## THE SPORTS OF MID-WINTER

Agitation in Western Base Ball Circles and

AT THE TRAP AND IN THE FIELD

Coming Shoots-The Game Question-Legislating for the Dog-Dead Flyers of Last Year-Questions Answered and the Weekly Roundup.

The Western association base ball circuit stands a good chance of being reorganized after all. It seems that but one or two cities were pleased with the work accomplished at the late meeting after all had time to consider the matter. The forming of the circuit by excluding such desirable cities as Sloux City and Rock Island and admitting the villages of Jacksonville and Rockford in their stead has occasioned a good deal of unfavorable comment, and there is a movement on foot looking to another meeting and a reorganization of the circuit. It seems that W. W. Kent's ambition for the presidency, secretary and treasurership depended on the circuit as it now stands. This, as well as the election, was railroaded through before all the magnates had an opportunity of acquainting themselves with the true status of affairs, and now that they have posted themselves up there is a general desire to rectify the mistake. That the association as it now stands with two such failures as Jackson ville and Quincy in the circuit, cannot be successfully conducted through the season, in successfully conducted through the season, in fact it would be lucky to pull through to the Fourth of July. It required superhuman exertion, almost, last season to maintain the clubs in these cities to the finish, and the organization in Quincy changed hands once or twice at that. Neither town drew much more than eigarette money and were burdens from the end of the first month to the close of the season. To attempt another season with this load to carry seems like the supremest kind of idlocy, and the quicker the balance of the organization put their heads together and form a circuit that can present at least a likelihood of success the better it will be for them. It will be foolhardy to begin with these two cities in the circuit, and if there is any business persplenity in the organization they will nip the little scheme in the bud before it has opportunity to swell. In their eagerness to further the ends of malice and revenge by ousting Dave E. Rowe from the holm of the association, the eastern contingency, backed up by one of the western cities, not only lost sight of the welfare of the whole organization, but completely ignored their own interests. This they now see and are as eager to right the fault as they were to commit it, and it is quite probable ere the lapse of another fortnight that this will all be satisfactorily adjusted.

It must not be inferred from the above that Omaha is the instigator of the present agitation, for it comes from another source entirely, which it is not necessary to name. Omaha, of course, is as much, if not more, infact it would be lucky to pull through to the tion, for it comes from another source en-tirely, which it is not necessary to name. Omaha, of course, is as much, if not more, in-terested as any city in the circuit, and can be depended on to lend any and every aid that will possibly tend to enhance the wel-fare of the whole association. Without the Gate City the structure would fall to pieces before a ball is pitched. It forms the bulwark of the whole association. of the whole affair. The organization was conceived here, and by wise and industrious work made a possibility, and she does not intend now at this stage of the game to be shoved to the rear and allow such a conshoved to the rear and allow such a contingency as that in Quincy and Jacksonville to reap the benefits of her energy and enterprise. A vast deal of correspondence has been exchanged within the past week and it is very likely that the wise heads of the institution will gather together, either here or at Des Molnes, within the next ten days, and effect a Western association worthy the name. This can be done by complete reorganization, so far as the circuit is concerned, the election of officers to be a secondary consideration. With, Omaha, Lincoln, Sloux City and St. Joe in the west and Des Moines, Peoria, Rock Island and Reckford in the east a solid paying circuit east a solid paying circuit

Manager McVittle continues to tickle him self over the signing of Pitcher Carrish of last season's Jacksonvilles. He stood second on the list of winning pitchers in the associa-tion last year and enjoys the reputation of having won the only game from Omaha on the Omaha grounds that Jacksonville took during the entire season. Carrish is a big, strapping young fellow, with all the curve and great speed. He is an upright, con-scientious player, nervy and intelligent, and pitches to win, always. With Donnelly and another good man Omaha will be tolerably well off for pitching material.

would be established and a scason of great ball eventuate. Jacksonville and Quincy should be dropped without consideration or

Harry Gatewood, marager of the St. Joe's has been in the city all week on the hustle for players. Last Wednesday he signed make a valuable man without a doubt. He and Cornish, pitchers; Whalen, catch. This L. is speedy on his fect, bats well and is sober team, as they played last season, have a Lu and hard working. He will alternate behind general batting average of .325. the bat and in the field.

The grandstand at the Charles Street park is to undergo much improvement during the coming month. It will be enlarged by the addition of a thoroughly appointed reserve department, which is to be built on the south end; is to have a new padded backstop and receive a coat of paint and otherwise embellished.

Captain Joe Walsh is rapidly on the mend by the 1st of March he expects to be in season, condition to begin active practice. He has braden, 2:07½; Ontonian, 2:07½, and Craw-ordered all the men signed to report here on or before the first day of April and will put possessed of rare qualities as well as speed. or before the first day of April and will put them to work limbering up in field practice immediately. Joe will split the men up into two teams and give them practice by engaging in actual games. He is a firm believer in this sort of schooling and will keep
the boys busy until the umpire doffs his cap
and crise "olay hall".

bennet. He is negotiating for one of the gan horse that broke an ankle in a runawa clubs in the new Two-Eyed league, and if successful, of course, will have the pennant winners. The Western league would like to have Jack on its umpire staff, but he prefers the management of a team if he can secure it on satisfactory terms.

Old Pop Smith, who played with the Omaha Indians in 1836, has signed with

Hugh Nicol is over in St. Louis drumming up recruits for his Rockford aggregation.

the line for pitchers. So far Omaha has trapped two, Donnelly and Carrish, and expects to close with another good man this

Peoria has thus far signed Sam Laroque Dan Boland, Charles Farrell, Jim McCor-mick and Billy McGrevey.

Manager Watkins is getting a great team for the Hoosiers. He has corraled that heavy hitting Findlay catcher, Woods, and

will give Harvey Pasterious another chance. Eddie Silch, who was known as "Baldy" Silch when he was with Dave Rowe's Denver team in 1889, died at St. Louis one day last

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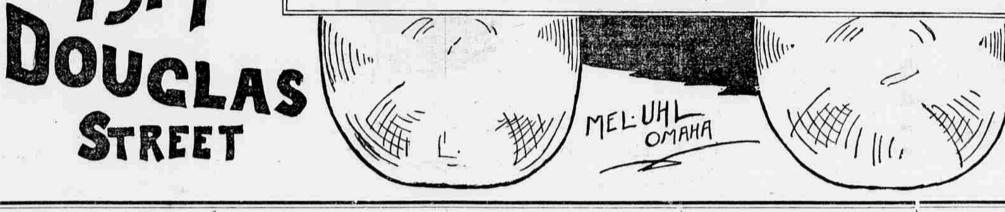
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ARGEST SHOE STORE

George McVey, with Omaha last year; Harry howe of St. Joe, and Arthur Creighton, the promising local amateur. The latter will left; Slagl, middle; Dwyer, right; Donnelly, left; Stagl, widdle; Dwyer, right; Donnelly, with the rest with the r

The past year was prolific in the way of fatalities among fast trotters and pacers. or better have died since January 1 of last year. The extreme speed list has been the

greatest sufferer, for the four with records pelow 2:10 that have died were all comparalively young and three of them were among the most prominent campaigners of the past would have taken much lower records in time. One brilliant prospect that was nipped Jack Haskell has the managerial bee in his in the bud was Cartridge, 2:14%, the Michi-

made his owners believe that he would step ome distance into the 2:10 list. The old-time campaigners were brought to mind and many a brilliant race of the past recalled when from month to month the news was chronicled of the death of one that had been famous down the grand circuit in the past years. Mattle Hunter, 2:12%, the rakish chestnut pacer, was one of the "big four," and with John Splan in the sulky made many a killing. Lucille Golddust 2:164, a great winner one season; old Charley Hogan, 2:18%, owned by Charley Schwartz of Chicago, and driven by Budd Doble; Piedmont, 2:174, that was good in his class the year that Orrin Hickok brought him east; and old Jay Gould, 2:214, the one-time king of trotting stallions, sold for a mere pittance in his old age. These and others of nearly equal fame have passed to the paddocks that are ever green and where the harness and whip are unknown. The following list includes the names and records of 106 trotters and pacers with records ranging from 2:07¼ to 2:30 that have died this year: Pamilco, 2:10; Cartridge, 2:14½; Chris Smith, 2:14½; Jessie McCorkle, 2:15; Jed Davis, 2-16; King Darlington, 2-16; Prince Wood, 2-16; Lucille Golddust, 2-164; Katie Earl, 2-164; Moloch, 2-17; Piedmont, 2-17-4; South Jersey Patchen, Jr., 2:174; Nellic

Joe Gunsen will do the major part of Buffalo's backstopping this year.

South Jersey Patchen, Jr., 2:174; Neille Wilkes, 2:184; Charley Hogan, 2:184; Dolly Co., 2:19; Bianca, 2:194; Glassware Girl, 2:194; Roas S., 2:194; Silver Ore, 2:194; Classware Girl, 2:194; Roas S., 2:194; Silver Ore, 2:194; Classware Girl, 2:194; Roas S., 2:194; Roas S., 2:194; Classware Girl, 2:194; Roas S., 2:194; Roas S., 2:194; Classware Girl, 2:194; Roas S., 2:194; Roas R., 2:194; Roas S., 2:194; Roas R., 2:194; Roas R., 2:194; Roas R., 2:194; Roas S., 2:194; Roas R., 2:194

L. 2:27¼; Joe McLaughlin, 2:26½; Justina 2:25; Katie Middleton, 2:23; Kittle Almont, 2:225; Katte Middleton, 2:23; Kittle Almont, 2:224; La Puta, 2:274; Liberty Bell, 2:24; L. M. Wing, 2:264; Lord Egbert, 2:30; Lugano, 2:214; Maggie Mitchell, 2:214; Mambrino Maid, 2:2814; Margaret, 2:28; Maud R, 2:27; Monocrat, 2:274; Oakland Maid, 2:22; Old Crow, 2:22; Orianna, 2:274; Paulina Lumbert, 2:29, Paulina 2:28. ine Lambert, 2:29; Roland, 2:28; S. & E., 2:264; Sherman, 2:234; Sneak, 2:25; Star No less than 106 horses with records of 2:30 Medium, 2:2314; Susie, 2:2814; Victor, 2:22; or better have died since January 1 of last Whips, 2:2714. The pacers that have died in 1894 follow: Hal Braden, 2:0734; Ontonian, 2:0736; Crawford, 2:0734; Jack, 2:1034; Mattie Hunter, 2:1234; Hadley, Jr., 2:1534; Roy H, 2:1834; Charley Wilkes, 2:1934; Goethe, 2:1934; American Boy, Jr., 2:20; Nelly G, 2:20; Anderson Bell, 2:2034; Bargnial, 2:294; Bargnial, 2:294; Bargnial, 2:294; Bargnial, 2:294; Bargnial, 2:294; Bargnial, 2:294; Baronial, 2:291/4; Beulah C, 2:27; Carrie M. 2:21%; Dolce, 2:20%; Elgin Girl, 2:20%; Guy, 2:26%; Helen S, 2:28%; Kilbuck Tom, 2:26; Monadel, 2:25; Nellie Sprague, 2:22%;

Red Hornet, 2:2314; Scott Smith, 2:2814

Chancellor Snow of the Kansas State unideclared: "I do not object to intercollegiate foot ball for the ensuing season if the rules are modified in such a way as to reduce to a minimum the dangers which are now incurred by those taking part in the game.

The prospects for plenty of quaits were the men came closer together. We started the lines at 10 a.m., moved for the center way and a captain for every mile. You see, we primarily by the extremely dry year and the consequent scarcity of grain and other feed.

The prospects for plenty of quaits were the men came closer together. We started the lines at 10 a.m., moved for the center than last spring, but the fall the lines at 10 a.m., moved for the center than last spring. My personal observation, however, has been that the principal injuries sustained in foot ball games under the present rules are in consequence of the lack of conformity to the rules. For instance: In the Michigan-Kansas game at Kansas City, November 16, 1894, Mr. C. W. Armour of the Kansas team was jumped upon with both feet by one of the Michigan team after he had passed the line and made his touch-down. There was no excuse for such brutality, which was not in ac-cordance with the rules of the game, but in direct violation of those rules. The umpire of that game should have disqualified the Michigan man for his brutal conduct and fall, which also may be attributed to the compelled him to leave the game. But this was not done. The same action should have the Yale team when he jumped upon Wrightington. While the present rules undoubtedly need some modification, in my cpinion a strict enforcement of these rules in the interest of fair play by the referes and umpire would do away with nine-tenths of the casualties of the game.'

Forest, Field and Stream. A novel live bird match came off on the Bemis Park Gun club grounds last Wednesday afternoon. As a sort of preparatory practice to his coming match with George Nicolai of Sutton, J. C. Read shot against Frank Parmelee, G. W. Loomis, Fred Mont-morency and M. C. Peters, Read shooting

Omaha will probably take place on the ditions are very unfavorable to attaining to grounds across the river some afternoon this this end.

sportsmen would favor their slaughter or not

commendable enterprise in this direction, and if he takes hold of it as he should the haleyon days of 1887-8 may be expected to return. Parties having live pigeons to dispose of would do well to put themselves in man residing at Brunswick, Neb., writing to my thanks for fistic facts. communication with the great trap shot.

versity has gone on record on foot ball. In

here has been a marked scarcity of game

a recent letter to a correspondent here he of all kinds throughout Nebraska during the

We had a commander for every ten miles

shooting has shown very few bags that were of the school section and reached the lines even fairly good. Where three guns bagged at 1:30, and found by looking things over

On account of the scarcity of came, most sportsmen have done very little hunting and very few of them have killed more than one-third or a quarter as much game as last year. This fact may leave a good supply of breeders for next season, and we all hope for "a good time coming."

John J. Hardin posted \$25 with W. H. S. Hughes yesterday as a forfeit for a 100-live bird shoot with J. C. Read on Wednesday afternoon next on the grounds of the Bemis Park Gun club across the river. This match

week. It is not known who will constitute the prohibition team, but Omaha will send forward Champion Parmelee, J. W. Loomis, J. C. Read and either Fred Montmorency or days the party killed nine antelope—six bucks the party killed nine antelope the party killed nine antelope the party killed nine antelope the party killed n and three does-and then came home because they had enough and not because they could kill no more. One morning before breakfast east. These birds could be trapped in this twenty-four antelope were in sight from the vicinity by the thousands, but whether the camp at one time, and most of them within a distance of a mile.

It looks very much as if the shooting in-terests of Omaha will be extensively revived this season. Frank Parmelee is evincing the last of this week. He could not state the pleted arrangements with the plumber.

the sporting writers of the country. He has a friend at Harlan, Ia., regarding a wolf bunt he participated in along about Christmas time, says: "We formed our men thirty M. K. Barnum writing to Sports Afield from North Platte has this to say anent the scarcity of game during the past season:

and at 10 o'clock started for the center, a from forty to seventy birds in 1893, the same parties, better equipped, could bag but from eighteen to twenty-five birds a day in '94.

that we had thirteen wolves in the ring, that were running first one way and then another. We then turned in four greyhounds and two Prairie chickens were a short crop from the deer hounds and the fun began. The jacknesting time, when very few eggs batched rabbits were thicker than blackbirds on the because of the extremely dry spring. A few marshy or springy valleys had an abundance of young birds, and these exceptions to the the lines and find it so close they could not general scarcity tend to prove the theory get through, and would run along about 100 that the drought prevented the eggs from yards from the line and the men would shoot fact that the sloughs, which usually have in the circle. Then the wolves made a rush afforded them good feeding grounds, were for liberty and the hounds had only sucen taken in the case of Captain Hinkey of nearly all as dry as a door-yard.

e Yale team when he jumped upon Geese have been fairly abundant for a few now the men began firing on them as they days at a time, but would not remain, as would try to go between them, and in five there was very little feed to be had, except where irrigating ditches enabled farmers to by counting up that the game killed was where irrigating ditches enabled farmers to by counting up that the game killed was raise good crops of corn; and such tracts are rather limited hereabouts yet.

The fact that the dry season has aroused every one to the necessity for irrigation (to such an extent, indeed, that nearly 200 miles of ditches are either finished or under process of construction in the vicinity of North Platte) leads us to hope that within two or three years at most, it will be unsurpassed but when a hunt of this kind is organized. three years, at most, it will be unsurpassed but when a hunt of this kind is organized as a resort for all kinds of small game. The and prairie chickens and qualis—"too many as a resort for all kinds of small game. The and prairie chickens and quaits—"too many increase in acreage of cultivated fields will afford more shelter for quait and prairie chickens and more feed for them, as well as for ducks and geese. Such has been proved to be the effect of cultivated fields in this vicinity before, and we confidently look for increased benefits in proportion to the growth there.

> John J. Hardin posted \$25 with W. H. sportsmen is a more lively interest in game protection and particularly a more rigid observance of the close season, but local con-'a good time coming."
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> is an acceptance of the late challenge issued
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> The one thing that is lacking among our by Mr. Read, and will be shot under the condi-

pocket volume entitled "Ring Record and John J. Hardin says, the weather being to be published annually with additions, and Needham, Jack Pitts, Jack Conway, Paddy t all favorable, he will shoot J. C. Read the can be ordered of Mr. Innes, postoffice box lirennan, Jack Wilkes, Chris Christopher, 2198, Boston, for 10 cents, Mr. Innes was one of the war correspondents at New Orleans when the mighty John L. fell, and is one of the brightest and most genial of all

With the Ball Players.

Harry Gatewood, who has been engaged as manager by the St. Joe ball club, was in the city yesterday on the hustle for players. He succeeded in getting contracts with three men, George McVey, with Omaha last season; Arthur Creighton, a promising local amateur, and Harry Howe.

D. E. Rowe, president of the local club. will make a trip next week to Chicago and Dincinnati for the purpose of scenting a full complement of players for this year's Omaha Jack Haskell, the king of last year's West-

ern association umpires, is considering an offer to join the Western league staff. He may, however, be induced to remain with A letter brom Bobby Langsford, Louisville, Ky., states that the benuty will probably be one of Walty's husky Hoosiers the coming Ans.—1:3

season. He says he would like to play in Omaha again—for a game or two. Catcher Billy Earle, who did such good work for Brooklyn last season, has been released, owing to an abundance of catchers. It is a peculiar fact that sober, steady Earle is never held long by any league, no matter how well he plays, and he is about dis-couraged. He has plenty of minor league offers, among which is a good one from Omaha, but he doesn't want to go back in miner company, owing to poor pay and short contracts. He has applied to Nick Young for a place on the league umpire staff.

The Clean Clipper Baseball club of Rector & Wilhemy company for the coming season will contain the following players: Lawler, pitch; Jellen, Robinson, pitch; B catch; McAullif, second; Marquette. Whiting, third; Bradford, shortstop; Connors, loft field; Hurley, substitute; Sculley, substitute; J. E. Marsh and Charles Olstrom, managers. This will be a strong team and the rest of the amateurs will have to hump the rest of the amateurs will have to hump been signed by the Omaha Baseball club?themselves if they want any of the laurels A Crank.

Questions and Answers.

ST. PAUL, Neb., Jan. 29.—To the Sporting Editor of The Bee: A number of which players in this city would like you to explain what a "whist tournament" is, and also what drive whiat is, in next Sunday's Bec, and oblige. C. J. West.

Ans.—A whist tournament is a series of games entered into by a number of players. for prizes or glory, principally the latter. Drive whist is a faultonable fed, similar to progressive high five or suchre.

sules, for \$100 a side, loser to pay for the or not. Also give his age, and, if possible, birds. age, and oblice a number of your old friends of the Twin City club.—Billy C.

Ans.-Once more, Tommy is not a Jew. His real name is Joseph Young. He was born in Newark, N. J., March 31, 1870. His Fistic Facts." It contains a big fund of prize ring information, reliable records of performances in the squared circle of the leading pugilists of America, England and Australia, with photographs of each, It is Jack Falvey, Henry Baker, Billy Layton and Billy McMillan. Jack Dempsey was born at Billy McMillan. Jack Dempsey was born at the Curragh of Kildare, Ireland, on December 15, 1862.

OMAHA, Jan. 23.-To the Sporting Editor of The Bee: Please answer in next Sunday's Bee what time Joe Donoghue made at the five-mile race at Amsterdam, Holland, January, 1891, and oblige.-Reader, Ans.-21:05.

OMAHA, Jan. 19.—To the Sporting Editor of The Bee: Will you kindly publish in Sunday edition the route taken by Paul Jones in his tour around the world, also whether he has been in Omaha since he started, and when?—S. E. Schweitzer, a Subscriber.

Ans.-He proceeded from New York to London directly, thence to Paris and Rome. Do not know the route thereafter. He arrived at Vancouver, B. C., Jan. 17. He has not been in Omaha to my knowledge. EXETER, Nob., Jan. 22.-To the Sporting

Editor of The Bee: Please answer through sporting column fastest mile made by running horse in this country or England?-W.

Ans.-1:35½, Salvator, Monmouth park, straight course against time, August 28, 1890. 1:37¼, Kildeer, straight course in a race, same place, August 13, 1892.

OMAHA, Jan. 29.—To the Sporting Editor of The Bee: If possible, please answer this question in Sunday's Bee: Why can not George McVey, the most popular player of the Omaha 1894 ball team and the leader of all Western association first basemen in bat-ting and fielding averages, be retained in Omsha instead of being signed with Buffalo, Bloomington and other places as reported?— A Man That Pays 50 Cents to See Each Game. Ans. - Give It up.

ment of The Bes for Jack Davis, pugilist, Ned Pulley, sprinter, and Jack McCann,

COUNCIL, BLUFFS, Jan., 24.—To the Sporting Editor of The Bee: Please let me know through next Sunday's Bee the names of the men and their positions, who have

Ans. - See another column, this issue. M'COOK, Neb., Jan. 24.—To the Sporting Editor of The Bee: Kindly decide the following for us in a game of high cashno, and greatly oblige.—H. P. Sutton:
In high cashno ace is one (1) or fourteen (14). The question is this: A plays an ace by itself alone and calls it fourteen (14); B plays a queen on the ace and builds it to thirteen, meaning are one (1), queen 12. A claims B can not build on the ace. Who is