspirants to the

honor and glory. At Kearney, Omaha, Den-

ver and Council Bluffs he has pushed his

wheel into the winning places and has won

several hundred dollars worth of fine prizes.

His winnings at Council Bluffs were valuable

being a training blanket, \$10; sterling racer, \$150; diamond ring, \$150; total value, \$310. He also broke the state record for a mile.

Levy of Chicago. Barnett is a quiet, un-

assuming young man of fine physique and

any amount of endurance. He will be heard

The Nebraska boys who distinguished

E. Yule, Lincoln; J. P. Van Doosen, David City; H. C. Gadke, Omaha; W. A. Pixley,

Omaha; F. G. Yule, Lincoln, and E. E. Mockett, Lincoln, Van Doosen especially deserves mention for his fine work, in the face of some Ill-luck, too. He broke the

state record for a half mile, doing the dis-

tance in 1:07%, although a dozen watches on

the truck credit him with 1:07 flat, which is probably correct. His winnings foot up

about \$100. He is a new man on the track

and shows good speed and judgment; rest

assured he will be heard from in other meets.

Pixley of Omaha, who has been before the

public for several years in one phase and

another, rode in his usual form, his win-

nings footing up \$55 or \$60, the others win-

ning prizes of different values ranging all the

way from \$6 up to \$75. Frank Siefken started in the five-mile handicap Saturday and stood a very good show of winning a

of 100 miles, was on hand as usual and qualified. Tom used to make the boys

hustle, and some way or other the "fever" gets a firm hold on him when a meet is on,

bruises he received in the Daxon and Denver

tournaments. It is doubtful if he can get into his old form before the close of the

season. It is to be regretted, too, as Con-don is about the only real speedy man Omah has on her list, barring, perhaps,

Proulx, who is rusticating over in the east-ern portion of Icwa, The pluck and stamina of the Ganymede

Wheel club over in Council Bluffs is to be commended. Its two days' tournament of

last week will always be a monument to these qualities. Its meet was a grand suc-cess and demonstrated to the denizens of

the surrounding balliwicks that the Gany medes are a fine aggregation of "hustlers."

Five thousand people enjoyed such racing as has never been seen in Omaha or Council Bluffs before. Just think of it! Four state

records broken all to smithereens at one meet. Nineteen diamonds of the first water hung up as prizes. Seventy entries from

Among the visiting wheelmen at the Gany-

mede tournament was Ralph Kendall of Missouri Valley, formerly president of the Missouri Valley Wheel club and well known

to all the old-time wheelmen of Omaha. He was quietly booming the Valley tournament, which occurs on the 7th of September. He

assures the local wheelmen that they will own the town, as they did in 1891, at the

famous Valley meet of that year. Of course

you are going.
It is to be regretted that the old-fashioned

club run is gradually dying out. It would seem that with the hundreds and thousands of new riders, the usual quota of old ones,

the improved condition of country roads, the perfection in build of the modern bicycle, that the club run would be more popular

than ever, but, alas, it is fast fading into a memory only. There was a time when the

regular weekly club run was looked forward to with eagerness, the stirring and mellow notes of the club bugle echoed over hill and

dale, the merry wheelmen enjoyed a day's outing in each other's society on the road and gathered around the well loaded table

and gathered around the well loaded table of some country inn, a pipe and a loll in the shady woods. Those were days when wheelmen were wheelmen and the club run in the zenith of its power. Those were the days when we bowled along on a 54 or a 58 mayhap and the club captain was an authority, but the times have changed and the majority of cyclists affect the racing man's hump and ride wheels too light to stand the strains of a country jaunt; then again, methinks inertia has a great deal to do with the matter. Country riding is only indulged in by a few and then only in small groups and pairs. It is too bad!

It seems like a dream, almost an im-

seems like a dream, almost an im

possibility, that the shoes of the departed Zimmie should be gathered up and worn by

a westerner, and worn, too, with all the eclat of the "Skeeter." Otto Ziegler has rushed like a whirfwind into the foremost

place of the nation's racing men, fairly riding such men as Sanger, Johnson, Tyler, Titus Bald off their feet. Ziegler is from

San Jose, Cal., and can now sign himself American champion. All this happened at

Denver during the national meet. As a fitting windup to his achievements he rode a mile unpaced in 2:09 1-5 seconds—world's record for the distance and manner.

It is rumored that Troy, American manager for the Zimmerman, Banker and

Wheeler aggregation, will bring his charge back to this country, together with Louvet

Medinger, Edwards and others of national reputation, for a series of professional races. Rest assured, however, these professional

races will be bona-fide races—not exhibitions. One thing among others that can be said of the professionals who are doing Europe now, their races are all square—the man who wins from Zimmie on Wheeler has to "ride bicycle" to do it. Neither will enter into "fixed" events.

Waiting on the Nebraska Man. W. H. Copple, the far our I aucroit sprinter,

has left a forfelt of: \$25 with the sporting

editor of The Bee for a race with Robert

Harris of Niobrara, which will be held until

the middle of the week. Copple wishes to run fifty yards fon \$200 a side, in accordance with a recent challenge from Harris published in this paper.

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Wheelmen have dis-

weekly evening club

runs. The Sunday

runs will be kept up,

however, as hereto-

fore, Captain Walker

asks that the club

members do a little

more road riding this

month, to get in

shape for the fourth

anaual club century,

DAWN OF THE HUNTER'S IDYL

September Days with the Chicken and Approach of the Wild Fowl.

WHIPPERINGS OF THE WHIRLING WHEEL

Last Yelps from the Bleachers-Fair Fans at the Game-Races at Lincoln and St. Joe-Cheaper Guns and the Usual Entertaining Grist of Sports.



ROBABLY there is no class of men who are living in such a state of feveriah expectancy just now as the sportsmen. September. October and November are the months that make up the gunner's idyl. There is no time in the

de control bearing compared with this. whole year to be season. The spring holds no such pleasures as

golden autumn. There is always the danger of rain and snow and cold, and no game is as attractive for either pursuit or the table. But there is little need now to dwell upon the discomforts of the chase in the early months of the year. September is herethe first of the royal months for the lover of the dog and gun, and broad prairie, hillside, valley and morass will soon reverberate with the thrilling report of the hammer-

The chicken season was up Saturday, September 1, and already there have been scores of parties left this city for the numerous well known grounds throughout this state. South Dakota and Iowa. Reports as to the plentifulness of birds vary. Some have it that the crop is larger than for a long series of years, others that the birds are searcer than ever. A preponderance of evidence however, has it that the birds are as plentiful in all favorable localities as they have been for ten years. And this is quite probable, too, for notwithstanding the unprece-dented drouth with which the western country has been visited, there certainly never has been a more propitious season for midifi-cation, hatching and rearing the young, and I have yet to hear from any authentic source of any material destruction of the birds from a want of moisture. With the quali it is the same, and in many instances two broods have been hatched, as the nesting set in carly, and the dry weather materially aided the young birds in their growth, and as early as the 20th of July I saw young quall myself more than half grown. The second crop of birds will probably not reach their full strength and size until late in the fall, and hunters will in their rambles run across numerous broods too small to shoot However, the quall shooting does not open up until October 1, and in the meantime, the chicken, grouse and upland plover will fur-nish ample sport for the gunner. The plover have been exceedingly plentiful this summer, but with the first symptoms of frost will wing their way to the warmer climes of the south. Then along toward the latter end of the month the first issue of wild fowl will be along, and above all, chicken, grouse, plover or quali, the duck and goose shoot-ing, in my estimation, is the seme of sport. First we will have, along the wooded streams and lakes, the wood duck in his blazonry of colors; then comes the dainty blue and green wing; the mal lard with his glossy green head and melo-dious pamph! pamph! the ever coveted can-vas back in virgin suit of white, his cousin, the swift-flying redhead, the whistling pin-tail, the thievish widgeon, hooded mer-ganzer, purrutting bluebill, and scores of others. The jacks, too, the golden back plover, curiew and yellow legs, will drop down on every fenny expanse; the quali will be in the stubble, the chicken in the corn, and who will gainsay that the sweet

Mr. George W. Loomis, the popular chie clerk of General Manager Holdrege of the B. & M., is the vrous possessor of possibly the finest gun in the city. It is a recent importation, a Greener, and pronounced the handsomest fowling piece owned in Ne-

Dr. J. C. Whinnery, Ed O. Hamilton, S. F. Nebls, editor of the Danish Pioneer, and W. L. Jagger, are up somewhere in the northern part of the state making it merry for the

Theodore Wiseman is at the head of a hunting party up somewhere near Bancroft. They expect to remain through the shooting

C. C. Claffin, with a party of congenial sports, is encamped on the north shore of Lake Superior. This prince of sportsmen will probably have a grist of great hunting yarns to reel off on his return to the city.

R. D. Shoemaker is the owner of a hand some Great Dane, the mother of thirteen fine puppies, one of the largest litters on

J. F. Ryan of The Bee, and Mrs. Ryan have been the guests of Pat Sheehan, the genial beniface at beautiful Lake Washington. Mr. Ryan put in his time with line and rod, and made some big catches of bass and pickerel.

The long spell of excessively torrid weathe has had a dampening effect, as anomalou as that may sound, upon the city gun clubs. Instead of holding regular weekly meetings, as of yore, the Bemis Park and the Omahas now assemble upon their grounds but twice a month, alternating each Saturday with each other. Next Saturday the Bemis Parks will hold their first September shoot, and with good weather will doubtless have a large

W. D. Townsend, the accommodating chief clerk at the Cross Gun company, and wife, have returned from a delightful sojourn in the mauntains of Colorade. They, with Miss Minnie Beswell of Laramie, were the guests of N. K. Boswell at his ranch in the North Park. Billy reports some giorious days with the mountain grouse, ducks and snipe, to say nothing of the rainbow and mountain

J. Nelson Stewart, E. A. Shepherd and Paul Ludingter, left Friday evening for Kal-amazoo, Madison county, for a few days in the field. They will be the guests of harlie

Frank S. Parmelee, who is shooting in better form than for years, has been making some famous scores at the trap lately. He put in an afternoon after the uplands one day fast week, and made a bag of twenty-

J. J. Hardin shot a night heron one night last week while among the lakes in the sandhills. It is a rare and beautiful specimen, and is being mounted by Taxidermist Brown. On the trip referred to Mr. Hardin also hereed 100 players

R. A. Shephard leaves for the Chickasaw country next month for a three week's dear, bear and turkey hunt. Mr. Shepherd is an enthusiastic sportsman, and a superb shot.

E. A. Mason and a triend, of the Richardson Drug company, spent a day recently at Kelley's lake. Mr. Mason is an expert angler and their basket of fish embraced about forty-five pounds of bass, cropple and perch.

Big gray wolves infest the prairie and sandhill country round about the towns of Paxton and Sutherland. Hank Cheatna, foreman for Bratt, the hig cattleman, with the assistance of three comrades, ran a hig 156-pounder down one day last week, lariated and killed him. Paul Jantsen also reports of seeing a pack of seven, and says that both the prairie and big gray woives are unusually bold and plentiful this fall.

C. E. Grinnell of Paxton, this state, was n the city last week. He says chickens are as scarce his way as votes will be for

T. T. Shea of Council Bluffs and a party of three are in the vicinity of Valentine after

Billy Hardin and Henry Heywood left for Gordon, Neb., yesterday and will put in a week with the chicks and grouse. Tom Majors. The hot weather, he thinks, has been extremely damaging to the birds.

County Commissioner Wisman of Me Pherson was in the city the other day. reports chickens scarce, weather too hot and small lakes and streams all dry.

T. A. Dean of Dunlap, Ia., came over on business a few days ago. He says the Dunlap shooters are not sleeping, but getting in fine shape and hope for a shoot with some of the Omaha experts this fall. Mr. Dean says the show for ducks is the best

Great Race Week at Lincoln

There will be some great racing down at Lincoln next week. The state fair opens up on Monday, the 10th, and continues through out the 14th, and the speed ring program for the five days is a superb one. The citizens of the Capital City have manifested great interest in these races, and as a consequence they are certain to prove highly successful. There are four events down for each day, and it is safe to predict a week of most excellent sport. There is a large field of the best horses in the west on the grounds, and each competition will be a treat within itself. The track roster includes H. Glover, Grand Island, superintendent; Barstow, Crete, assistant superintendent; James Culbertson, Chicago, starter, and one of the best known in the country, and Robert W. Furnas, Brownville, secretary. All the railroads have made special rates and Lin-In promises to be lively indeed throughout the week. The program:

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 10.

foals of 1803, 2 in 3, half-mile Pacing, foals of 1833, 2 in 3 heats Running, half-mile dash......

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11. Running, one mile and repeat...

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12. Pacing, 2:40 class......\$100 acing, foals of 1892, 2:40 class, mile heats, 2 in 3 half-mile and repeat.....

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 13. 225

Horse first to haif......\$ 50 Horse first to mile and one-half. 100 FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 14.

Pacing, 2:32 class...... Running, one-mile dash.....

Fair Fans at the Game. There has been a larger attendance of ladies at the ball games this summer than ever before, and the promise for an increased interest on their part next year is exceedingly bright. The management has catered especially to the patronage of the

ladies, and next summer will insugurate a

system in their behalf that will make the

game furiously popular.

The woman ball crank is a queer sort of an article, and when she once gets in-terested in a game she can give her male escort cards and spades and beat him to death so far as enthusiasm goes. Women rarely keep a score; many of them keep the outs and runs on their secre sheets, but Hits and errors cut but little figure with them; just so their favorite reaches his base and gets home is all they care for. However, there are several ladies in Omaha who can keep as perfect a score of a game as the most expert prefessional in the land. There is one lady I have in my mind's eye, the wife of a prominent busi-ness man, who used to be present at every game, who is capable of the neatest and most perfect score I have ever seen. She not only kept all the columns on the score book complete, but even noted the number of bails and strikes. I have seen her on one or two occasions this season, but for autumn days, with their glimmering of mid-dew, mould and mellow, with their russets time reason or other she has not been regular attendant. There is no call to give names, but there are several other and scarlets and yellows, is not the hunter's lidies who are present at most of the games now who can also keep a perfect score They know the new rules, can distinguish all

> knowledge of what constitutes winning ball Their cards always tell the story of the

he good plays from the bad, and have a

Papa's Crop of Twirlers. It used to be that there were not enough batters who could bat, and too many pitchers who could not pitch. But it is different now. Good batters are as plentiful as skeeters in a Jersey marsh, but good pitchers are as scarce as hen's teeth. Let us review Papa's 1894 crop, Big Jamison had great speed, but no command, and was 'chased" early in the season, brought back recently, only to be "chased" again. Boxendate had considerable speed, some tolerable curves, but neither head nor stamina. After making a good "lose" for Omaha, he was fired. He went to Des Moines, won a couple of games last season, got drunk and was shelved. McMillin had the finest control, was very speedy at times, but couldn't make a win, especially on the home grounds, and the opinion grew that there was a corner off Sammy's heart, and he was allowed to es-cape. Bristow wasn't accorded a sufficient test, but was released on suspicion. Neal was all O. K., but his wing gave out at a critical time, and he was sent home. Lookabaugh, while a much better man than is commonly supposed, somehow or other has been unable to demonstrate it here, and as economy is the Western association's motto, he had to go. Alex Whitehill is the greatest in and outer in the whole corps. Today he is all but invulnerable, tomorrow dead easy. Still, Alex has done yeoman service for the Omahas, and will make his mark in fast company yet, Chusen will probably prove all right, but that remains to be seen. Ab-bey is a great pitcher, as the few games ha has so far pitched amply attest. He has speed, curves, the best kind of judgment, and hits like a Brouthers.

The Wilson bill puts a uniform duty on shotguns, and the following table will show the comparative duties on these guns unde the McKinley and Wilson laws respectively;

McKinley Wilson

Shotguns 64.03
Shotguns under \$12 80.30
Shotguns over \$12 46.49 In speaking to Mr. Ours of the Cross Gun company on this matter he said; "I have noticed no delay of trade on account of duties not being changed. Our customers throughout the state buy goods when they have sale for them, and I don't think the change will have any effect particularly on importations. People will buy just what guns they want for use anyway and this reduction of duty makes a reduction of about 10 per cent in the cost to us, and there will 10 per cent in the cost to us, and there will consequently be the same reduction in our aciling price. You have observed that when a man wants an imported gun he doesn't stop for a few dollars. American guns, I think, will also take a drop in price, and the day is coming when they will be almost universally used in this country, as their superiority over foreign makes is becoming better and better known every year."

Captain Walker extends a hearty invitation to all unattached or attached wheelmen who enjoy country riding to join with the Tourist Wheelmen on any or all of the following club tours for September. All runs start from Daxon's store, on Sixteenth and Chicago streets, at time scheduled. This is one of the best menths in the year

This is one of the best months in the year for country touring and the short tours listed will be highly enjoyable:

Sunday, September 2—Irvington, Neb., start 5 a. m.; distance, sixteen miles, round trip. September 9 Papillion, Neb., start 8 a.

m.; distance, twenty-eight miles.
September 16—Plattsmouth, Neb., start 7
a. m. reture via Pacific Junction and Council Bluffs, Is.; distance, forty-eight miles. September 23—Underwood, la., start 7 a.m., watermelons, etc.; distance, fifty miles. September 30—Tekamab, Neb., start 5 a.

m ; third annual club century; distance round trip, 100 miles; time to be consumed, fourteen hours; last man in under the limit wins a handsome gold century club pin; dinner at Tekamah, lunch at Blair. All runs under command of the captain and road officers, and subject to the road

rules of the club

The Last Trip of the Year. Papa Bill and his weather-beaten heroes are again at home for a few days' breathing spell on their own cellar door. They will nop up an acre or two of the earth with the St. Joes this afternoon and tomorrow, then wind up the season here with Buckerine Ebright's doughty senators. After the last contest, Thursday next, both teams will turn their faces toward the east. The Reurkes open at Des Moines, Friday, the 7th. They will be away from home until September 23, when the championship season comes to a close at Rock Island. With teday's game they have twenty more only to play. They will go away this time probably stronger than they have been at any time this year and should make a grand showing. When Omaha went east the last time, however, much was expected of her, but she fell one game short of winning more than she lost. She must do better this time or kiss her hand to the flag.

Down at Old St Joe The great fair at St. Joseph, Mo., opens up on the 16th of this month, and runs to and including the 15th. The management has made extraordinary preparations for this celebrated autumnal carnival, and it will undoubtedly be the grandest and most successful achievement they have ever scored. The race program is a magnificent one, embracing thirteen attractive purses, with a field of horses to compete numbering over 290. They have a splendid mile track, and are fustly noted for the excellence of their racing attractions. Saturday will be devoted almost entirely to field and athletic sports, including foot racing, bicycle races, jumping, and a hundred other divertisements. The Fourth regiment will be encamped upon the grounds, and the grand parade by the finest mounted division of the Knights of

treat worth a long fourney to see. At the Carriers' Picnic Tomorrow. The letter carriers' annual picnic will be held at Coffman park tomorrow. There will be two fine bicycle races on the athletic

Pythias there is in the country will be a

program. The first will be a novice road race, starting at Omaha postoffice and running to licule grounds at Coffman park. There will be first, second and third prizes. The second will be handicap bicycle race open to all, from picnic grounds to Calhoun and return to place of starting. These races are under the management of A. H. Perrigo, M. O. Daxon and the Omaha Bicycle company.

The Last Yelps of the Season. 0 MAN TO THE REAL PROPERTY OF THE PROPERTY OF TH

IKE all things earthly the base ball championship season of 1894 comes to a sudden termination this week. Next Thursday will witness the last game. It will be with Omaha's old rivals, the Lincolns, and as a natural result, an intensely interesting battle

The season has been a remarkable one, un precedented in many details, and the close of the season will leave the fans in a happy state, indeed. It will make no difference whether the pennant for '95 floats over the Charles street park or not. Patrons of the game have enjoyed a great season's sport, and are correspondingly pleased and grateful. The Western association started from a veritable protoplasm, but under fortuitous auspices, good judgment and careful management, has developed into one of the strongest base ball organizations in the country, a true model so far as the minor bodies are concerned. It has gone through the season without a hitch or break, withbodies are concerned. It has gone through the season without a hitch or break, without the collapse of a single club, or the shifting of a single franchise. And this is an exploit the association may well be proud of, as it is without precedence in the annals of western base ball enterprises. Too much the language of the poet, "We ain't in it to any great extent now." credit cannot be bestowed on President Rowe and his able corps of official associates They have worked carefully and conscientiously with this laudable end in view, and in its accomplishment have their compensation. Of course they have been materially favored in many ways. Fortune, from the very outset, has had nothing but blandest smiles for the young body, notwithstanding the pinching times. During the entire sea-son Omaha has had but one game postponed upon the home grounds by inclement weather, that with Jacksonville, May 2. And even this could have been played by calling the game an heur late. Fair weather has greeted every Saturday and Sunday game, the crowds have been splendid, the enthus lasm great, and everything in harmony with presperity and success. This rare good luck prosperity and success. This rare good luck has meant much to the local management, and they have given their patrons some grand sport. It has not only enabled them to meet all incoming bills, but has wiped out the large indebtedness that was necessarily incurred in putting the enterprise its feet and cast a roseate hue over future. There are many improvements and many good things in store for the people next year, but as it is a trifle early yet for the maturity of plans, these will not be touched upon until later,

The Rourks family have been shut out but twice this season, once by Des Moines on the home grounds, and last Monday at Lincoln. As yet they haven't succeeded in Chicagoing a single team, but on sundry oc casions came very, very near it.

Manager Rourke expects to have two new
men to help him out on the final trip—one

more good pitcher and a first class fielder.
Although we did not get Willie McGill, h did not accompany the Chicagos east.
From Philadelphia comes the news that

the Phillies would like to have two of the Rourke family. Who are they? St. Joe is negotiating with the only Miqui Kelly for the balance of the season, while Lincoln is dickering with Jocko Fields Georgie Treadway, the old Denver Indian

has made himself strong with Brooklyn this The next week is apt to see a decided four Western association teams. Fred Clausen will be pitted against loe this afternoon, and a great crowd will

assuredly turn out to witness the king of the old Western league. A wager of \$500 that Boston does not win the pennant has been made by Director Taicott and Playwright Charles H. Hoyt. The latter pins his faith to Boston.

Harry Fournier, who was on your Uncle Dave's Denver roster a couple of years ago, is pitching good ball for Cincinnati. The Hourke family, as remarkable as that may seem, lead the Western association of

Big Bill Hassamaer, "Old Smear Kase ing up his phenomenal clip in right field for Washington.

for Washington.

Omaha has a chance to secure Outfielder Smith of the Louisvilles, and will probably have him by the middle of the week.

"Purty" Billy Merritt, the popular little catcher who once cut a big swath in the Western league, has joined the erratic Cincinnatis.

the Sioux Citys will be at the helm of the Pittsburg league team next season. For the first time in his experience as ball player Emmett Seery kicked against the umpire's decision in a recent Omaha-Rock Island game in the Western associa

tion. Secry, by the way, has been averaging two hits a day for several weeks, says Ren Mulford in the Cincinnati Times-Star.

A gala day should be made of Thursday next. It will be ladies day and the last game of the season of 1894. game of the season of 1894.
Pittsburg has filed a claim on Billy Hart of the Cyoxes.

of the Cyoxes.

The past week has been a tough one on our friends up the river, the Corn Huskers. Their cinch on the flag has been thumped and bruised until Watty can hardly recognize it, and it new looks as if, second or third place would be good enough for him. However, Omaha will still continue to root for the Iowans.

for the Iowans.

There is no use talking, but the game with St. Joe this afternoon will be a lalla. Papa Bill says he must have it, and if that is the case why he must, that's all.

is the last Sunday game of the season, and a jam will surge through the gates. Everyody wants to go.
Lilly Hollingsworth will be in the game

today, and so will Lilly Langsford. Fre rikus Clausen will do the pitching for Pa. The Great American Game of Football and Eow to Play It. UTUMN is coming

> and the Tourist SUGGESTIONS FOR ORGANIZING TEAMS continued their

The Qualifications and Best Sort of Training for Ambitious Players-Signals and How to Give Them-'Varsity Rules.

NEW YORK, Sept. 1.-American football has in the past been confined mostly to colleges. This was probably owing to the fact that it required hard work and strict training to develop men who could stand it to play out an entire game. And the college boys are generally ripe for any sport which has all the elements of an exciting physical contest Moreover, they have a certain amount of time allotted for exercise and an athlete field close

The last half decade, however, has wit nessed a great change in this respect. Such a glorious game could not forever be played exclusively by collegians, and the irrepressible football spirit has penetrated the most remote districts, until there is scarcely any school or town that does not have its team. Last year boys' teams in different parts of the country did good work and received very favorable comments from the papers So that this year, while the college teams all over the United States will be practicing every day, regardless of weather, making disastrous onslaughts on the long suffering "scrubs," they will find that their example is being followed by thousands of admiring youths, who, not content with simply reading about the great games, will be punting, drop-kicking, organizing teams and playing match games from the 1st of September until Thanksgiving day, when the season ends. For the benefit of boys who have not played on teams we give here several hints relative to organization, with a brief synopsis of the different positions, together with points on giving signals and training.

HOW TO GET UP A TEAM.

The first thing to do is to select a cap-tain, one who has a cool head, lots of pluck this, too, in competition with such good men as Coulter of Toledo, Callahan of Buffalo and and plenty of strength to back it. If possi-ble, select a fellow who knows something about the game, but if he does not, let him immediately procure a rule book and ther oughly master the points.

If you have an old football player to coach you, so much the better, but every boy should soon acquire a perfect knowledge of the rules The captain, with the help of the coach or members of the team, should chose the men to fill the different positions, and here the best of judgement is to be used. Beginning with the end rusher, you want a boy who is a good runner and sure tackler. He has one of the most important places

on the field. When the opposite side has the ball he should play way out and force the runner in, keeping him between himself and the tackle. Then at the right moment he must dart in and tackle the runner low. Having once touched the runner with his fingers he should never let go, but hold on with a death grip. Should the runner round the outside of him he has a clear field and may make a long run with a possible touch down. When his own side has the ball he plays in closer to the tackle, following every movement of the opposing end. His business is to prevent that man from tackling the runner. Very often the end is given the valuable prize until the bad "spill" knocked his wheel out of joint. Frederickson, the state champion, seemed to be out of form and ball to run with. Every boy on the team should have good wind, but especially is this failed to get a place in any of the races in which he started. Tom Patterson, who never misses a race meet within the radius so in the case of the end, who is a total failure without it. The tackle comes next. He should be heavier and yet very active He has lots of work to do. When the op-ponents have the ball he must break through and try to stop the kick or if they are going to run, prevent the runner and his ference from breaking through the line on him. When his own side has the ball he is to block his opponent, that is prevent him ner. from getting through to tackle the runis also called on opening for the b He when they buck the line at his place. The

when they buck the line at his place. The guard should be of good weight, but not so heavy as to be slow. One of his important duties is to break through when the other side is about to kick, and prevent the quarterback from passing it back. Or if he can't do that which takes very quick work, he should try to get in front of the ball and stop the kick. The guard must not stand up straight where he can be bowled over easily, but set down low, on his knees, if necessary. but get down low, on his knees, if necessary. When his own side has the ball he must block his opponent. He can be of great assistance by preventing the opposing center guard from interfering with the ball or

bothering his own center rush. CENTER AND QUARTERBACK. The center has a very important and diffi-cult position, since he always has the ball to look after. Everything depends on how the ball is sent back to the quarter, the best and quickest way is to snap it back on its

end so the latter gets in on a bound.

The center cannot afford to do any side play with his opponent for fear he may fumplay with his opponent for leaf he may tun-ble the ball and thus throw the whole team into confusion. In conjunction with the guards he makes openings for the backs to get through. In standing he must be careful not to lean forward too far, lest his opponent, with a quick jerk, pull him over on his nose. Nor, on the contrary must be allow himself to be tilted backward. Since he receives the majority of the hard knocks, the center should be rather heavy, but very tough and not easily fagged

Behind the center stands the quarterback the smallest boy in the team, but the one on whom, with the captain, the most responsibility rests. If possible, the quarter-back should be captain, for he always gives the signals. His first mark is to arrange with the center some sign by which the latter may know when to snap the ball back. In the college teams this is usually done by the quarterback placing his hand on the leg of the center end, removing it when he is eady to receive the ball.

He must become proficient in catching the ball from the center and passing it back. And as soon as the ball leaves his hands he is supposed to follow it up, so that if it is fumbled, he may be near to grab it. He is always on the interference.

HALFBACKS AND FULLBACKS.

On the two halfbacks and the fullback falls the work of advancing the ball. For these positions the boys should be well built, very gritty, and fast, low runners, so that when an opening appears they can take it on a jump. All of them should be good kickers. especially the full-back, who generally doe the drop kicking and most of the punting.

Every member of the team should practice kicking and falling on the ball. College teams spend whole weeks on that alone

When you play your first game you will probably let the boy with the ball run alone. Don't do that. Always have three or four along with him to ward off and interfere, "Head down" is what the coach continually calls out to the green half back. If you run with your head in the air your career will be short and your nose an elegant mark

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LEARNING Signals.

When every boy has his position and knows what he is to do, the next thing to do is to arrange signals by which every one knows what the next play is to be. At first sentences were used. A whole sentence or part of it meant a certain play, but this being easily picked up by the other side, was soon discarded. Then motions were made with the arm or hand, but this method also had many drawbacks. Finally the "alphabet system" came in.

There are countisss why in which signals can be given by this system. For example, say the right halfback's letter is K, the left tackie's B and the left end's S. The quarierback sings out a lot of irrelevant letters. As soon as K, B, S is given, everybody knows that the right half takes the ball between the left tackie and left end. This system, though still in vague in many places, has been generally superseded by the numerical system.

In Camp's "American Football" is given the following example: "Supposing 1, 2, 3

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meant that the right half is to try the left end. It in order to learn a few points in then, as a key to this signal, and any num-bers, the sum of which equals 6, will be a signal for this play, as 4-2 or 3-3. If 24 is the signal for a kick, then 2-4-6-1-7-4 would give the signal.

THE WAY TO TRAIN.

Every one has heard a great deal about the training which football men undergo. It would be useless to give here the various systems, for no boy would follow them out strictly, in fact he couldn't.

The boy who wishes to play football should first observe the general rules of health. Not to eat too much, and to masticate that thoroughly before swallowing. Gladstone bites every morsel of solid food thirty-three times; do not, however, as a New York boy did, begin on a banana. Considerable variety and plenty of bread and vegetables with meat are necessary. Drink very little water, especially before or during a game. Do not fall in the habit of drinking a great deal of fluid during a meal. No smoking or drinking of stimulants. Water and milk are enough

for any boy.

Health rules are very strictly enforced in a 'varsity eleven. A good time to rise is 7 a. m. Immediately on rising take a short quick cold bath and vigorous rubdown. Some trainers advocate a mile walk before breakfast. But this has been discarded by Americans. Breakfast usually consists of oatmeal with good ripe fruit, stale bread or toast, some kind of meat or fish, including eggs. For dinner, meat and vegetables, stale bread, with dessert of some light pudding or stewed fruit. No pastry or fancy dishes. Supper is light. A small chop or piece of fish, bread and milk, with possibly an egg. Bed at 9. Get a good sound sleep with plenty of fresh air. It is bad to drink water immediately before going to bed.

The main thing is to do everything with moderation. Any boy who does this will soon get wind enough to play a football game. The morning after his first game will be one long to remember. His movements will be of the uncertain rheumatic order, his one eye considerably 'off color' and his shinbone much larger than it really ought to be. But all of these are included in foctball and the rough knocks will only tend to make a strong body and build up a constitution that will serve a good purpose in Questions and Answers.

Questions and Answers.

COUNCIL BLUFFS, Aug. 28.—To the
Sporting Editor of The Beet Will you
kindly inform me in your Sunday paper
where Alix, 2054, is owned and who owns
her. I see some of the Omaha papers
claims her as owned in Nebraska.—F. J.
Ans.—Alix is now with Salisbury's string.
Salisbury is the noted California horseman.
She is owned by Morris Jones of Red Oak,
Idwa. Mr. Jones was formerly a resident
of David City, this state, and owned Alix
then.

James M. Beaver, Scribner, Neb.—As you state the conditions of the interrupted game between Scribner and West Point, the game should have been awarded to you a to 0 ALMA, Neb., Aug. 22.—To the Sporting Editor of The Bee: Please answer in question and answer column of Sunday's Bee the following: in a game of ball

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OMAHA, Aug. 30.—To the Sporting Editor of The Bee: Having noticed an article in last evening's Bee about the unparalieled record of the teams in the Western association race for the pennant, six teams being "neck-and-neck," coming under the wire, wish to ask you through your paper under the head of question and answers, if the Western association games are on the square, as I have heard a number of the "cranks" express the opinion that it was, or seemed to be, very apparent that two out of three, if not all the games, were pre-arranged, and that it was the intention to have the home teams, as far as possible, win, excepting, perhaps, where the visiting team happened to be very much in the rear of the home team, as it is a well known fact that games will be much better attended when the home team wins, than vice versa, and in looking over the accounts of several games played on Omaha and Lincoln grounds, for instance, there will be found enough to make it appear as though there is something out of line in the management of the association; in fact, it looks as though it was run for revenue only, regardless of the public. For instance, Omaha has not won one game on Lincoln grounds, and Lincoln has wen but one game on Omaha's, and again, St. Joseph defeated Lincoln three straight games on their own (St. Joe's) grounds, then St. Joe, coming to Omaha, was beaten three out of four, and Omaha, song to Lincoln, was defeated two straight, the third game being played on Omaha's grounds, and Lincoln three straight games on their own (St. Joe's) grounds, then St. Joe, coming to Omaha, song to Lincoln, was defeated two straight, the third game being played on Omaha's grounds, and though there was a cog loose somewhere, and if it is not asking too much, would like very much to have your expert opinion on the subject.—J. O. Harlan.

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Ans.—It is with pleasure Mr. Harlan's questions are answered. In the first place there is no more likelihood of the existence of such conditions as you hint at than there is that the moon is made of limburger cheese. Base ball is one of the purest of all outdoor sports, there is no sambling connected with it other than that which attends competitions of all sorts. It would be impossible for a set of club managers to enter into any such a preposterous arrangement. The players would necessarily have to be in with the play, and they would give it away on all sides before the finist of a single game. They are being released and exchanged almost every day, and in their pique and disappointment would only too gladly proclaim any shady work on the part of their employers. No, Mr. Harlan, while you are doubtless perfectly honest in your suspicion, it is absolutely without grounds. Why has not Quincy won on her own grounds, and why has not Omaha? Quincy recently beat us three straight at a critical juncture in the race, too; Des Moines has beat us two out of three, and if you carefully look over the season, you will see the absurdity of the proposition. There is no cleaner sport existing than base ball.

ASHLAND, Neb., Ang. 20.—To the Sporting Editor of The Bee: Please answer in

ASHLAND, Neb., Aug. 30.—To the Sporting Editor of The Bee: Please answer in Sunday Bee, what is the best time made dressing a beef, who made it, and where at?—O. T. Hunter.

Ans.—There is no authentic record. It has been broken and rebroken so often that it is impossible to give the best time just now.

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SOUTH OMAHA, Aug. 31.—To the Sporting Editor of The Bee; One, two, three, four playing waist, I and 3 being partners, I being in the lead on the tenth trick, and leads the queen of hearts, and 4 puts on the ten of spades, and 1 leads the ten of hearts and 4 puts on the nine of hearts, and 1 don't cail his attention to it until all the cards are played. What is the penalty—A Constant Subscriber.

Ans.—The penalty for a revoke is at the option of the adversaries, who at the end of the hand may either take three tricks from the revoking player or deduct three points from his score—or add three to their own.

HENDERSON, In., Aug. 29.—To the Sporting Editor of The Bee. (i) Who was it Gragg or Holmes, that pitched the game for Des Moines Sunday, July 9, shutting out Omsha 10 to 0? You credit Holmes with having pitched this same, as your head line read, "Tried Him Once Too Often," etc. In The Bee of Monday, July 10, Gragg is credited with the game. (2) The batter bats a grounder down the line toward third baseman, third baseman steps on foul ground, reaches over the foul line and picks up the ball just batted. Is it a foul or fair ball?—W. B. Woods.

Ans.—(1) Gragg. (2) If the ball is lastide the line it is fair, it makes no difference where the player stands when he intercepts it.