FOREST, FIELD AND STREAM

Tracking a Grizzley in the Gloomy Solitudes of the Big Horn Mountains.

The Horses and the Horsemen-Tab Duck Shooters-Whisperings of the Wheel and the Usual Grist of Local Sport.



HEARD a pretty good story on "Scip" Dundy a few days ago, and as that very genial gentleman is now far away somewhere upon the broad bosom of the billowy Pacific, I feel per-fectly safe in relating it here. Judge Dundy. "Scip's" father, a everybody knows here

bear hunter, and every fall makes long excursions into the gloomy solitudes of the Big Horn mountains in quest of his favorite game. He generally goes alone, with trusty cook and guide only for companionship, penetrates deep into those wild fastnesses. pitches his tent and remains there until sur-felted with the grand sport or until duty calls him back to civilization. While "Scip" is a chip off the old block and an ardent and successful sportsman, he has no especial pre-dilection for bear. Chicken, geese and ducks, snipe, ployer and quail furnish all the excitement and exhibitation Dundy the younger cares about, and he studiously eschews the pursuit of any of the family carnivors.

A couple of years ago, however, it occurred

"Scip" that to kill a bear, and a grizzly at that, would about round off his record as a bold and fearless Nimrod in a way that it should be rounded off. This was in August, and the judge was getting ready for his annual foray against the king of the Rockies, and one day after court "Scip" informed pater familias that he intended to accompany him. Now if there is anybody on earth the venerable jurist dotes upon it is his only son. and of course he was delighted over the prospect of having his company during his long and lonesome vigil in the mountains, and, moreover, he was particularly solicitous to learn what "Scip" would do with a grizzly when he found one, and he congratulated him upon his resolution to go get one.

In due course of time father and son found themselves comfortably enscounced way up in the tenebrious depths of the frowning Big Horn range, and one fine day "Scip," after carefully inspecting his 45-90 Winchester and trying the edge of his knife, set out alone to achieve the vaulting ambition within his bosom. He admonished his father not to be uneasy if he did not get in until late, he had a fair idea of the topography of the country, couldn't get lost, and would record when he had slain his bear. The judge was when he had slain his bear, gave him an proud of his boy's courage, gave him an extra pat on the back, and wished him luck and plenty of it.

Imagine his surprise, when about 3 o'clock that afternoon "Scip" showed up at camp, a trifle juded, but as fresh as a daisy.

"What luck?" asked the father as "Scip" threw himself on his bed of spruce boughs. "Well, sir, dad," replied "Scip," "I hadn't gotten a mile away from camp when I struck the trail of the biggest bear—I'll bet five it is the biggest them. is the biggest-there is in these mountains, "That's good!" interrupted the judge as he

gazed admiringly upon his offspring's ath-letic form, thinking, of course, that he had killed a monster. "Well?"

"His tracks," continued "Scip," were nearly as big as a washtub, and I could follow them almost with one eye tied behind my back. Well, sir, I followed him

and followed him this cliff and down that canyon, through gullies and arroyos, over rocks and logs, for six long hours. I tell you, dad, I had a time of it."

'Well, Well," a trifle impatiently, urged 'Well, well, what?" testily rejoined

'That's what I did, dad.' "And you didn't get him?" and there was a cad nee of censure in the judge's tone.

"Well, sir, I followed him easy ten miles; then I quit."
"Wasn't the tracks getting fresher and fresher?"

they were getting too damn fresh!"

up in good shape, the traps will be given a rest for a month. Sportsmen will have no time for anything now but the tingling wild birds have all hied themselves away to their breeding grounds in the far north. The bulk of the ducks will be gone by the middle of April, then will follow a couple of weeks of snipe shooting and after that beginning with early May, and continuing ntil August, a close season will intervenbefore there will be further inducement go affeld. The upland plover come in in July and will furnish the sportsmen with rare sport until hazy September dawns, when the chicken will need attention. The months of May, June and July will be largely de-voted to the trap again, and, in fact, the gun clubs will centinue their regular weekly shoots until Jack Frost breathes his blight ing breath upon the emerald world. turning birds once again tempt the hunter

Speaking of trap shooting, below is given the score of a match team shoot that took familiar to the common run of sportsme even to this day, and no doubt the recalling of this notable event will awaken not only a happy, but a sad train of thought in the one yards and five double rises at eighteen yards, took place on the private grounds of Al S. Patrick, with W. H. S. Hughes of the Nebraska National bank and D. C. Sutphen, the carriage man, opposed to Zack Taylor, chief clerk at the Paxton hotel, and Al Patrick, the first named team winning by two

John Patrick and Fred Montmorency made a drive of something like seventy miles last week, were gone two days and administered a graceful quietus to seven pintails.

Atterney Charlie Goss, M. A. Hall and W. C. Ives will fold up their tent and quietly steal out to Paxton this week for a whirl at the mallards and redheads.

E. A. Sheppard, C. W. Thompson and Stocky Heth are tenting out near Ashland, where they expect some great sport when the flight sets in.

United States Marshal Bill Lidiard tele-graphed in from Chadron yesterday for a car-load of shells. He reports that the goese began flying over out there Thursday evening and they haven't caught a glimpse of the heavens since. But I tell you, Bill is a

goose killer from headwaters. J. Hardin is shooting in the territory north of Paxton. He reports a big flight of mailards, wigeon and redheads.

Frank Parmelee and Jim Heffner have been encamped upon the Platte near Silver City during the past week. They had tolerable good shooting and will go down again this week.

J. C. Read and H. B. Kennedy departed for the Platte country last evening, and Henry Homan and Robert Wells have been

Bee's sporting columns of eighteen years ago:
"In Wyoming it is said that the most favorable sign of the end of the cold weather is
the fact that antelopes are rapidly traveling eastward. One herd of 800 were seen on the divide recently. All the season they have been on the westward move, and now they have turned back. When it is remembered that a mild winter was predicted when the game in the parks remained about their old hausty north late. The restricted their old haunts until late, this statement is most likely to be regarded with great al-BITS OF NEWSY BALL FIELD GOSSIP lowance for guess work.

> Miss Annie Oakley, the champion female shot of the world, has the sporting editors acknowledgements for late London and other English papers. "Little Sure Shot" is filling an engagement at the Grand theater, Wal-

W. A. Paxton, jr., has imported a pair of

initial number of the Western Game Bird, a neat and newsy little monthly jour-nal, in magazine form, devoted to the cockers of America, and published at Scribner, Neb., by J. T. Camp and W. J. Rupert, has found its way to the sporting editor's desk. Its columns are filled with matter calculated to interest the breeder and fancier

Sportsmen of Omaha will undoubtedly b pleased to hear from an old and highly es-teemed member of the fraternity, "Chet" Hulett, who with his father, C. C. Hulett, has been roughing it in the wilds of Ari-zona all winter. Mr. John Petty is in receipt of a voluminous letter from "Chet," in which he says that he is at last almost as good as a bran new man again, and consequently happy as the proverbial lark. He has been hunting incessantly all winter, and occa-sionally has taken his turn at the trap with his Arizona neighbors, and, what's more, has won first money every time he has shot About April 6 Chet and his father will leave heir present abode and go to Southern Call fornia, where they will remain until May when they will return to Omaha. Accompanying Mr. Hulett's letter were a lot of well taken photographs of the scenes about their encampment. Among them is one show ing the result of an extended hunt, and hanging from the low branches of mesquite trees are several bear, one panther, deer jack rabbits, geese, ducks, crane and quali evidencing indisputably to the skill of Hu-lett pere and his genial son and the game character of far away Arizona.

The greatest loss the cattlemen of Montana have suffered during the past severe winter was from the depredations of wolves, and i quite likely that the next legislature wil exert itself to bring about some sort of effect tive relief from the ravages of these beasts stockmen in western Nebraska also report considerable loss from the same source

Palaver with the Ball Players The base ball editor is indebted to Manage Harry Gatewood for the following personne of the St. Joseph ball team. Of course Man ager Harry thinks he has the winners, and while he may only be dreaming, it is very evident that he has collected around him a very likely tot of players.

Stat Lincoln is a pitcher and lives in Den ver. He is five feet, ten inches in stature weighs 175 and is but 22 years of age. He s yet untried in professional ranks, but has figured creditably in semi-professional com-pany in and about his native town for the past four years.

John A. Slagle, another pitcher, comes from Lawrence, Ind. He stands five feet, ten and one-half inches, weighs 180, age 25 and played with Gatewood's champion Beatrice team during the season of '92. After disbanding he went to Oskosh, Wis., for the season of '93, was with Easten, Pa., and Montgomery, Ala. During the season of '94 was with Buffalo, N. Y., and finished the season with Jacksonville, Ill. He is a fast, heady pitcher and one of the best liked men I in the profession.

Tom Ramsey, the well known young pitcher, stands five feet, nine and one-half inches; was 19 years old fourteen years ago. Mike Berg, pitcher, comes from Weir City, Kas. He stands six feet, weighs 190, age 23 years. He played with Fort Smith, Jop-lin and other strong independent teams and is very fast and gives promise of becoming a great pitcher.

season was with Clinton, Ia. He highly recommended.

lives in this city. While he has never figured very prominently in any of the big leagues. he is a natural ball player, and once in good orm will make a "cracker" on the second

Papa Rourke has sent me the roster of his Papa Rourke has sent me the roster of his Bloomrigton, Ill., team. Here it is: A. W. Cotton of Denver, Colo., last season of Colo-rado Springs; William Connors, Blooming-ton, catcher; J. W. Lookabaugh, last year of Omaha, pitcher; William Burns, last year of Jacksonville, Ill., pitcher; Patrick Lynch, Rock Island, second base; William Gelss, late of Chicago Brands, third base; Frank Wills, loomington, short stop; Jake Welle of oliet, late of Pennsylvania State league Charles Watters, right field and change pitcher; William A. Rourke, late of Omaha,

Joe Kelley's little bluff has reached its end. He signed with Baltimore Monday.

Buck Ewing declares that Charlie Abbey is he best fielder in the country. Charlie, of ourse, comes from Nebraska. Big Jim Davis, Kansas City's old third

baseman, wants to put his fist to an Omaha contract, but Omaha is already long on third

is figuring on a new park and ball grounds out somwhere near twenty-eighth and Dodge street. The All University club has ecured the old North Twenticth street

Eddie Hutchison writes me that he hasn't seen well for a couple of weeks. He has been troubled with a boil in the very worst place a boil could flourish, but he is rounding to all right now and will soon begin to push out his chest again. Old Hutch is proud of the fact that he is to play first, and he declares he will stir up the animals for the small boys crowded around the cage from

sulky and won't pitch his best for Cincinnati.
Now, I'll tell you what I'll do, gentlemen.
I'll give you "Spud" Farrish's note for
\$000,000 for Chamberlain, and if he faces the right field bleachers with their load of woolly this spring and doesn't pitch his best, I'll see that his grave is kept green for the bal-ance of the season. What say you; is it

> If St. Joseph drops Toad Ramsey there will be a great scramble among the Manager Gatewood should be in no hurry to part with Ramsey—St. Joseph Gazette. True, me boy, true. Brilliant young pitcher is good. Hey there, Tom, when can you vote?

> Joe Cantilion swears by the horacahoes on his shirt front that he will never play against such men as Charlie Schaeffer and George Ulrich. Well, Joe didn't play much against anybody last year, and it is time he was looking for a job with the Joplin City

> "Grasshopper" Ulrich will surely begin the season of 1895 at third base for the Omaha team, and the chances are that "Grasshopper" kept tavern.

> If Hoover, the catcher, comes here, a barbed wire fence should be built around every sa-loon door in the town, that is, if Managers Rows and McVittie desire to get any ball playing out of him. Stand-Him-Off is a noted Winnebago chief

on the reservation up near Pender. Can it be possible that Kid Fear has received an

consequently have to withdraw Mr. Walsh's

At the Western league meeting the other day Tony Muliane and his hammer were awarded to St. Paul. There is no use trying to keep the matter secret, but the Western magnates have got it in deep for Comiskey. Mullane, along with Fred Pleffer, should have been kicked out of the game incontinently

Billy Traffley, the pie-eating king, ranks Omaha seventh in the coming "champeen-ship" race. However, when a man reaches his sixty-eighth birthday he is liable to chatter nonsense.

Claude E. Jones, catcher, age 25, stands five feet nine and one-half inches and weighs 175. He played with a Beatrice team in '92, catching every game; season of '93 with Easton, Pa., the pennant winners of Pennsyl-vania State league; season of '94 with Des Moines, Ia., but was released in August to cut down expenses, and immediately signed by St. Joseph, and led the fielding in the Western association last season.

Arthur Creighton, catcher, is another Omaha boy, and one well known on the semi-professional local diamond. He is a promisng man, backstops well, throws well and uses

George McVey, first base, stands six feet one inch, weighs 190, age 29 years; has been in the business for a number of years in the fastest company, and as a fielder and hitter is second to result.

Eddie Logue, short stop, stands 5-6; weighs 150, age 21; has played with semi-professional teams in and around Denver, and Gatewood says he is the fastest infielder he ever saw. Is a good hitter and speedy bas-

Pat Zeigler, age 25, weighs 165; led the Virginia league in batting last season, with a percentage of 386; fielding, 896. Home in Cincinnati, O.

John McKenzie, middle field, weighs 175 pounds, age 23; played in I. I. league and numerous semi-professional teams; is a fast man and a good hitter. Harry Howe, stands 5-6, weighs 147, age 26; was with Beatrice in 1892, St. Joe 1893, Kansas City and Sloux City 1894. He is a great fielder and hitter and in case of emer

gency can take his turn in the box C. A. Marcum, right field, stands 5-11, weighs 175, age 26; has been with St. Joseph since 1892 and is a prime favorite with the

W. B. Douglass is a big man, weighing 200 used as a general utility man.

General Frederick and Judge Lake are

only the possession of such riches enabled him to banish all symptoms of the shock he was subjected to in 1893. Surely much credit is due Mr. Fullager for the reclamation. The results demonstrate him a reasoner and student in the profession he is pursuing. Would that many more could be

led to study and define results to owners.

A good colt at the farm is the seal brown A good coit at the farm is the seal brown pacer Willie Wakeman, fosled in 1893 by Wakeman, by Bell Boy, son of Electioneer, first dam Willie Wilkes, by George Wilkes; second dam by Mambrino Patchen. Not much is said of him by attendants, but one is led to infer that he is all his rare breeding would warrant. His manner is good, but he was not asked to show us anything. He will doubtless prove himself at such a time when it will be profitable. The 2-year-old Cozwing is a trotter, and that seems his only theme, as it is all he does while out for work. He is a beautifully turned animal, in color jet black, and of supurb breeding, being by a son of Red Wilkes, and his dam by Kentucky Prince, who is the sire of Guy, 2:09%. He is a great favorite at the farm, and well he he possesses many qualities to command attention.

A 10 months old son of The Conqueror was, shown in harness and his manner evidences high race horse qualities. He has been named Keystone by the Farm, and the name is not inappropriate. The paddocks contain a band of brood mares that are rich and a band of brood mares that are rich and rare in breeding, and Mr. Paxton has shown much care and study in his selections. All are in foal to Allerton, 2:09½, and The Conqueror, 2:15½. Their coming product will be a lot interesting to behold, and possibly among them there may be those that will bring to Keystone the fame of Palo Alto. The racing contingent, with Mr. Fullager in charge, will be taken to Galesburg about April 1 for finishing touches prior to starting April 1 for finishing touches prior to starting campaigning, which will be quite extended. It is to be regretted that we have not a mile track so equipped that home stables might do preparatory work here. Mr. Raymond will remain at the farm and devote himself to the developing of the young ones who have not yet attained racing age, and at any time visitors can find much to in-terest and admire at Mr. Paxton's model

With Trotter and Pacer.

Hampton, Ia., is to have a harness meet ing August 27 to 30.

Monroe Salisbury continues to grind out the speed with his fleet performers in the Golden Gate state. Saturday last at Oakland, Azote defeated Klamath three heats in 2:08½, 2:10¼, 2:10. This is very fast, as the track was slow, and still Azote trotted the first heat within a quarter of a second of his record. Flying Jib beat his own and the world's records, pacing the W. B. Douglass is a big man, weighing 200 mile, with running mate, in 15814. Dipounds, and is an awful hitter. He will be rectly showed a mile in 2:12, and Alix trotted two mile heats in 2:10%, 2:11

While the advocacy of longer seasons for



WELL MATCHED.

that he has caught on with the Yellow Boys

at Quincy. Money is tight in other places than Wall street. It has just leaked out that Bobby Langsford has hypothecated his winter dol-man to get the stuff to buy a postage stamp with which to mail a letter to Manager Mo Vittle asking if there is room for him in Omaha. Yes, beauty, there's plenty of room

association scheme is not dead yet. If that true, it needs deodorizing badly, any-

out here, especially out beyond Benson.

many Western association ball players all winter, and no one should be surprised if some of them are a little tardy in reporting. Advance avenue has been blockaded, you

Whoopla! Here it is at last. Buck Ebright would like to trade Mr. Barnes for Mr. Donnelly. Probably! Probably! No doubt Mr ourp for Clint Briggs' Alamito.

Adam Morrell tells us that Omaha has se cured a much better team for '95 than the one she had in '94. Mr. Morrell should get

It is now time for imitation base ball scrib blers to announce "there is nothing new in the situation," then grind out a column about it. That's the way they prove the

Manager Rowe has just signed a new catcher, his name is Pace, and he comes from California. He is lean and tall, like a elegraph pole, but a cracker, of course

Of all the base ball scribes in the country, Ren Mulford continues to reel off stuff about the Cincinnati club's affairs that is beyond comparison. I tell you that boy Mulford is a bright one, and no wonder, his ma says he swallowed a whole cake of silver soap when he was only three years old. At the Keystone Stock Farm.

With the return of the pleasant spring stretches in a way to delight trainers, owners and interested lookers on. By invitation the writer, in company with Messrs. Buck and Fowler, spent a day at the Paxton Keystone Stock farm, and where we were royally entertained. Mr. Fullager and Assistant Trainer Raymond were in high spirits, and with the track in first-class shape each performer that was brought out under their guidance. preparatory work and stepping through the

to receive a morning.

It to receive a morning to r to receive a morning lesson was the toppy little pacer Phenom. 2 21%, at 2 years, with sister to the renowned Alix, 2.03%. She possesses characteristics of the latter; is a bit coy yet, but with time, under a firm hand, the quality she inherits will assert itself. Mark the prediction, with proper and patient care, she'll make a name that will extend out well into the horse world the fame of the Keystone farm.

In the Platte country last evening, and Henry Homan and Robert Wells have been cracking away at the geese out at Clarks for several days.

As another reminder of the old days in Nebraska I glean the following from The

The Double Platte country last evening and Robert Wells have been at Clarks for several days.

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not saying a word these days, but they are the harness horse are being loudly prowearing a smile fully a foot thick now that claimed by a number it will be noticed that son may be lengthened in some quarters, "I don't want to play in your yard," sings but not very much in the northwest. The Mr. Mauck, referring probably to the fact middle of June is as early as the average horse can be properly ordered for this cli- One manufacturer can buy just as good mate-

> The meeting at St. Joseph, Mo., September 9 to 15, should be a good one for western horsemen. Fourteen stakes are offered for the most liberal amounts, none less than \$2,000, and from that up to \$4,000.

Which is the leading sire of pacers? The horsemen, would be liable to have a dozen different answers. Sidney might be named by some, as he has gired more pacers that have secured records of 2:25 or better than any other sire. Gambetta Wilkes others might say, for although he has sired one less than Sidney at the same age, his perform-Brown Hal might be another choice upon ers show a much faster average speed, the ground that he is the sire of three that have faster records than any three pacers by any other sire. Alcantara, Red Wilkes, Nutwood, Onward, all might come in for vote of superiority in producing speed at the lateral gait. Three things must be considered-age, number of performers and average speed. If any individual sire had the lead in each of these particulars he would be en-titled to premier position beyond possibility of cavil. There are twenty sires that have ten or more pacers with records of 2:25 or a move on him and tell us something we don't know. The next thing you know, Mr. Morrell will be telling us that the world do the former with twenty-two and the latter

with twenty-one in the list. When it comes, however, to average speed the first position belongs to Bourbon Wilkes, whose twelve pacers show an average of about 2:1416. To the casual student of breeding who does not go into analytical research the prom-inence of Bourbon Wilkes as a pacing sire will be something of a surprise

to pool rooms and foreign books by passing house bill prohibiting pool selling and bookmaking except upon race courses during

It is predicted that if the Omaha Driving and Park association begin right, get their buildings, grand stand, track, grounds, etc., in good shape to commence with, manage the business themselves, not rease their track or stables—for too many t acks are now leased to death-they will have great success money in the treasury all the time. weather, the trotters are receiving their preparatory work and stepping through the

Raymond were in high spirits, and with the track in first-class shape each performer that was brought out under their guidance did themselves exceeding credit. The first to appear were the great mares, Nina Medium, 2:14½, and Nina Cobb, 2:25½. They are in fine form, have wintered in the best shape and with little preparation will be fit for the word "Ge!"

Mr. Fullagar thinks well of the grand-daughter of Happy Medium, and says the one that beats her when he asks her to go some will be in the 10 list. Her great virtues are extreme speed, strength and constancy, and her competitor must make no mistake any part of the mile. The next to receive a morning lesson was the toppy little pages Phonom 2:21½, a. 2 vacs. With the strength and consistency and her competitor must make no mistake any part of the mile. The next to receive a morning lesson was the toppy little pages Phonom 2:21½, a. 2 vacs. With the strength and this must be done to get good trainers and horses to patronize your races.

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Regarding the grand stand, it must be distuated in the right place; It must be comfortable. Do away with the old primitive board seats. People pay to go into a grand stand to see and be comfortable, especially the ladies. The day has gone by in this city when the public will go to a race meeting and sit on the fence or stand up to see poor racing. They want the best or nothing. And this must be done to get good trainers and horses to patronize your races.

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The state fair's program for the speed ring is a splendid one, although there are hardly classes enough. Still Superintendent Barstow classes enough. Still Superintendent haraton has worked under disadvantages, and is to be congratulated for what he has accomplished. A two or three-mile trotting derby would have been an interesting innovation. It was a decidedly popular event at a number of meetings last season.

Billy Paxton, the well known local breeder has just received a pair of imported prize carrier pigeons. They are intended to carry messages from his office to the farm. Billy says they are faster than the telephone.

Cat L. 2-year-old, 2:27%, by Republican, dam by son of McMahon, has been leased to parties in St. Joseph, Mo. Think he can beat 2:15 this season. Report is that Red Toler goes to Mc-Guire this year. If allowed to pace there is little doubt but what he will go very fast.

Whisperings of the Wheel. H. E. Frederickson has been suspended by the racing board of the League of American Wheelmen pending investigation of his amateur standing.

W. B. Barnum made a flying business trip

through the state last week and reports trade good. He says that the drouth will effect the cycle trade but little in Nebraska. Mr. A. H. Perrigo, formerly of this city, is now managing a branch of the A. G. Spaulding Cycle company in Providence.

last week and has since beeen laid up for pelled to retain all of them. repairs. George D. Miner, juvenile champion

Omaha during the days of Jack Prince and the Exposition, received a new light Sterling last week and it is possible that George may do some track work the coming season. There is more competition in the cycle

There are now fourteen firms handling cycles in this city and several more to open about April 1. It is estimated that there will be over 300 bicycles sold in Omaha the coming year.

Nearly every cycle firm in the city of any

importance will have representatives on the racing path the coming season. The Omaha Bicycle company has already secured a team of the fastest riders in the city. The Western Electrical Supply company will have a couple of good men, and it is rumored that W. Lyle Dickey & Co., the Columbia agents, will have one of the fastest men in the state on their wheel, as they give it out cold that the state championships will be won on a Columbia this year.

Chairman Gideon of the League of Amer Chairman Gideon of the League of American Wheelmen racing board has not yet appointed an official handleapper for Nebraska.

Mr. Livesy, who at present holds the office, has not the time to devote to the work to do it justice. A man to properly fill the position must attend every race meet of any importance held in the state, be well posted on the state, but the posted with the state of the s racing men and treat them all alike. Last season Mr. Livesy had several assistants, not being able to handle the work himself Too many cooks spett the broth. The result was that at times the handicapping was good and oftener it was very rank. Chief Counsel Ebersole usually indorses the candidate, and it has not been learned as yet just who will be the lucky man this season. What wheel shall I buy this year? Is a

question put to old riders every day by men who are going to ride bleycles this sea-son and know but little about them. There are about six different makes of wheels on are about six different makes of wheels of the market today that are considered strictly high grade, viz.: Columbia, Sterling, Mun-ger, Stearns, Victor and Fowler. A man who knew nothing about wheels could buy any one of these six and have a first class mount. Many wheelmen who have ridden for years and have stuck to the same wount will tell you that his wheel is the than his own mount. Of the six wheels mentioned, it is only a matter of tasts in choosing, and not a matter of better construction. rial as the other and can secure the services of just as good workmen. So, while there is as much competition as there is today in the manufacture of cycles, a man to sell his wheels for \$100 must put in the best material and workmanship that is obtainable. subject of tires is a very important one. Most all of the manufacturers give you your choice of any good tire made, so they are not to blame if you choose an inferior one. There are a number of different styles of tires on the market this season. Among the most im portant are the single tube, or hosepipe, the inner tube and the clincher. The latter wil soon be a thing of the past, as it is bound to work loose and creep. The single tube has its good and bad points. Its punctures are easier repaired, and it is also easier to puncture than an inner tube tire, which take a great deal more time to repair. For track use the single tube tire seems to be preferred. The so-called self-healing and punctureless

tires amount to almost nothing. The Omaha Wheel club has reduced the monthly dues from \$2 to \$1, and as a result there are now on file thirty applications, which will make the membership seventy one. By May I they expect to have 100 mem bers enrolled. The club has had new lifput into it during the past month and it is now on the boom. It is amusing to read the articles published by a local paper to the effect that the Omaha Wheel club was on its last legs and that the Nebraska di-vision of the League of American Wheelmen intends to disband. This stuff is wholly unfounded and is rot of the deepest dye. The Nebraska division was never in better shape than it is at the present date, as also the

Chief Counsel Ebersole, who represente the Nebraska division at the national assembly of the League of American Wheelmen held in New York last month, spoke for a date in the national racing circuit, and was given the assurance that if Omaha would guarantee a suitable prize list she could have the date. If the cyclists of Omaha will only take this up and push it, it will mean a great deal for the city. Over 100 cyclists follow this circuit, among them being some of the fastest men in the world, and it would give the sport-loving public of Omaha a chance to see fine racing, such as they never saw before. The bicycle is now faster than the trotting or pacing horse, and as fast as the running horse, and it is bound to be as much of a magnet and draw as large crowds, if not larger, than a horse race.

Richard Belt, formerly with A. Richard Bell, formerly with A. H. Per-rigo & Co. of this city, now with the Chicago Tip and Tire company of Chicago, spent the greater part of last week in Omaha calling on his old friends, who were all delighted to see him. "Dick" has a great many friends among the wheelmen of both Coun-cil Bluffs and Omaha.

eree (Chicago) says it is reported on excellent authority that the official referee to be appointed by Chairman Gideon will probably be Fred Jenkins of New Rochelle, N. Y. The office of official referee was created by the recent assembly. He will officiate only at national circuit meets.

of the handicapping districts, and there will be at least two changes in these officials. It is understood that F. P. Prial of The Wheel The Good Roads Magazine, heretofore published by the League of American Wheelmen, has been discontinued as a separate

be published by Sterling Elliott of Boston. No Sunday races or races in which women allowed to compete will be sanctioned by the League of American Wheelmen racing

publication and will be merged in the new League of American Wheelmen Bulletin, to

Wells, the Canadian crack, has decided no go to Europe with Harry Wheeler's party George D. Gideon, chairman of the national racing board, is an enthusiastic yachtsman.

The American racing men who are at present invading Mexico will race in Dallas Tex., on March 28 at a meet to be held under the auspices of the cycling club of that place. The club has also arranged for a century road race, which will be held on the 16th.

Class B cyclists come under the incom tax now Sanger, with his \$750 a week; Zim merman and his reputed large income and the big run of class B men, including Dude Cabanne, said to be making \$5,000 a year, have yet to make the acquaintance of the single tax men.

that after this year he will become a pro-fessional. Sanger believes the League of American Wheelmen should permit racing men to dispose of their prizes for cash, in which event there would be an object in rac-Mr. Carr, manager of the Western Elec-trical Supply company's cycle department, accidentally shot himself through the foot financial value to him, as he has been com-

Questions and Answers. TEKAMAH, Neb., March 11.—To the Sporting Editor of The Bee: Please answer in Sunday's Bee the following: A. B. C. and D are playing a game of cassino, 21 points; A and C are partners and have 20 points; B and D have 13 points. When the cards were all dealt out, and on the last trick A and C took in the ace of hearts, which trade in Omaha this year than ever before. put them out, but B and D made cards and spades, big and little cassino and the other three aces. Which wins the game? What is a cake walker?-Fred Fischer.

Ans.—In cassino you "count out," that is, the party making his necessary points first Inquiry at the different cycle houses in the city shows that over twice the number of ladies are looking at wheels intending to buy this spring, than last year. Cyclists all welcome the fair ones and are ever ready to take a piessant spin with them to the Bluffs, on Dodge street's macadam roads and to Florence.

the party making his necessary points first and anonuncing out, wins, but if he neglects to do this, and cards, spades and big and little cassino does not put him out, and the other side scores one ace, all he needed to put him out, there is nothing left for them to take a piessant spin with them to the Bluffs, do but play it over. To avoid just such contingencies gamblers invariably play one hand for a game. Discount cassino, aside from the put him out, and the other side scores one ace, all he needed to put him out, there is nothing left for them to take a piessant spin with them to the Bluffs. this single-hand form, is the only game to play for a stake. That is, you make nir points and your opponent two, two from nine leaves seven, and so on. Fifteen is the game in discount cassino. (2) A person who walks for a cake, a pastime popular with our col-ored brethren.

VALENTINE, Neb., March 12,-To the Sporting Editor of The Bee: Please inform me through Sunday's sporting columns the best time to sow wild rice-fall or spring? -M. H. G. Ans.-Fall.

EWING, Neb., March 11 .- To the Sporting Editor of The Bee: In cutting cards for money can a man cut the bottom card?— J. W. Eddelbute. Ans.-No.

SIOUX CITY, March 14 .- To the Sporting Editor of The Bee: We have a lot of thor-oughbred sportsmen up here, the average of whom knows about as much about hunting and game as the usual run of men, bu there are a number of us at loggerheads about the power of a quail or chicken to withhold their scent. Can you enlighten us? -B. L. Honan.

Ans.-This is a problem that has been subjected to discussion ever since I can re-member, but without clearly and satisfactorily settling the question however. As for my individual ideas, I think the theory un-tenable, contrary to reason, and not to be tenable, contrary to reason, and not to be entertained save on the most indisputable evidence. Certainly there is something abstruse and mysterious about scent. It is an admitted fact that young of the deer family cannot be trailed by wolves or the best nosed dogs, yet I am unable to offer any explanation other than the power is inherent in the fawns. A quali flying does not leave sufficient scent within the scope of the best sufficient scent within the scope of the best bird dog's smelling powers to enable him the managers of extremely fast horses are mount will tell you that his wheel is the not anxious to force their champions out too early, and that they prefer "easy street" have no other. Why? Because he has not lying feathers the finest dogs will often fail to find it. But this I think is the limit of Buckerino Ebright still lives. Frank Forester, in his "Manuel Sportsmen," on page 323, says: "It is worthy of remark, that for some time after quall have dropped and squatted they yield no scent whatever, and cannot be pointed even by the most excellent dogs on the best scent

ing days."
Bogardus, in his "Field, Cover and Trap Shooting." on page 103, in reference to the same question, says: "I do not believe they

possess any such power. possess any such power.

Frank Schley, in his "American Partridge and Pheasant Shooting," devotes a half dozen pages to the question of withholding scent.
He, also, is of the opinion that the quail cannot withhold its scent, and advances some cogent, and, in my opinion, conclusive reasons for his belief. On page 83 he says
"I have often observed on the snow that when a partridge alights and runs a few feet or so and hides under the snow, the dog is not apt to miss it, but if it pitches straight down like a stone into the snow and re-mains perfectly quiet at the spot where it strikes and is covered up by the snow, there is not apt to find it. I have observed about the same result when qualls, badly fright med, drop in dense cover.

COUNCIL BLUFFS, March 11.—To the Sporting Editor of The Bee: Please let me know through your next issue of The Sun-day Bee whether a cocker spaniel will make a good dog for hunting ducks, etc.-Fred

Ans .- No. Not for the sort of duck hunting we have in this country. Cocker fanciers may claim that they will, but they won't. They make good woodcock, snipe and

ALMA, Neb., March 13 .- To the Sporting Editor of The Bee: Please answer through your paper the following: A and B are play ing poker, A deals, B picks up his hand and firds he has only four cards. Can he call for a new deal or will he have to give up his blind for having a foul hand? (2) A and E are playing poker, A opens jackpot, B looks at his hand, finds it strong and raises, A looks at his hand again and finds that he has no openers; can he draw his money?-W.

Winans.

ing to the rules there is a penalty provided for false opening, but it is seldom enforced. I am not given to throwing bouquets a myself, yet I take a justifiable pride in the acknowledgment of the receipt of appreclated compliments as per the following LINCOLN, March 12.—Sandy Griswold sq., Sporting Editor of The Bee: Herewith find 25 cents, for which please mail me extra copies of The Bee containing your article or "The Lugenbeel Marshes," published about a year ago. If this is not enough kindly inform me and I will send balance.

In my opinion they are far ahead of any-thing Leffingwell or any others have done. Yours truly, R. M. WELCH, Yours truly, R. M. WELCH, Western Manufacturing Company. WOOD RIVER, Neb., March 11.—To the Sporting Editor of The Bee: Will you please let me know the greatest number of horses that ever started in the Derby stakes, England?-J. P. D.

you publish these articles in book form, to gether with some of your shooting sketches

Ans.-Thirty-four, 1862. LINCOLN, Neb., March 11.—To the Sporting Editor of The Bee: In your questions and answers next Sunday will you give the age of Shortstop and Second Baseman Mc-Clellan, who played with Omaha three years ago. I claim that he is over 40.—One of Buckerino's Pets.

Ans.—Don't know McClellan's exact age out I saw him play with the Tecumsehs of London, Can., as long as eighteen years ago FAIRBURY, Neb., March 13.—To the Sporting Editor of The Bee: To decide a box of cigars will you kindly give the age the famous trotting stallion, George M. Patchen, when he died, and the place of his death?-Western Breeder.

Ans.-George M. Patchen died in May, at the age of 15 years, at the old Union course, Long Island.

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