TIME OF THE GUNNER'S IDYL

A Short Disquisition on Various Members of the Family of Wild Fowl.

With Trotter and Pacer-City League Meeting-Wheel Whisperings and Local Sport of All Shades and Kinds.



HAT the wild fowl season is about to he launched upon this section of the country there recoming in daily, and with a continuance of pleasant

may be looked for inside of two weeks. Already many of the most impatient and ambitious hunters have been out, and while a few have succeeded in bagging a few lean pin tails, a stray mailard or two and a limited number of Hutchins ese and speckled fronts, the majority have met with naught but a "hunter's luck. met with naught but a "hunter's luck." The old standbys, however, who always keep their weather eye peeled for the one chance, are in the main contenting themselves with their preparations for forays when the proper time comes. Boats are to be hauled out, over-looked and recalked; rubber boots to be patched, shooting duds to be mended, shells, guns and other accourrements to be inspected and a hundred other interesting details to be attended to, all of which amounts to almost as much in the way of enjoyment to the true sportsman as the active experiences in

The first ducks that come up from the south in the springtime are invariably the pintails. (Anas Acuta). In the eastern states and even as far west as the Illinois river, this duck is called the sprig or spiketail, but out here he is known alone as the pintail. The period of his appearance depends largely upon the weather, and he generally rides in on a storm of rain or snow or sleet, and this year he came with the rain storm we enjoyed ten days or so ago. Later, when the signs of breaking weather are more decided, he is to be found much in the c pany of the mallard, the widgeon and the teal, although he rarely makes a journey with any other than his own kind. They are a beautiful bird, and while not as gaudy as the mallard, canvasback or redhead, he is every whit as graceful, and if it wasn't for prevailing prejudice against him as to his table qualifications, he would be every bit as popular with the sportsmen. The pintail's plumage is soft and mild, a har-monious blending of greenish browns, grays and dull yellowish lines. They make their semi-angual micrositions. semi-annual migration in immense flocks, fly-ing high and with immense velocity. They a great bird for open prairie lands vast expanses of shallow and mucky water, and while this is true in the main, they are also exceedingly fond of waters, whether standing or swiftly flowing, that are to be found in the various heavily timbered districts of the country. They are, like the mallard, fond of acorns, and will leave the water and march off in the woods a mile o more in search of this favorite and nutritious nut. The pintail is the least crafty of all nut. The pintail is the least crafty or an the wild fowl, unless it be the repulsive spoonbill, decoy splendidly and are the easiest the duck family. In the killed of any of the duck family. In the spring they are most always lean and ca-daverous, owing to their long journey north and their restless natures, but in the fall I have killed them as plump and tempting as the best fed mallard. They can fly longer the best fed mallard. They can fly longer without rest than any bird I know of, unless it is the wild goose and carrier pigeon.

The mallard, canvasback, ruddy, wldgeon ldeneye, butter ball and teal are not long course, is the king of the wild fowl family. congeners, and commonly rated as the great-It would cost you a five dollar bill for a broiled canvasback in John Chamberlain's famous Washington restaurant today, and they often command as high a price as \$20 a dozen, undressed, in the eastern markets. The ancient idea that the eastern markets. The ancient idea that the canvasback in all the glory of his gas-tronomic attractiveness could only be found along the Atlantic seaboard has long since been exploded. I have killed them Chesapeake, in Illionis and Wisconsin, but have yet to find them anywhere so plentiful as here in Nebreska, or of any finer quality. They are, next to the drake mallard, the handsomest bird of all, and an old cock is surely a thing of beauty and a joy forever. His head is elongated and sloping, of a rich clinnamon hue, while the body is compact, as shapely as perfection itself, and with his ash-colored wings and snow-white body makes a picture, indeed, for the sportsman's yes. The canvasback speed of wing bor-ers on the incredible. He can reel off his hundred miles an hour and seldom drops to a slower gait than half of this, when on ever most unpretentions errands. They are quick-sighted and extremely wary, and yet they decoy magnificently, especially to a large stool of counterfeits. They are hardy and rugged and necessarily difficult to kill.

The redhead (Anas Ferina) is closely allied to this king of the waters, looks like him and acts like him, yet in construction and other way is distinctly different his table qualities he ranks favorably with the canvasback and mallard, indeed, properly would require a most thorough noisseur to distinguish any one of these birds from the other. The redhead, too, has a move on him like a bullet, and the sudden arrival of a flock sometimes is almost enough make a hiding gunner jump into the lake. The swish of their wings as they dart over blind and decoys is something remarkable The redhead is a veritable gourmand. He He dotes on wild celery, tender shoots and grasses, aquatic bulbs and smartweed and his appetite is insatiable he is lazy and indolent and would rather fight the canvasback and bluebill for a part of the harvest of their labors than bunt and work It is in the spring that this bird visits this region the most plenteously.

The mallard (Anas Boschas) is not only the most familiar bird of all the wild fowl genus, and I might add, without fear of contradiction, the most popular among a large majority of sportsmen, and quite deservedly so, too. They are not as large by a pound or two as the canvasback, neither are they as agile on the wing as either the canvasback or the redhead. Still they can get on a respectable gait when they have a business object in view and can cleave the air with celerity to suit the taste of the most fastidious gunner. They are one of the nondivers, excepting in very low water, and love to haunt the muddy shallows where smartweed and other choice feed most They make most capital sport in places, as they can be stalked easy range in their tangly and make beautiful shooting shooting | tirely. when jumped. They are also great decoyers Section 12, devoted to the protection of and there is no bird shot from a blind that fish, and which reads, "It shall be unlawful can take the glorious mallard's place. There is one species of shooting these birds that is unknown here, and that is timber shooting. In the cak flats along the lovely lilinois and the boundaries of this state, was changed the flats along the boundaries of this state. Was changed the flats of this state, was changed the flats of this state. Was changed the flats of this state. It also they fatten quickly, and at the right time changed the fish clause, confining the mode the timber shooting surpasses that of any of catching fish to line and rod, to include shooting surpasses that of any Like the geese, they are also partial to field feeding, and once the gunner strikes a favorite ground of this kind he is certain of a well filled bag. They are one of most delightful table birde, and next to the canvasback is most sought after by the gourmets of the fashionable eastern restaur-Generally, particularly in the fall, d shooting in this western country equals that of any region on the globe.

the green-wing frequently haunts the ad, open waters. They fly like so many yet the green-wing frequently haunts the broad, open waters. They fly like so many Georgie Carish, Frank Donnelly, George the Western league and the Western association for an entertainment on the 26th of March, and all wheelmen, turners and their

oming in with a suddenness that frequently ncerts the man in the blind. They love to bask in the genial sunshine, after gorging themselves with the nutritious seeds of the challows, and lying well bunched up, often afford the insatiate gunner a pot shot as is a pot shot. In the fall of '89 an Omaha sports-man bagged thirty-five at a single shot up n one of the numerous holes at Honeyereek This is rather a Munchausenish BREEZY GOSSIP WITH THE BASE BALL FANS but still it goes. The teal of either variety one of the morceaux of the game menu, incomparable, many think.

The widgeon, or bald pate (Anas Americana), is another one of the family that posmallard, only he favors open water and rarely ventures within the uncertain depths of wood or tangly morass. They are not gregarious to any noticeable extent and are generally found singly or in pairs, sometimes among the mallards. I have seen bunches of fifteen or twenty, but not often, and I hardly think they make their migratory prigrimages in flocks of any magnitude. Nevertheless they are great breeders and are found plentifully country there re-mains but little sprig, they frequent the open prairie in seadoubt. Reports of sons of overflow, but are always wary and arriving birds are on the alert. They partake of the redhead's thicking nature, and are a source of incessant annoyance to both the canvasback and blue-For the table he is not half bad. He bill. has a good appetite always and is seldom weather the main body of the birds met out of first class condition. In some lo callities they are considered as much of a delicacy as redhead or mallard, although on account of their unostentatious plumage their market rating is always considerably below

The bluebill is another numerous member of the family. He has many names. Here he is known by the name above, on the flats at St. Clair as the broadbill and in the east as the scaup or blackjack. They are fairly omniverous, the feed of the canvasback, mallard, teal, pintail or merganzer satisfying them equally well. Snails and aquatic larvae, grass bulbs, seeds, mosses, wild celery or corn or acorns, it little matters just so there is enough of it. In habit they are much like the canvasback and are famous divers. Tough as pine knots and hardy as Arctic wolves, they love boisterous and stormy weather. Swift flyers and much on the move, they furnish exceedingly rare sport when plentiful. They decoy charmingly and for table usage are nearly up to the standard of teal or mallard.

There are scores of other ducks visit our Nebraskan waters, and geese and crane and swan, too, but the ones above briefly touched upon are of the best known and most common. At another time I may treat upon the rarer class of birds, those which are to be met with here, but with nothing like the frequency of those already described.

Sam Richmond, the well known Clarks sportsman and goose killer, writes me that his camp on the Platte is now at the disposal of the hunters. He reports the ducks coming in at a lively rate during the past few days and predicts splendid river

S. B. Raynard, a popular and well known sportsman of Grand Island, has just put one of the best decoys on the market ever manu-factured. They are made of waterproof paper and are very light and easy to transport. The heads of the birds are wooden and fit in the neck, and, running through, form a support. The birds are reversible; that is, a Canada goose on one side and a white goose on the other, and either can be used at They are well painted and are undoubtedly a splendid decoy.

Sanford K. Brown of Jackson, this state, and indisputably one of the greatest field day. He states that there were more quail frozen in the northern part of this state this winter than has been destroyed in this way during the past five years. Whole covies were found huddled together and frozen hard as rocks. En passant, while shooting last fall, Mr. Sanford killed an albino quall, which he had the Gilbert Bros. mount, and of which he is very proud, as it is the only white quall he has ever met with in his long career as an ardent sportsman.

Material improvements will be made at the shooting grounds of the Bemis Park and in the wake of the pintail, and when once these birds come in it will be but a short wait before the others come straggling after.

The canvasback (Aythya Vallisneria), of content of the convenient, and though sorely pushed, she front rank, and though sorely pushed the convergence of the 300 or 400 yards from the end of the big monarch of both wave and sky. He is bridge. These grounds are probably the best larger by a pound or more than any of his and most accessible, everything considered, that the gun clubs could secure, but the have always had one drawback, and that the meager accommodations for spectators. At the recent matches between J. C. Read and J. J. Hardin and George Nicolai, and the Omaha and Council Bluffs team shoot, there were fully 1,000 people assembled there to witness the sport. Out of this 1,000, however, possibly a score or two found seats or even an advantageous position from which to watch the battles of the hammerless, while the whole crowd, including the testants, were subjected to more less danger from the reckless scalpers who always surround the boundary line on the occasion of a live bird shoot Luckily, so far, there have been no accidents from this source, and the club man agements have resolved that there shall be enlarged, with a plate glass front occupying the eastern end and facing the range, affording members an opportunity to view the con tests with ease and comfort on days of in clement weather. The shooting grounds themselves are to be ploughed, rolled and packed, and a flooring put down half way to the traps in the live bird department, the same as now exists on the target area, and around the whole grounds a tight board fence is to be erected just beyond the boundary lines. This will afford the managements a source of revenue, as a small admission fee will be charged to all outsiders on the occasion of special or regular shoots This move is not made, however, with an pestiferous scalper and objectionable characters who are sometimes attracted thither by such events.

> Reports come in from Cody that there man up there who is going to make the chicken and grouse hard to find this son, if he is not sat down upon. He into Cody the other evening with six dozen grouse, and was hunting a market for them. Here is a good subject for the Omaha gut clubs to make an example of. My in formant writes that he thinks this law breaker shipped his game to Omaha. attempt was made to learn his name it was unsuccessful, but it was learned that he would be back the latter week with another batch of birds, and if he determined effort to bring him to tim

senate last week, was but slightly amended or changed. To section 1, forbidding the killing or trapping of insectivorous birds at any time was appended "except for scientific purposes."

Section 2 was amended by adding, "and it shall be further provided that it shall be un-lawful to kill wild quail for a period of three years from the 1st day of October 1895." A wise amendment. To section 7, with reference to disturbing

tific purposes. Section 8, protecting squirrels, was made to include all timber species of this kind. Section 11, providing for a close season for furbearing animals, was expunged en-

Section 12, devoted to the protection of for any person in the state of Nebraska to injure or harm any fish in any public waters in the state, or in the Missouri river along the boundaries of this state," was changed spearing, and dams for irrigating purposes alone may be maintained.

Palayer with the Ball Players.

Dreased to death in her new suit of green and with her bonnet covered with daffodils and crocuses, Gentle Annie, the dear, giddy old girl, will soon be here. And she will not come alone. She has made many new mashes during the winter months and she will be followed here by a gang of married and single men that will set the whole town agog. winged teal (Anas Creeca and Anas Discore) There is Josephus Waish, the boy with the is partial to low waters and muddy swalls, tropical hair, he's stuck on Gentle Annie, and

Mike Dwyer, Herbert Hulin and Charlie

in the smiles of the queen of the vernal sea-In fust three more weeks from last night the Omaha team will have reported, and the weather being at all auspicious, jump into active preliminary practice in the field. Captain Walsh has always held that there is no drilling so effective in preparing a player for the championship season as actual work on the diamond. While he is too sensible not to acknowledge the beneficial results of inloor gymnastics, hand ball and kindred calisthenics, he would give more for a day's good, honest work in an actual contest on the field than for a week's devotion of this sort of exercise. Joe has had a good deal of experience under some of the grand masters of base ball physical culture, and his ideas are not founded on the lines laid down in the books, but on a basis built from practical trial, and there will be nothing of the experimental in the handling of his men. Morning and afternoon, daily, whenever the weather permits, he will have his men arraved against each other in actual contest from the date of their arrival here until the momentous afternoon when for the first time they will don their bran new uniforms of red and white and step upon the field for the initial struggle with Quincy for the cham-pionship flag. The opening day comes on Thursday, May 2, but prior to this the team will be seen in exhibition games with Kansas City, Minneapolis, St. Joe and Lincoln, and these games will give the fans an opportunity to size the new men up and make their com-parisons with the various teams which have represented Omaha in the past. The first regular games will probably be between two teams made up of the men signed, filled in with the city's best amateurs, on Saturday and Sunday, April 6 and 7. The following Saturday and Sunday Jimmy Manning's vallant Cowboys will be here, then Minneapolis St. Joe and Lincoln in rapid succession April, notwithstanding it is not included in the championship bill, will offer quite a menu for the hungry cranks. That the local season

is bound to be a great one there is but little doubt. Already the keenest interest is manifest and nothing but praise is heard from those who support the game for the management for energy and discretion they have used in securing the team. Without a doubt it is stronger in every way than the team of 1894, and is made up of a class of players, as a whole, vastly superior other ways than in playing strength to the outfit which fought, bled and died for the Gate City last year, and while Managers McVittle and Rowe are making no rash claims of their capabilities for capturing the pennant, they do assert that they will have a much better position when autumn rolls around than that achieved by the late lamented Rourke fam-While it is incontrovertible that Omaha son, the same declaration holds good with the entire association. Every team evinces additional strength, and the supposition is that the patrons of the game all along the line are to be treated to another rattling good season of the national game.

The season will open up, to all appearances, with the most flattering prospects of success. Experienced and capable managers are at the head of each team, and a repetition of last year's thrilling and brillian chase for the coveted flag may be confi-dently looked for. While better and more scientific work will doubtless mark the playing of the various teams this year, one thing is certain, and that is no closer or more exciting race than that which has made last season memorable need be expected. race of 1894 was without a parallel in the history of the great sport in a big or With the single exception of the misfit Yellow Boys of Quincy, every team in the association had a chance to win the pennant up to the last week of the contest, and every team had been, at one time or another, at the top of the heap. It was a continuous vacillation from first to last, as for months the winning or losing of two or three successive games would ad-vance the tailenders to the leaders' position or vice versa, particularly versa. St. Joe cut the pace at the opening of the struggle and maintained it just long enough to give the other cities a robust scare, then she took a tumble, and Lincoln, Jacksonville and Omaha juggled first place for a few weeks between them. During the latter half maintained it to the end. Instead of going to pieces in the middle of the season, club was kept intact throughout, every club, with two exceptions, the season with a balance on the right side of the ledger. This year's circuit in-cludes all the old cities excepting Rock Island, who was ousted for unfathomable reasons to make room for Rockford. ever, it is hoped that it is all for the best, and that the pessimists will all be forced up on the hind seats before the dog days With conservative and careful reach us. management, an unswerving adherence to the salary limit, a strict enforcement of all the rules of the association, and with the same good ball playing, even a more successful season than the last one may be

President Kent has officially promulgated the following playing roster of each club, and while it does not include the full complement of players gathered in by the respective managements it is sufficient to give the impatient fan a pretty good estimate of the

calibre of the association: Omaha-Managers, Rowe and McVittle captain, Joe Walsh; players, Pete Lohman, George Carish, Frank Donnelly, George Darby, Ed Miles, Con Whalen, Joe Slagel, Ed Hutchison, George Ulrich, Mike Dwyer, Herbert Hulin and Charles Schaeffer. Lincoln-Manager and captain, Ebright; players, Van Buren, Meyers,

Ebright: players, van Buren, alcyster, Hill, Taylor, Kimmer, Hollingsworth, Barnes, Simons, Sullivan, Cole, Gragg and Fisher.
St. Joe—Manager and captain, Harry Gatewood; players, Harry Hote, Pat Zeigler, Arthur Creighton, C. A. Macum, Ed Logue, W. B. Douglas, J. McKenzle, Burt Matum, Garra McVey, Tom Ramsey, M. Burt, Stat McVey, Tom Ramsey, M. Burt, Stat , C. E. Jones and Al Beal. Des Moines—Manager and captain, William Traffley; players, Jim Purvis, McFarland, Andrews, Figgemeyer, McKibben, Holmes,

Griffin, Letcher, Kid Mohler, Mc Jacksonville-Manager and captain, Henry Aydelotte; players, Caplinger, Swartz, Knep-per, Belt, Johnson, Aydelot, Hanley, Mc

Quirk, Deveney, White, Zeis.
Quincy—Manager, G. W. Brackett; captain,
Sam LaRoque; players, William Hines, J.,
McCormick, Ed Hickey, J. E. McGreevy, P. Rowcliffe, W. H. Horne, Charles Farrell

and Daniel Boland. Peoria-Manager, Charles Flynn; captain Peoria—Manager, Charles Joe Cantillion; players, Dick Collins, A. Fischer, Bob Emmerke, H. Clifford, George Hansen, George Nulton, Tom Thomas, Willie Brown, Frank Haller, George Flynn, Harry T. Bennett, Tom Francis, Dave Seisler and

Rockford—Manager and captain, Hugh Nicol; players, Ed Pabst, Tom Fleming, Frank Snyder, Fred Underwood, J. Kling, Tom McCarthy, P. Flaherty and I. D. Dolan.

A Constant Reader has once more been heard from. I was much afraid that he was going to forget The Bee or had been run in as the father of the oleomargarine bill, but he rises large as life for information, thusly: COUNCIL BLUFFS, March 5 .- To the Base Ball Editor of The Bee: Please state in next Sunday's Bee if Buck Ebright is not the best all around ball player in the Western association. If not, who is and also how long has Buck been playing ball? Also where can I get Emmet Seery's book on ball playing.

first question, I must say that opinions differ Buck Ebright thinks he is, but nearly every-body else thinks he isn't. A whole lot of people think that Charile Schaeffer, Kid people think that Charlie Schaeffer, Kid Mohler, little Hollingsworth, Mattie McVicker, George Ulrich and many others are better all round players than Buckerino. Hiram, however, is all right. Replying to your however, is all right. Replying to your second query, I would refer you to the London Times Publishing company, Printing House square, London, England. The old orange merchant wanted too much money for his MS and no American house would touch it with a ten-foot pole. The London Times, however, jumped at the chance to get Mr. however, jumped at the chance to get air, seery's work, and I see by a cablegram that they have just received two tons of it by the last ship over. It is expected that Emmit's book will knock the Trilip sensation into a cocked hat, and you will show your wisdom by getting your order in early.

furnishes one of the most unique and anomalistic pages in the history of the game. First the Western league held its meeting at Chloago, and after a brief, discussion kicked the city that had won the first honors in its last year's race out into the cold world. Then the Western association, not to be outdone by its measly rivals, met at Jackson-ville and applied its No. 10 to the funda-mental basis of the champlons of its cir-cuit. Thus were the pennant winners hopped upon by the ragtag and bobtail of two base

The Turner Wheel club has a membership of fifty now, and good prospects for more Let the good work go on.

With the Trotters and Pacers.

As soon as practicable the race management ball associations whom they, had walloped ingloriously on the field of contest and over whose proud habitats the emblem of victory floats, and blotted from the face of the earth. Well, that may be a good thing. I don't think. If base ball associations can get rid of their pennant winners in any other way than by giving them the grand fire, then it is time that they select the weakest club in their ranks to bestow the honor on. Give them the flag and the bounce to boot, and everybody will be satisfied. But to give the strongest club the linky-dink smacks too much of cowardice, and the fans are entitled to execute the can-can act,

Once more for the convenience of the fans the holiday schedule is given: Decoration day, Omaha at Peoria, Lincoln at Quincy, Des Moines at Jacksonville and St. Joe at Rockford. Fourth of July, Quincy at Omaha, Rockford at Lincoln, Jacksonville at St. Joe and Peorla at Des Moines.

Billy Sharsig, the old war horse of the eague and American association, writes me that Omaha has captured one of the most promising fielders in the country in Joe He rates him the equal of the cream in the field of the Western league last year and better than anything we had in our association. As a sure catch, thrower and runner he says the German can't be well improved upon, and he is also good on the lines and at the bat.

There is talk of Milwaukce sending old Papa McAuley to the stable, and if this is one Larry Twitchell will take up his position at first.

During a visit to the Charles street grounds last Wednesday Manager Rowe looked over the club house with Captain Walsh, and at the latter's solicitation promised to turn the present wash and bath room into a sweating room, where the players can resort after practice or a game on the field on a cold day this spring, strip off and have a rub down without danger of catching cold, as was the case last season.

Papa Bill Rourke is at the head of the Bloomington, Ill., Interstate league team. Papa Bill will profit by his experience here last season and before going into a game over in the Illinois swamps will have a little injected where it will do the most As a ball player Pa came pretty nearly burning up the world last season.

Captain Walsh is making no boasts or indulging in any prognestications as to the position the Omahogs will take this year. His only declaration so far is that the team finish higher than it did last year. This he can probably accomplish and keep his suspenders intact at that, but he wants to be on the safe side and will have nothing to say concerning the pennant until he has had his men lined up a few times, then he may give us a quiet little tip.

Another autograph was added to the choice ollection Manager McVittie has socked away n a pigeon hole in Bandle's big safe. a lengthy document and with the aid of a few powerful chemicals I made out the signature yesterday to read something like Peter Lohman, although at first glance it ooked as much like Loh Peterman or Mante Peloh as anything else. But it must be remembered that Peter is especially famous for his matchless work behind the plate, and his lining them down to second, instead of article of caligraphy which he is guilty of. As a catcher Lohman is the peer of any of them, save the cracks of the big league

FORT OMAHA, Neb., March 5 .- To th Sporting Editor of The Bee: I hear that an amateur city league, is being talked of and that our club is mentioned as one of the members. I believe it can be made a go if the teams start properly balanced and are kept so, and that no player of one club is allowed to play with another. It has been my experience here that no matter what club came out it always brought the same here nearly every Sunday, so that I can't very well play on foreign grounds very often. However, I will be glad to meet representatives from other clubs and talk the matter over whenever they see fit. Sin W. M. WRIGHT,
Manager Second Infantry B. B. C.

Whisperings of the Wheel.

The wheelmen are everywhere burnishing up and grooming their mounts for the riding season of 1895. The recent springlike weather brought out many riders, both male and female, and within another six weeks a whirling wheel will be a common sight on highway and byway. The interest in cycling in Omaha has been on a steady increase for several years until now it may be said to have taken on the form of an epidemic. Two years ago a lady rider upon our streets would have attracted almost universal attention, but today she occasions no more stir than any of the customary sights of the town. So pronounced has the rage become that hundreds of men and women now come and go on their errands of either business or pleasure on a wheel. Its general use is becoming more marked every day, and it will be but a few years before a large proportion of the population, male and female, will be regularly devoted to it. It is bound to lessen the general utility of the horse and most certainly make itself felt in the receipts of our street railways. Young and middle aged Americans find in the fascinating wheel a fresh delight in life, a means of getting about with greater ease and facility and of seeing more of the world; a source of improved health, of hardier constitution and more ro bust form through the medium of the spler require limbering up and strengthening, and balm of the open air acts as an not found in ear or carriage. In fact, its advantages for improvement and enjoyment are too many and too potent to ever permit a waning in their indulgence. a recognized necessity to every-day and could not be relinquished without a retrogade action in social progress. Think of the long rambles awheel through the country in the giorious summer weather, the ex-hilaration of the rapid shifting of the pan-orama as you glide smoothly and swiftly by and the general feeling of health and strength which redounds from a prolonged journey. Are these to be abandoned while men and women retain their senses? I think not, judging from the plans for the coming campaign that are now being made by the local wheel clubs and the thousands of riders who claim no club affiliation. That the bicycle has come to stay there is no longer a doubt and while the Omaha wheelmen are indus triously at work on their summer program they should not forget the June race meet This is always a source of much pleasure and a meeting givens under the combined auspices of the local organizations could cer-tainly be made a brillhant success. Banish petty jealousies and rivalries and get down to business, boys, and let us have a good old fashioned meet in the rosy days of June.

One of the pioneers of cycle manufacturing is dead-Senator Thomas Pickering of Con necticut. He was the maker of the machines used in the velocipede balls by the Pearsall brothers and the Hanton brothers before the majority of present-day riders were born.

On Washington's birthday, in the indoor tournament at San Prancisco, Emil Ulbricht, an old Chicago boy, broke the world's indoor records for every distance from one to twen-ty-five miles. His time for the twenty-five miles was 1 hour 5 minutes and 173-5 sec

The Century Wheelmen of Philadelphia are planning a tour of Europe awheel Eighteen bikers are on the list to go. The Omaha Turner Wheel club reorganized

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on February 3 and elected the following officers for the year 1895: E. Schurig, president; T. Baumer, vice president; Theodore Becker, recording secretary; Ed Hayden, corresponding secretary; Gus Doyle, treasurer; Phil Moeller, captain; F. Spratelin, lieutenant. The meeting was well attended Has it ever occurred to the crank that both the Western league and the Western asso- tion for an entertainment on the 26th of

conant winners? Well, they did, and it ladies, will be invited. An attractive musical program has been arranged, and only those holding invitations will be admitted, as

no entrance fee is charged. Phil Moeller will make a good road cap tain for the Turner wheelmen, and will not permit any scorching while on club runs. The Turner Wheel club has a membership

As soon as practicable the race management of the Nebraska state fair should step forward and claim their dates and give us an outline at least of their probable program All adjacent states have announced their dates and already begun to bill the surrounding country. Entries are closing or every hand and horsemen anxious to make certain arrangements for their flyers are which the old Cozzens property at Ninth and in the summer they should not be surprised great exposition is entitled to.

Trainer John Atkinson of Centreville, Ia. his mile in 2:1136.

Charlie McDonald, a driver well known already stuck his peg in at the 2:17 notch.

string owned by DuBols Brothers of Denver, and won several good races with W. W. P. 2:10%.

Clinton Briggs' big roan champion, Ala mito, goes to California next week and under Monroe Salisbury's management can be and looks every inch the wonderful race horse that he is.

state fair at Wichita will hang up over \$10,000 for the boys to fight for at their October meeting. Five hundred dollar purses the leading hotel in Omaha. Train was stop are offered for 2:36, 2:28, 2:23, 2:19 and 2:15 ping at the house, with a number of other trotters, and for 2:35, 2:17, 2:13 and 2:10 pacers; two stakes of \$1,000 each for threeminute trotters and three-minute pacers; \$400 stakes for 2-year-old three-minute pacers, 2-year-old three-minute trotters, 3-year-old three-minute trotters and 3-yearold and under pacers.

The balmy days of spring are struggling hard to make themselves felt and it will only require a very short time longer for the gladsome season to come into full swry. The horsemen in consequence are up and doing. They are feverish for the opening what promises to be the greatest light harness epoch in the history of the turf. The stable belonging to W. A. Paxton, jr., is bound to spread its fame this year, judging from the lot of great ones he will take down the circuit.

Belle Vera, 2:08%, and well known on the Omaha tracks, has been set to pucing. She is very fast and is expected to cut her trotting mark down considerably.

Morris J. Jones of Red Oak, Ja., the city the other day, announced that Alix,

The Gentleman's Driving association of Beatrice will hold its first annual meeting at Linden Tree park, Beatrice, on July 3 and 4. The organization gives promise of great results and every effort will be made to achieve a big success at the opening meet-ing. The officers are: J. L. Schiek, presicrowd. Another thing, this club is sup-ported by voluntary contributions of efficers Elmore, secretary. The program for July 3, number of unpaid bills as souvenirs of his the opening day, includes three trotting and one running race, as follows: Three-minute trot, best 3 in 5..... One-year-old trot or pace, ½ mile heats, ...\$150

On July 4 there will be two trotting, one pacing and one bicycle race, as follows: 2:40 trot or pace, 1 mile heats, best 3 .\$150

Three-year-old and under, trot or pace, All moneys will be paid from the stand im-

nediately upon the judge's decision. The onditions are appended: Money will be paid from the stand at the end of each race. Nos. 2, 3 and 6 close June 1. Nos. 1, 5, 7 and 8 close June 22. No. 4 running race, Lexington rules govern. No. 8 first prize valued at \$25; second prize valued at \$15; third prize valued at \$10. Ten entries to fill and five to start. Entry fee 5 per cent

Now that the board and officers of the Omaha Driving Park association have been elected, they should get to work at once on the construction of the buildings, track They have none too much time. must have a good track, stables and grand stand, but above all a good track. To make sure of this, they must begin early, and should immediately secure some man who is familiar with the necessities of the case George Swigart is an applicant for this po-sition, and would be a good man for the place. Any way, it is imperative that work

The program for the races at the opening session of the State fair in Omaha is cerainly an attractive one. It is the work of Superintendents W. H. Bristow and D. T. Mount, and demonstrates that these gentlemen recognize the fact that it is money that makes the mare go. Purses aggregating \$10,000 is something like it, and that is the amount that will be hung up for the initial session of the state fair. The fair will open up on September 13, and on the 15th races viil begin. The program is appended: Monday, September 16-2-year-old trot, 3:0 class, \$300; 3-year-old and under pace, 2:38

class, \$400; 2:28 trot, \$600; mile dash, \$150. Tuesday—2:50 trot, \$500; 2:40 pace, \$500 2:17 trot, \$800; half mile and repeat, running, Wednesday-2:24 pace, \$600; 2:23 trot, \$600 2:16 pace. \$800; three-quarters mile and re

running, \$200. ursday—3-year-old and under trot, 2:45 peat, runnin Thursdayclass, \$400; 2:32 pace, \$500; 2:12 trot, \$1,000; mile and repeat, running, \$300. Friday—2-year-old pace, 2:45 class, trot, \$500; 2:10 pace, \$1,000; half mile dash, \$100.

Entries close Monday, September 9. City Pase Ball League Meeting. Representatives of the business firms con-

templating the putting in of a team in the proposed City League of Base Ball clubs, are hereby notified that there will be a meeting in the office of the sporting editor Bee, Monday (tomorrow) evening purpose of organization. This is bou great season for the amateurs, and a city league can be made a big winner.

The Pope Manufacturing company has moved its main office to Hartford, Conn. from Boston, and has absorbed the Hartford Cycle company, which has always operated as a separate institution, although owned by the Pope Manufacturing company. The "Hartford" Wheel, which has always been made and sold as a high grade wheel, has now been added to the "Columbia" line. The makers claim it is the superior of the majority of wheels on the market this year F. W. Peters of the Pacific Express office s very proud of his new Model 40 "Columroadster, which he run out for the first time on Tuesday last.

Thad Irwin has ordered his new "Colum to come by express; says he can't wall for a freight shipment. H. W. Howell, with the Pacific Express

company, is the fortunate possessor of the first 1895 Columbia sold in Omaha.

ROSE OUT OF TRAIN'S ANGER

Into a Theological Seminary.

PRESTIGE IT HELD IN FORMER DAYS

Some Facts About the Early Hotels of Omaha, Many of Which Have Totally Disappeared-The Reginnings of the Present Metropolitan Hostelries.

The recently consummated transaction by

alive to the situation. If the Nebraska Harney streets is passed to the more serious management puts off these matters until late uses of a theological seminary recalls the chain of interesting incidents which make to find the dates all filled near by and the the history of that time-worn landmark. horses engaged elsewhere, so that it will be While its present condition affords no indidifficult to secure the field the opening of the cation of the more palatial adornments of its earlier days there are still many old citizens who readily recall the time when it was the pride of Omaha, and one of the most luxuri writes that his stable will take no man's dust in '95. Among a lot of good ones John will handle are Strathberry, 2:063\(\text{\phi}\), and Although the passage of three decades has Jack, a Pilot Medium gelding that has done left its imprint and its proportions have shrunk into insignificance beside the more elaborate establishments which have suchere, is tracking his horses at Holton, Kan., this spring. He evidently has a comer in not so very long ago when it stood without the Electioneer youngster, La Ferge, who has a rival and every visitor to the growing city was expected to view it with unrestrained admiration. Some of the most distinguished Lew Trotter, the well known western admiration. Some of the most distinguished driver, died at Wichlta, Kan., last week. He names of a quarter of a century ago have had been sick for over two years. In 1893 been inscribed upon its faded register, and he came down the grand circuit with the the most lavish banquets and festal occasions of the early Omaha had a place beneath its roof. With a new generation and a new Omaha, it has long ago dropped from public view, but as it passes forever beyond its original purposes, its history may be re-

viewed with a degree of interest It is a familiar story that the Cozzens looked to to take the stud laurels this year. He is in magnificent condition this spring acteristic eccentricities of George Francis Train. This was in the spring of 1867, when Train was in the zenith of as a pointer for Mr. Bristow, superintend-ent of the Nebraska state fair's speed ring, is mentioned the fact that the Kansas City state fair at Wichita will have a superintend-the planning of the Union Pacific railroad. a headquarters by the Union Pacific c was known as the Herndon house, which was celebrities, and one day at dinner his sea was a target of a draft of the raw spring wind that entered the dining room through a broken window. He complained to the landlord without obtaining satisfaction, and finally hired a waiter to stand between him and the window while he finished his repast For this unusual service the darkey received 10 cents a minute, and Train left the hote in high dudgeon. HOW HE GOT EVEN.

Right then he determined to get ever with the unaccommodating landlord, and be-fore night he had taken the preliminary steps toward carrying out his design. He went to John W. Clarke, who was the father-in-law of Lyman Richardson, and conracted for the purchase of the lots at Ninth and Harney streets. At 7 o'clock the next morning he had a force of men at work on the excavation, and before night he had let the contract for the construction of a seventy-room hotel on the site, which was to be completed in sixty days. The contract was carried out to the letter, and in that time Train was the owner of a \$40,000 hotel, with which he proposed to make it interesting for the rival establishment. track on the opening day of his races in June next.

Mayor Bemis was then Train's secretary and associate, and was stopping at the Clarendon house in New York City. While there he met the Cozzens brothers, who were then running hotels at West Point and other cities, and interested them in the Complex of tablishment. One of them came on Omaha, and made a contract with Train to

take the new hotel at \$10,500 a year. Thus the Cozzens house acquired its name and landlord. Cozzens ran the house for nearly a year, during which it became the leading hotel of the city, while the Herndon house was unable to pay expenses, and was finally sojourn, and Philo Rumsey came from Ft. Wayne, Ind., and took the house at a rental of \$5,000 a year. He remained in possession for about three years, after which Train disposed of a one-half interest to Seth W. Hale of New York. It was afterward sold to Joseph D. Her and James G. Chapman, from whom it passed into the hands of Dr. McMenamy, who held it until his death a few years ago.
It was only during the first five years o

its existence that the Cozzens house enjoyed its position as the leading hotel of the city. After that other and newer establishment came in, and it gradually fell to the level of a cheap lodging house, after which it was converted into a medical institute.

SOME OF ITS PREDECESSORS. While the Cozzens house is the most cele-brated of the early hotels of Omaha, it was far from being the first to make pretensions to metropolitan service. Several ver stantial structures accommodated the sient guests of the more than a decade be-fore Train came on the scene, and some of these have probably been forgotten, even by the old settlers who were in Omaha in its in-

fancy.

The first Omaha hotel was the St. Nicholas which was located at the corner of Twelfth and Jackson streets. It was a small frame building, and years ago the last trace of its existence disappeared. The same fate has overtaken the City hotel, a small frame struc-ture, which was erected on the southwest corner of Eleventh and Harney streets in

The Douglas house was built in the following year, and for several years it posed as the leading house of the city. It was a two-story frame building, at the southwest corner of Harney and Thirteenth streets. The Farnam house was built on the north side of Harney street, between Thirteenth and Fourteenth, in 1858, and St. John Goodrich, father of the late C. S. Goodrich, was one of its first proprietors. The Tremont was built on Douglas street, just west of Thirteenth in 1858 and was run until 1858 by teenth, in 1856, and was run until 1865 by William F. Sweezy and Aaron Root. The Union hotel, built in 1860, at Fifteenth and Dodge streets, and the Pacific house, which was built six years after, by David T. Mount, on North Tenth street, were also among the early hotels which have passed entirely ou

HERNDON'S DISTINCTION. The Herndon house was the first really pre tentious establishment. It was built in 1857 by Dr. George L. Miller and Lyman Richard-son, and its first landlord was M. W. Keith, It remained in the first place in popular ap proval until ten years after, when Train's es tablishment came into the field and wor away its patronage. The Metropolitan was erected at Twelfth and Douglas streets in 1868, and is still doing business at the old The first large hotel in Omaha was the

Grand Central, which occupied the present site of the Paxton. It was begun in 1871, but some difficulties of a financial nature were encountered, and it was not finished until nearly two years after. The house was conducted by Mr. George Thrail until 1878, when it was leased by the Kitchen Bros., who have been in the hotel business on that corner ever since, with the exception of a few years. It was on the evening of September 24 years. years. It was on the evening of September 24 of the same year that the terrible fire oc-curred which destroyed the building and which cost the lives of five of Omaha's brave remen. Its proprietors then leased the streets, which they fitted up as a hotel and occupied until 1882, when they moved into the newly built Paxton. The Millard was built in the same year, and the Murray was owned six years after. The other Omaha hotels have mostly been constructed within the past decade, and their beginning has not yet passed into history.

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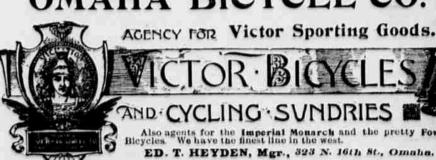
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