Comething About Omaha's Character as Base Ball City.

WHISPERINGS OF THE WHIRLING WHEEL

Breezy Chats with Horsemen - Sport; Preparations for the Glorious Fourth-Base Ball and Racing Galore,

Notwithstanding there is no sport in the world, never has been and probably never will be, that is as popular and has as many followers as the great national game, it is rejuctantly acknowledged that Omaha is not a good base ball city. In fact she is not in it with many cities of half her population, and even Lincoln and Sioux City are better towns in this regard. The idea of a couple hundred the lemonade barrel. people turning out daily to witness this most enjoyable and exhibarating sport in a city with nearly 200,000 inhabitants is almost incredible. And still this is the case here. Even the Peorins, who came here last Tuesday heading the pennant race, were not ufficiently attractive to swell the usual week day attendance. They gave us two fine games, as fast ball as could be seen anywhere, and it is safe to say that two thou-

sand pair of eyes would be an extravagant es-

timate of those who witnessed the contests. While the greatest and most healthful sport ever originated, base ball is likewise about the cleanest, and it is these facts that combine in making it so tremendously popular. The Omaha team, by careful attention, by ju dicious lopping off here and adding there, and assiduous adherence to all the laws of good management, is now one of the best rounded teams in the association, and is playing as good, if not better ball, than any of the rest of them. That they deserve better support is granted on all hands. Managers Rowe and McVittle have devoted their entire time and fortune to this ball team; they have catered unceasingly to the fans, have submitted to their whims, and listened to their advice, and still it doesn't seem to have any effect. Omaha fan's idea of reciprocity is certainly an amusing quantity. The gentlemen who have their money in the game here, and who conduct it as any other business should be conducted, are not magnates simply be-cause they hoped it would be an investment but also for their love of the great This they have amply demonstrated this season, when they have gone on and plunged deeper and deeper into expense, changing grounds, making improvements and experimenting with players, in the the fact that the people will not turn out to see the games. It takes plucky managers to stand this sort of a thing for any very considerable length of time. As President Rowe remarked to the writer last evening. when the people must be called upon and individually begged to come out and see the games, it is high time for somebody to be

on the lookout.

from a sporting standpoint, and it is to be most earnestly hoped that a change will come, that from this on out the home games will at least receive respectable patronage. game will be elevated here the standard that makes it a perfect craze in every metropolitan eity in the country. How about Sunday games, the ever doubting and critical crank may ask? But that is easily answered. The Sunday games constitute the one redeeming feature of the sport in Omaha, and still they are nothing what they should be. Instead of crowds of from 1,500 to 1,800. which signalize these occasions, there should speaking on a comparative other cities of Omaha's importance, four, five or six basis sand. Even with an attendance of 2,500 at Sunday games the local team could subsist and exist, despite the paucity of receipts on week days. But the club that has to depend upon its Sunday games for profit, or existence rather, certainly rests upon a very doubtful and unstable foundation. The number of Sunday games allotted to each team is small, not over a baker's dozen each, and they take their chances with Jupiter Pluvius on these.
If it rains that is so much clear loss. If it is threatening the crowd is small, and so it goes, and the crank that claims that the Sunday games are sufficient to carry the team through the season and leave the managers with enough coal and flour and potatoes to them through the winter is presumptuous

This is truly a lamentable status of things

It is all very nice and easy for the fellow who goes in on a pass to dole out his roasts on the management and players, because their every action isn't in accordance with his idiotic ideas of what is proper and right. He can blankety-blank the managers for releasing this man or that, or for not securing a couple of good men from the Bostons or New Yorks; he can declare that the newspaper reporters dare not say a word because they are all bought up by the management are all bought up by the management. but there is one thing he cannot or will not do and that is invite a friend to go to the game with him, and pay his way at the gate. I am not denying the fans the right to criticise player or management. They make the game and are entitled to their talk every time. But I do say that soreheads, pessimists and nincompoops have no rights anybody need respect. The gang who roasts the management, because it refuses to give up its last dollar, and plunge into debt besides, when there gate, or nothing in sight, is the gang shot at here. It wouldn't be a bad idea to demonstrate

today that Omaha is not so base-ballically bad as she is painted. The Jacksonvilles will again draw themselves up in battle's stern array, and endeavor to show the Hutchson family where they are wrong. A little jollying from the cranks, our rights from "de empire," and we will show Buckerine "de empire," and we will show Buckering and some of the other fellows that they have company yet. Omaha is not out of the hunt yet, by a long ways, and with the team in tinued good condition, ought to climb sky-

The Peorlas convinced the enthusiasts in Omaha that they are a pretty good sort of an all-round ball team. There is perfect harmony in their ranks. Dugdale handles them etently, and they play good, straight, ball. While individually mediocre, the Peorias are collectively strong.

is really pleasing to note the success old George McGinnis is making with the indicator. The day was when George was a hero in the base ball world, and all his friends are delighted to see that he is ating his playing days in the umpire's posi-

Inks, who succeeded Billy O'Brien at first, is fast catching on. So far he has played the bag perfectly and batted with the best of them, and in time will probably demonstrate the wisdom of the change,

There is no better fellow than jolly Billy O'Brien. He always was a popular ball player and a good one, and it is to be re-rretted that circumstances required his re-He shouldn't be long out of a job,

Frank Donnelly left for his home in Spring teld, Ill., last Wednesday. Donnelly is in tood shape now and as gentlemanly a ball player as ever donned a uniform. He was et out here simply because Omaha's pitching force was overstocked.

Little Nattress would like to be in the came all the time, and there is a host of tans who would like to see him there.

Grasshopper Ulrich has been handicapped Grashopper Ulrich has been handicapped in the last half dozen games by a very deliinto little finger, and in consequence of this he has had to be very guarded about his throwing. If it has not been up to Tacks' usual excellency the fans will know the reason why. He is one of the best men in

Pete Lohman's work behind the bat proves that a catcher is all the better for constant k. Pete's backstopping is of the kind would see in the National league.

Russell Pace has no excuse to offer for the lea he has muffed during the past week in

is now a fixture with the Quincy nine. He consequently all in the party but the ladies

"Dad" Clark is enjoying his second time

Manager Alberts has signed a new

Harry Gatewood has floated on down oneka and is now one of the stars of the

Buckerino stopped the game yesterday ook for his favorite bat. He accused one of he jax with swipling it, but it was found in

Rockford players are the highest salaried nen in the association. Now do you believe that?

There is no use wailing over Billy O'Brien's departure. He's gone; let him go, and get in

Memphis, Tenn., club of the Southern league.

In life's course we go unguided, And there's times, we all must lears.
When we'll falter, undecided
Jest which way the thing will turn,
And we wonder, will disaster
Meet us in the torrent's roar.
Or will we amounted.

Louisville has signed Catcher Grant Briggs ate of Gloversville, N. Y. Cleveland cannot locate Elton Chamberlain.

So say the Pittsburg scribes. Matt Kilroy, he of the famous left wing, ans been released by Grand Rapids. Jack Luby, released by Louisville, has

signed with Scranton, Pa., so Pittsburg gets him not, "Pop" Galvin is said to have so

Tom Kinslow has asked for his release from Pittsburg, and it is probably that his prayer will be granted.

Manager McCloskey of Louisville says that Outfielder Clarke is not for sale. Washington is said to have offered Pitchers Stockdale and Anderson for Billy Hamilton

Fred Pfeffer is accused of having an sane desire to return to Louisville. Fritz must be anxious to get back into the game. Philadelphians are sore on the Baltimores and say they are a gang of hoodlums.

Beckley leads the Pittsburgs in batting

His average is but little over .300 at that "Big Jake" is also on the top notch as fielder. A free fight over a decision by the umpire resulted in many spectators being injure!

Monday. to hobble around on the grounds. It will be a week before he resumes his position

on third for his team. Tom Brown's brother, Bill, died in Caliornia about a week ago. Quick consumption carried him off.

season in Boston on Saturday. He has a better record than either Meckin or Rusie. Chris Von der Ahe wanted to "beat up" George Hogriever because the latter guyed him on Sunday. Umpire Keefe prevented

In St. Louis they say that Tim Keefe give everything to the Reds because he was for-merly Captain Ewing's brother's partner. How Tim has changed since he came west! Phil Ehret believes that the St. Louis club is under a curse. Right, Philly; it is cursed by a few weak players, who pull back the good material on the team. And there are

Get in the push and go to Kearney. The ommittee on transportation reports the greatest of success and the special train is doubly insured from Omaha Wheel club boys alone The Omaha Wheel club extends a hearty and cordial invitation to all wheel clubs and unattached wheelmen of Omaha and vicinity to go on their special train for Kearney to attend the state championships, July 4 and 5. Let us hear from Fremont, Blair, Plattsmouth and all other towns near Omaha. Our train leaves the union depot July 3 at 5:30 p. m. Half fare for the round trip on this train. It will cost you one fare and third on all other trains.

It is rumored that the Tourist Wheelmen are going to surprise the natives and send the largest delegation of wheelmen that ever left this city to Kearney. Push it along. boys, it's a good thing.

have ordered the special suits for Kearney, which consists of white duck trousers, blue and white striped blazer and white cap

A full representation of the "Googlers" will be there and it is regretted deeply that the "chief Googler," Dad Perrigo, cannot be what he will fill this honored position to the queen's taste.

will accompany them, and it is hoped that their number will increase to such an extent before the 4th that we will have to put on an extra car to accommodate them. All league members will be furnished with

All unattached wheelmen who desire to this special train will kindly notify the ecretary of the Omaha Wheel club. \$10 bill will more than cover actual ex-penses. Nothing going on in Omaha for wheelmen. Send in your name.

formation regarding the whereabouts of our old clubmate, "Plano Legs," alias "Swattenold clubmate, "Piano Legs," alias "Swatten-berg," will be greatly appreciated. Last accounts of him report that he turned his wheel toward the setting sun last Monday morning. However, we have a faint sus-picion that he will arrive in Kearney before the special train.

Thursday evening was never heard of. The morning train carried about thirty racing men, trainers and friends to Plattsmouth, where there was to be a bicycle tournament in the afternoon. They were met at the depot by the Piattsmouth Wheel club and escorted to the Riley hotel, where dinner was hastily eaten and preparations were dinner idly being made to repair to the race track. idly being made to repair to the rate when a flash of lightning, followed by a peal of thunder, made the wheel men's hearts sink. In five minutes the rain was coming the atreats were transformed

will do his best to play winning ball.—Quincy Herald. Or get it in the neck good and lard, you ought to have added Mr. Herald.

The St. Joe Herald says that the Omaha

It was announced in these columns last Sunday that the Googlers would not go to Kearney on July 4. This was an error. The Googlers have reorganized and with nearly twice the members, under the leadership of the chief Googlers, Mr. P. V. Windhelm, better known as "Paddlefoot Von and Mr. Ed Cox. or "Corkey." as he called by his colleagues. They will go to Kearney and show the people of the league meet city how to have a good time. They will all wear uniforms and the Googler club badges. So, Kearney, prepare for them.

The result of the races at Council Bluffs last Wednesday was somewhat of a surprise Omaha wheelmen. Until then Fredrickso had not been showing up in very good form but he seemed to pick up and on that par-ticular day did himself proud by winning two races, and also getting a state record Edwood of the Columbia team also showed up well for a novice, getting a first, second and third against such men as Gadke, Mach Fredrickson, Hattenhauer and others, and he will certainly show some of Nebraska's sccalled fast men his hind wheel at Kearney he retains his present speed.

The man who rides a bleycle should be able cause he enjoys the most exhilarating exer ise, combined with the most pleasant pas

The following is a list of the prizes and events at Kearney, July 4 and 5: FIRST DAY.

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First—One-mile novice (value \$58): First, diamond ring, \$38.20; second, not yet selected, \$29.

Second—Quarter-mile open, class A (value \$45): First, gold watch, Elgin movement, donated by Crocker, Finch & Co. \$30; second, set of Palmer tires, donated, \$15.

Third—Half-mile open, class A (value \$58): First, gold watch, \$33; second, diamond stud. \$29. Fourth—Half-mile, boys under 18 years (value \$15): First, not yet selected, \$10; second, not yet selected, \$5, Fifth—Ome-mile state championship (value \$45); no entrance fee: First, diamond medal, \$45.

\$45.
Sixth—Half-mile open, class B (value \$70):
First, gold watch, Deuber case, Elgin movement, donated by Daniels Bros., \$45; second, onyx stand, \$25.
Seventh—Two-mile handicap, class A (value \$85): First, diamond ring, \$50; second, diamond scarfpin (8 diamonds), \$35.
Eighth—Five-mile lap, class B (value \$175): First, high grade wheel, \$100; second, not yet selected, \$50; third, reed rocker, \$25.
SECOND DAY.

SECOND DAY. Ninth—Quarter-mile open, class B (value \$75): First, Wakefield rocker, \$50; second, Woodcock Head meerschaum pipe, by A. J. Sherrett, \$25.
Tenth—Half-mile state championship (value \$45); no entrance fee: First, diamond

nedal, \$45. Eleventh—One-mile open, class B (values45): First, upright plano, donated by Hay den Bros., Omaha, \$600; second, diamond stud, \$15.
Twelfth—Two-mile state championshi (value \$15); no entrance fee: First, diamon secial, \$45 , \$45. teenth—Two-mile open, class B (value First, diamond ring, \$90; second, not elected.
Fourteenth—One-mile open, class A (value 75: First, diamond stud. \$50; second, aluminum opera glasses, by Midway hotel,

\$25.

Fifteenth—Two-mile handicap, class B (value \$175): First, high grade wheel, donated by Kearney Cycle Manufacturing company, \$125; second, 19-gauge double-barrel shotgun, by W. E. Jakway, \$50.

Sixteenth—Five-mile handicap, class A (value 75): First, silver tea set, donated by J. D. Hawthorne, \$45; second, not yet selected, \$20; third, tony adjustable handle bars, donated, \$10.

A letter just received from Morgan Wright also contains an offer of a solid gold brick worth, when melted, \$47.50, for the fastest unpaced mile against time in class A on either day of the meet made on Morgan & Wright tires. This will be a prize worth going for and will bring out the best met-tle in that class.

The above prize list foots up nearly \$2,000, and will exceed that sum with the addition of the special prizes which are constantly coming in from supply houses. It will be the greatest state meet ever held in the west and Omaha will send a delegation that will open he Kearnevites' eyes when they see them The world is in debt to the bicycle, not only for the increased health and producing capacity of many of her most useful brain workers, but for the yearly improving conditions of her grants of many of the conditions of the grants of the conditions is of her arteries of traffic, the common roads.

It has been rumored throughout the coun try that Studebaker, the great wagonmaker, would next year put on the market a bicycle which would retail at \$30. Mr. Studebaker, however, positively denies this in a letter over his own signature which he wrote to a friend in this city. He says that he has no ntention whatever of embarking in the bi yele business.

The time has come when ladies feel They're out of style without a wheel. At first it seems a little odd But now the wheel's quite a la mode. Since Mrs. Crank no longer meddles: We see their feet upon the peddles, And hear them sing the cycle song: "I come, I come, ye've called me long,

As out they go to take a whirl The matron and the blushing girl, For change of air and change of scene, From barren walls to fields of green. No longer tied to cab or car, They circulate both near and far, They circulate both near and far, Excelling quite in style and grace, Though not first in the human race. Physicians generally decide

To recommend the cycle ride, And every lady now should feel It quite the thing to own a wheel. So great now has become the fad, The boys expect it from her dad, That with the hand of Fan. D. Sickle There goes as well a fine bicycle. —C. F. Haynes, in L. A. W. Bulletin,

The newly organized Columbia club took ts first run last Friday evening, which was to Fort Omaha. After returning they had a ting at their headquarters at which they

adopted club colors, club emblems, etc.
The gentlemen from Wayback and sur-rounding country who sought advertising and fame by bidding fabulous amounts for the Corbett-Fitzsimmons fight have now turned their attention to doing the same thing for

the Zimmerman-Johnson match. Leaves from a Tourist's Note Book. Ho! for Kearney! The club will have a large representation on the grounds. Many of the members have signified their intention of riding to the meet on their wheels

with the meet club. Others will go on the train. However they go you will find them there. You will join them, won't you?

The club was tendered an informal reception at the Fort last Wednesday evening by the Fort Omaha Cycle club. A band con-cart, parade and a nice little lunch were the features. The presence of the lady members on short club runs are making the little spins quite popular. It is no trick at all to get out

fifty club members on a run.

A glance at he roll book shows that we have among our members citizens of the cities in the south, north, east and west extending over a vast territory. One in London, Ontario; one in Stockholm, Sweden; two in Chicago; one in New Orleans; one in Boston; two in New York; one in Pueblo, Colo; one in Emerson, Iowa; two in Minneapolis; one in San Jose, Cal.; one in Des Moines, lowa; one in Newberg, N. J.; and one in Sioux Falls, S. D. Pretty good for a little one-horse

D. J. O'Brien and R. T. Huntley, two very popular and prominent members of the club, will join with the Denver "push" as they go through to Asbury Park, N. J., on the 3d. Hope Davy will capture one of those famous speelers and bring it back with him for a lub mascot. The Tourist race men seemed to be "in

it" over at the banefit races last Wednesday, Elwood, Fredrickson, Ehlers and Johnson all captured prizes. Fredrickson, the pride of the club, smashed a state record and made a close fight for another. He's all right! Jack Culley entered but was not in condi-tion and therefore unable to show 'em. Once in shape Jack will lower that quarter.

bers during the riding season of 1895. Competition commences with the first run called in July and ends with last run in November. Club members will do well to cut this out and preserve it for future reference. These rules were adopted at the last meeting These rules were adopted at the last meeting of the club: Class A, for mileage: I. No mileage shall be credibed to any member who stands suspended of expelled upon the club rolls. 2. All mileage must be made upon regularly called runs. 3. All competitors must ride one way with the club in order to receive credit on any run. 4. All mileage must be made with a cycle; no age credited on tram cars, wagons, rail way trains or any other conveyance. 5 Breaking any of the club road rules is pun ishable with a fine of from one to twenty-five miles from total credit. Amount of fine left to option of the captain, 6, runs or tours will be measured by cyclo-meter and mileage credits given in accord-ance. No credit given by card. 7. In cases of a tie at end of season for any one place the question of priority will be settled by some fair means, to be decided upon by the board of officers. S. Members can only one prize in this class. 9. Members register at the "pump house." credit will be given unless your name appears on the run register. 10. All members of the club are considered competitors unless they signify to the proper authorities that they wish their name to be withdrawn. Class B, attendance. In order to win these prizes members must attend as many club runs as The number of club runs attended ossible. mlleage prizes are barred from this class and vice versa. Runs must be made with the fracturing rules same as in class A. will be settled by board of officers. Reboard of officers. Records f the competition in these two classes will be kept by the captain, drawn from the club register and published each month. The impetition will in no way interfere with the pleasures of club runs. Class C, ap-Members to win these prize must obtain as many new members as pos sible. Credit will be given by such applica tions as are accepted by the club only and to the name that appears upon the first line of the recommendation clause of the appli-cation blanks. The winner will be declared zi t the meeting in November by the board of officers. Class D. hill climbing: 1. There shall be five rials in this class, date and place to be appointed by the road officers. 2. Contestants shall have a flying start of fifty feet if they so desire. 3. Start shall be made by pisto shot or some other means agreed upon by the contestants. 4. The first four men to finish ill be scored in order, first four points, secand three points, third two points, fourth one oint. 5. If a rider dismount or fall from his mount before reaching the top of hill he is counted out of that trial, but may enter any or all of the others. 6. Riders having highest credit of points at end of last trial will be declared winners in order of credits. 7. Proper officials for each trial shall be appointed by the road officers. Class E. centuries: enturies must be made under the rules of the Tourist Century club of Omaha and must start from the "Pump house." When required, affidavits must be furnished that time and distance are correct. Class F, ladies same rules governing classes A and B will hold, the only difference being credits will given for mileage made on ladies' only be Class G, special: These prizes ar runs. given as special inducements, the donors making the rules. The prize for League of Amet can Wheelmen members making best club milesge can only be won by a League of American Wheelmen member of the club in good standing in either organization. The rain caused a postponement of the Blair run-last Sunday. It will be called later in the season. A number of the members pedaled down to Krew's mills and spent the

day very pleasantly.

Sarpy Mills today with some of the other clubs: ball game between the Ganymedes and Fourists, lunch and a good time. Come or everybody.

With the Trotters and Pacers. Billy Paxton's Nina Medium has gon

Marve Beardsley has a stable of trotters Belle Vara, 2:08%, is all right so far this season and is going good and strong.

The race track at the state fair grounds will be one of the finest in the country. Moonstone, 2:09½, is in good shape this season and is liable to make a 2:05 record. Keen Cutter, the brown mare, by Riley Medium, paced in 2:19 in the 2:50 class at

Denver. the world, as expected. Generally they go Phoebe Wilkes is in good racing form. rotted a mile in 2:12% at Dubuque in a

winning race. Dandy Jim's trainer wants to start the gray ghost in the Ryland T .- Lord Clinton ace at Detroit.

Happy Union is a 2-year-old colt by Union Medium. He is in Dick Tilden's stable. can pace in standard time now. This season Shadeland Onward has two of

his get to enter the 2:30 list—Plumstone (2) Riley Medium (2), Red Wilkes (2) and Su perior (4). Athal Wilkes, another green one by Shade

land Onward, paced to a record of 2:1914 at Denver, Colo. There will be more to follow. we are told. Gill Curry is a good mud horse as well as an every day pacer. At Fleetwood he took the 2:10 pace from Paul, Susie G, Rebus, Fred

K and Whirligig Flying Jib, 2:04, is again brought east for the amusement of the people. It is thought he will assume the same role as formerly. "the song and dance act."

Ethel A didn't come up to her owner's ex pectation at Dubuque, but this was her first race and Mr. Conley could not handle her well on account of an injured arm. Impetuous was very rank in her first racat Dubuque and after four heats had been trotted she got down to business and took the next three and the race. She is bred to stay.

At Peorla, Ill., entries closed on Tuesday

June 25, in the twelve class events offered by

he Lakeview Driving park for its four days' meeting, July 2to 5. The brown mare, Topsey, 2:28, by Royal Fearnaught, dam Dolly Smith, dam Phoebe Wilkes, 2:08½, ran away at Brooklyn, N. Y., last week and in a collision with a buggy coming in the opposite direction was struck by a shaft and was instantly killed. the week previous Pierce Hicks of Brooklyn

N. Y., bought her for \$825. Maud C trotted the best mile of the year at Dubuque, Ia., last Friday. The half in the third heat was in 1:04; mile in 2:1044. This reduced her record five seconds. She is by Binderton, dam by Atlantic. Robbie P the horse that chased her out. He was a second the next heat and drawn in the third heat, as he was in poor condition.
W. B. Griffin of Albia, Ia., has purchased

the great brood mars, Soprano, dam of C. F. Clay, 2:18; Eminence, 2:18%; Strathbridge, 2:24% and Nannie Etliecoat, dam of Brown Silk, 2:22%, etc. This is one of the grandest brood mares living. She was bred by Colonel R. G. Stoner, Paris, Ky., and was sold to and owned by S. Browne of the Kalamazoo stock farm until his death, and who refused \$5,000 for her. He valued her so highly that he placed her at the head of his entire list of brood mares, which position she rightly deserved. She is in the great brood mare list, as is also her dam, Abbess (dam of Solo, 2.2014; Steinway (3), 2.2514, sire of W. Wood, 2.0714; Cricket, 2.10; Free Coinage,

2:11¼, etc.)
The Goodwin Bres., New York, have fust completed a volume on turf matters entitled "How to Win or Lose Money on Small Capi-tal." Some of the subjects on which it touches are "systems," of heating the races, which are treated at length, exposing the bad method of betting adopted by all turf speculators, in what manner they handicap hemselves by want of knowledge as to how to invest their money. It also shows what are the best methods to be used in order to become successful. "Book," bookmaking" and how a "book" should be conducted are thoroughly reviewed, showing the amount of capital required, how odds are calculated, "sheet keeping," what constitutes the making of a "round book," how to calculate perin shape Jack will lower that quarter.

Four handsome bulletin boards occupy conspicuous places in many places now for the benefit of the club members and their friends who ride. The boards were placed tively commented upon, with minute details in nosition last week and each week the runs thoroughly familiar with it. The sink. In five minutes the rain was coming down in sheets, the streets were transformed into rivers and the only race that it would into rivers and the onl

A Pneumatic Commotion Stirred Up Eastern Pulpitz.

OF HORSE AND CONTEST Cycling Costumes, Insurance and a Va riety of Information and Advice for Devotees of the

Steel Steed.

The bleycle is the nucleus of a widening

pulpit controversy. Some of the brethren have begun a systematic attack on the wheelers, particularly women wheelers, and have conjured up visions of disaster and destruction, the like of which was never dreamt of by practical people. The number of pulpit within reach pessimists is not as great as the commotion they have started would indicate, and their warning words seem to have accelerated the pace of the machine into popular favor. Several of the progressive preachers have rallied to the defense of the wheel. Conspicuous in vill serve as a basis for credit. Winners of the number is Rev. John L. Scudder of Jersey City. Mr. Scudder is an enthusiastic wheelman himself, and about 100 bievele riders listened last Sunday to what one of the r number had to say on the subject of great interest to all of them. The preacher declared that the bicycle has become a universal and permanent factor in our civilization, and ap ke of its great influence in promoting the cause of a man on a bloyde being struck by light of good roads and solving the problem of city ning have been carefully calculated to be transportation. He cordially approved of transportation. He cordully approved of women's use of the wheel, and of the revoluon in women's dress which it is bringing about. The most important part of his sermon was that relating to the effect of bi-cycling upon the observance of Sunday. He rankly admitted that the wheel is turning he first day of the week into a day of recreation. "If this continues," sa'd Mr. Scudder, "the effect will be to wesken the churches of dark effect will be to wesken the churches of the effect will be to wesken the churches of dark, however, was not long in disappearing, and we soon learned the best bleycles in the world were made in America. We have not only learned that ourselves, but the foreigner to the first with the wheelmen themselves, and from a serious consideration on their part of the far-reaching effects of this growing practice. Their actions will determine whether or not in their judgment the ion. "If this continues." said Mr. Scudder, the effect will be to wesken the churches of mine whether or not in their judgment the France. The American wheel surpasses in church and the Sabbath day are valuable adfuncts of civilization."

It is not a question with the wheelmen. says the New York Tribune, whether the hurch and Sunday are valuable adjuncts of ivilization. It is a fact that for a large percentage of riders Sunday is the only day when they can mount their wheels by daylight. If they could go to church and take their also many would gladly do so. To meet their demand the churches must provide storerooms for bicycles and open their doors to wheelmen wearing riding dress. Mr. Scudder is right n saying that it is useless to denounce and scold those who ride on Sunday, and in lay-ing emphasis on the importance of a general Saturday half-holiday. But the churches undoubtedly have it in their power to give vheelmen an opportunity to attend their services incidentally, as it were; and the preachers need feel under no obligation to preach bleycle sermons or to search the scriptures for texts in which the word "wheel" occurs. WHEEL AGAINST HORSE.

Others beeides military authorities will watch with interest the proposed race be-tween troop A of the Illinois cavalry and the icycle corps of the First regiment, says the Chicago Post.

It is suggested that the troop and the blevcle riders go overland to the annual encamp-ment at Springfield. The troopers reckon that they can make the march in four days. If that is their lowest estimate they will badly beaten. The "century" record cycling is about seven and one-half hou Of course the wheeling soldiers could not do that well, but they are all tried and skillful iders and, even encumbered by the accounterments, they should be able to acouterments, they should be able complish 100 miles in fifteen hours. istance to Springfield is 185 miles as row flies. The roads are hard and dry t will be seen at a glance that unless the row flies. troopers are concealing their real expectations or the wheelmen have been greatly
underestimated the young fellows of the
First regiment would have time to rest two
to guard your "bloomers" from collision. or three days in Scringfield and then ride out to meet their brothers in arms and es-

ort them into town.

In the mountains or through a country recently visited by heavy rains the cavalry would have a possible advantage. But there is hardly a chance that they can outstrip the fleet wheelmen over good, dry, level roads. Still, the contest should not be dis-couraged. It is this sort of manly emulation that makes an efficient military service.
We say: Go in and race, and may the best servant-wheel or horse-win.

INSURING WHEELS. The bicycle is a popular but expensive luxury. The man who owns one considers himself among the fortunate, and the man who doesn't own one is woefully cast down because he doesn't and, if he has not harkened well in the days of his youth to the teachings regarding the wickedness of personally appropriating another's goods, he may be inclined to coothe his spirits by riding away on another's wheel. In fact, this thing has peen known to happen-has happened fre quently of late, and the sufferer from the loss of the wheel has had nothing to recompense him, and was reldom able to recover his property by overtaking the rogue. But now the owner of the bicycle is to be protected

cost of \$6 a year. The plan of carrying out this scheme is as follows: Any owner of a bicycle, on registering its number with the insurance com-pany, having its condition examined by one of the inspectors, and paying the stipulated amount, gets a regular insurance policy, which is good for one year, and insures him against damage by accident or loss by theft. At the same time he receives a "repair "repair card," with his name and address, the ber of his policy and the make and number of his wheel written on it. The insurance company has a number of repair shops in various portions of the city in which the scheme is operated, with an agent at each repair shop. In case a policy holder dam-ages his wheel by accident he takes it with his card to the nearest repair shop of the company and makes a statement to the agent of the way in which the accident occurred. The wheel is then repaired for him free of charge, or in case of irreparable damage another wheel of equal value is given. In case of loss by theft another wheel is supplied the loser, or, at the option of the company, the cash value of the wheel is paid. COSTUMES FOR WOMEN.

Town Topics makes these sensible remarks

A woman riding a bicycle in knickerbock ers still attracts the attention of citizens and is the object of unconcealed ridicule from rule observers. A few women thus attired are seen on the avenues, however, and I must believe that very soon all female riders will dress just about the same as men do. The woman's bicycle will not remain, the man's wheel taking its place. And if the women are to ride at all I think that they will be more comfortable and will look better on the man's wheel and in trousers of the "golf" pattern. The suggestiveness of that attire will vanish wholly just as soon as it becomes conventional and is not garded with curiosity and disrespect by the ribald and licentious. These things depend upon custom, and whereas it is already con-sidered sufficiently modest to display the leg as far as the knee, encased in leggins, it will be regarded as proper to conceal the higher portion of the limb in trousers. There can be no question that the women one sees uptown looking the most graceful, secure and trim are the few that are mounted on men's wheels. The low-hung woman's wheel, with the high handle bers and the heavy screen protectors to prevent the flapping skirts from becoming tangled in the chain, is not a desirable machine and cannot I should advise all well shaped survive. young women that are preparing to learn bicycling to learn in men's fashion and to wear the most practicable and modest garb that the circumstances will permit. I advise this in the conviction that in a short time the woman's wheel will pass out of ex stence and those now riding it will have learn over again and hang their skirts in the clothes press. THE REAL A. P. A.

A. P. A. stand for American Pedal as-

The bike is a great device, and we hear of its doings daily. If the thing is to reduce back, but kick up it religious rancor, and give women their rights, and coquettish manner. and help us to get good roads everywhere, and furnish employment for 22,000 people in making and selling it, and cheapen traveling. and squeich the gum-chewing mania, and help the poor to get homes in the country, and turn the weaklings into athletes, and relieve the sorrows of the o'erburdened horse. and console the mind of the New Woman, and promote the general health of the community, and raise the moral standard, and advance the causa of feminine dress reform by abolishing the "slavery of the skirt," and enliven the soul of humanity at large, we shall have a number of reasons for agreeing with Rev. Dr. Harrison (Baptist), that man are trained from early to be a property to the carry trained to national boundary lines. He left No. Orleans can raise from earth to heaven upon the bloycle, which, as he said in his sermon of last Sunday, is "the cleanest and sweetest of March 14, and is due in that city January

uman sports. Caution, wheelers! Don't be reckless. Think of those of your brethren and sisters who lie on the narrow cots in the hospital, with splints binding their bones, court plaster over the abraded spots, and an arnica bottle

VIRTUES OF THE TIRE. Each day adds some new virtues to the long list of those already credited to the pneumatic. The latest of these is that the wheels of a bicycle being encircled by a band of India rubber and dry air—which is a perfect insulator—the rider is completely insulated from the earth, and, consequently, is impervious to the attacks of the electric fluid. Thus day by day it becomes more and more a fact that life without a pneumatic tire ore a fact that life without a pneumatic tire s neither safe nor worth having. Any one der shower has now only to go into a bar the cellar and sit himself upon the saddle a pneumate tired bicycle to be perfectly safe from lightning stroke. As the pessimists who will deny that this newly dis-covered virtue of the pumeuatic as a light-ning insulator amounts to very much anyway.

AMERICAN MAKE SUPERIOR. A few years ago the man with an imported olcycle felt a little bit superior to any belan rider of an American-made wheel.

on the other side, and the riders there seem be finding that out. THINGS CYCLISTS SHOULD KNOW. If you want to avoid the dromedary position when riding see that about twelve inches of space exists between the peak of the saddle

and the center of the handle-bar.

If your riding develops kneeache elevate the saddle. When the reach is too short the rider sacrifices comfort and appearance to aches and increased labor.

Those who suffer from tender feet will find

a rock salt foot bath of great benefit in tough-ening these members, so that no discomfort will be experienced, even when the longest rides are taken on hot days. In days gone by women when riding with their husbands or sweethearts sat upon a pillion behind them. Cycling, more polite and more modern, gives women the first seat on a

Soaking a lamp wick in vinegar and drying thoroughly before using will prevent a lamp from smoking. Beware of an attempt to gain lightness in your mount by riding a featherweight saddle. Discomfort more often then pleasure is the price paid for the few ounces thus saved.

for the tire on the rear wheel to travel before it begins to show signs of wear. The one on the front wheel should be good for nearly 7 000 miles.

be comfortable and harmless a saddle should be perfectly straight; to tilt it forward throws too much weight on the hands and arme, while a backward slant is often even more injurious to the rider.

DON'TS FOR BIKE RIDERS. Don't "coast" without a brake.

Don't ride up hill at an angle of 45 degrees. You will feel better if you walk up. Don't wear gelf stockings on a long journey, unless you are seeking martyrdom. Don't ride in the middle of the road, or you will catch trouble "a-coming and a-going Don't try to raise your hat to the passing 'blsomer' until you become an expert in

guiding your wheel. Don't buy a bicycle with down-curve handles. It is impossible to sit erect and hold hat kind of a handle. Don't go on a bicycle wearing a tail coat yourself.

Don't travel without a jacket or loose wrap to be worn while resting. A summer old is a stubborn thing. Don't forget that your tires are but rubber and that rubber is not an irresistible force, not even a good macadam crusher.

Don't attempt "centuries" until you

fully competent of the task. Wheeling to excess is dangerous to people with heart troubles. Don't think for a moment that the pedesrian or the driver of a carriage has no rights.

They have as many as you have, no more, Don't sing "Daisy Bell" to your fair part against theft or any accident to his wheel at ner when your intenti ns are serous. of promise suits have been instituted on

alighter grounds.

SHORT SPURTS. "Evolution in bicycle saddle construction," said a New York cycle manufacturer, "has developed from the unwieldy, cumbersome, coiled spring article weighing from five to ten pounds of a few seasons ago a neat pattern of saddle, devoid of springs, weighing less than a pound, which, with the improved methods of using a wheel now in vegue, riding as much on the pedals as on the seat, is much more comfortable than the older styles. The surplus energy of the cyclist of today is therefore not devoted to

carrying about a number of pounds of sur-plus steel which is of no earthly use to him or her except as old iron."

The knickerbockers of the cyclists no longer attract attention or excite ridicule, and there are those who believe that the time not far distant when man will go back to the knee breeches of our forefathers, blcy cling having the result of developing the muscles of the leg to such an extent as to do away with those spindle shanks which were the main cause of the adoption of long

Miss Kate Field is one of the latest wheel enthusiasts, and likes the wheel immensely. Miss Field believes in bloomers. Her cycle ostume is of blue, and with this she wears a jaunty and becoming sailor hat gards the cycle as a splendid time saver, healthful, and, above all, quite the correct locomotion for up-to-date people. Our Oriental friends have taken up the

modern craze, and Mr. Sze of the Ch legation in Washington is a decidedly uresque and conspicuous figure whirling about the streets of the national capital in his gorgeous attire, and propelling the wheel with Chinese slippers.

What the bicycle is bringing the world to has been startingly lilustrated in the little Vermont town of Vandam, where the pedes-trians, who are in so hopsless a minority, old distance on the track was measured just trians, who are in so hopeless a minority, are obliged to carry whistles and blow signals of warning on all perilous crossings. The Vandamers who do not ride the steel steeds are paying pretty dearly for their whistles. undoubtedly pronounce name of their village nowadays with an extra emphasis on the last syllable.

A mammoth bicycle and riding academy is

to be built in New York City at a cost of \$400,000, exclusive of the site. There will be three bicycle rings, the largest of which will be on the roof, and be larger than the Madison Square garden ring. It will skirt he four-foot parapet, and enclose an area which has a seating capacity of 1,500.

A zealous Denver policeman arrested bicyclene who ventured out after dark clad

in her brother's suit, Lillian Russell, the noted prima donna, taking lessons on the wheel in New York, and her costume has created a sensation. At her fifth she had on a bright pink cotton waist, which an admirer said melted into her complexion; a perfectly plain white sallor hat, tan shors and low leggings reaching to The New York Sun asserts that the initials the knees. Her dressmaker either made a draws and turns down. (2.) Right.

A. P. A. stand for American Pedal as-mistake and cut the skirt shorter behind Right.

sociation, and thus discourses on the dis- | than before, or else it was the wearer's habit of standing erect and well forward on the balls of her feet that made it kick up in the but kick up it did in the most pert

Nothing could be more cowardly or des-pleable than for a wheelman or a driver to run down a man, weman or child, and then ride or drive away without stopping to even investigate the damage done. Several cases of this kind have occurred lately, and they reflect discredit on bicyclists as a body. A rider who acts in this cowardly manner deserves to be hunted down and punished. Mr. Tom Winder, who is trying to ride his bicycle around the United States, is now pumping through the state of Washington, He is to make the circuit in 300 days, keeping as near as possible to the coast, or inter-

Off for the Mountains.

16 next.

This evening the foot ball team of the University club of Omaha starts on its westorn tour to Butte City, Mont., where they play a game with Butte boys on the Fourth of July.

The Omaha team is composed of the same men that went to Butte Thanksgiving day under the colors of the Young Men's Christian association and defeated the Butto team 46 to 4. Butto has strengthened its team very ma-

terially since the visit of the Omaha team, defeating Sait Lake City 52 to 0 Decoration day and winning from all the other teams in that section this spring and they hope to square themselves for their Waterloo last Chanksgiving. The Omaha team, under the management

f Mr. C. L. Thomas, is composed of the est foot ball players in these diggings, and while it has been too hot to practice much in Omaha this spring, they have trained hard and will try to sustain the enviable reputation which they hold in the mountains. The Butte management has been to great expense for this game, as they had to pay out \$1,000 for improvements on their grounds

and \$1,200 for the expenses of the Omaha The popularity of the coming game is demonstrated when it is made known that the State Bicycle tournament, which is to be held in Butte on that day, has been forced to throw open its gates and afvertise a show free to all and then it is doubtful if they will

lave anyone at the races, because every one is going to the foot ball game.

The following men will leave in their private car from the Burlington depot at 4:35 clock this evening: Clarke, Otis Whipple, Harry Oury, William Wilson, Lawrence Lee, Harry Fuller, Norton Ayres Clinton Spooner, William Gardner, Frank Lehmer, Billy Hayward,

Tom Kerl, Robert Wilsey, Tom Parmelee and The Switchmen's Road Race Today.

The bleycle road race, starting from Pwentieth and Cuming streets at 11:30 a. m. oday to pienic grounds at Coffman promises be well attended. The meet at Kearney on the Fourth of July will take many of the more experenced wheelmen out of town, and for this reason many of them will not care to enter the race to the Switchmen's picule today. There is a great advantage in this to the younger and less experienced riders and is expected they will turn out in force. en prizes which have been on exhibition Hayden Brothers' Sixteenth street windows for the past two weeks, will be given to the winners. Tickets, necessary to enter the race are only \$1, and those who have not availed themselves of the opportunity to pro-cure them heretofore can do so at the start-ing point from members of the Switchmen's inion, several of whom will be at the place All amateur wheelmen may enter. Take your wheel and go up. There are a number of games and amusements provided for at the grounds and those who are not prize-winners in the road race will yet feel that their The back wheel hub needs the most oiling of any part of a machine.

Five thousand miles is the distance claimed al good time is in store for all.

Questions and Answers.

OMAHA, June 22 .- To the Sporting Editor of The Bee: Will you kindly inform me if possible through your paper next Sunday what is the fastest mile or half mile run or the Omaha race track and what horse won the race?—J. G. Pollock. Ans.—Have no records,

BLUE HILL, Neb., June 21 .- To the Sporting Editor of The Bee: Can you tell me what has become of "Doc" Knight, the 109-yard runner of Lawrence, Neb.; also kindly give me his time. What is the best record for 100 yards, both amateur and professional, and by whom are they held?

swer in The Sunday Bee and thereby greatly blige-Fred Pelz. Ans.—(1) No. (2) Professional, 9:4-5; H. M. Johnson, Harry Bethune, John Owen and Crum, the Iowa college athlete. Amsteur,

10 seconds, E. L. Lucas. WYMORE, Neb., June 24.—To the Sporting Editor of The Bee: Please answer in next Sunday's Bee: There is a man on third and second bases; the batter hits the ball, which is not caught, but in throwing o first base the ball was fumbled by first baseman; the runner attempts to make second base and is put out. Before the batter is unless you enjoy making a ridiculous show of put out the men on third and second bases ross the home plate. Should their runs be counted?—A Reader.

Ans.-Yes. WAHOO, June 25 .- To the Sporting Elitor of The Bee: Will you kindly state in your question and answer column where there is good place to fish and to camp radius of fifty miles of Wahoo, Neb., and

Ans.-At almost any point on the Elkhorn OMAHA, June 26 .- To the Sporting Editor of The Bee: Will you please answer the following in next Sunday's issue of The Beel A squirrel is on the opposite side of a tree from a hunter. Hunter goes around the tree, squirrel goes also, just as fast as the hunter and in the same direction, keeping directly opposite each other. Does the around the squirrel?—A Subscriber.

Ans.—This is the first conundrum Adam put to Eve. He goes 'round the squirrel. PORTLAND, Ore., June 21.—To the Sporting Editor of The Bee: Will you kindly inform me whether there was a player by the name of Gus Gadke who ever played professional ball in Omaha or around that vicinity? He is a catcher and a good one, too, and as I have a bet with a friend of his that he has played professional base ball, in fact I am sure that I have seen him play in Omaha. please let me know if you can place him.— Charles W. Davey, 434 East Seventh street, Portland, Ore.

Ans.—He never played here professionally or any other way so far as I can learn. ONAWA, Ia., June 24 .- To the Sporting Editor of the Bee; Please answer the following in next Sunday's Bee: A. B and C are playing auction pitch. A and B are nine each. A bids 2 and leads the ace. B plays low and claims one. A insists on playing game out and makes high game and claims out. Which is right?—J. J. E.

Ans.—In suction pitch the bidder goes out.

f he makes the number of points bid, as it

WEST SIDE, Ia., June 27 .- To the Sport-

s played here.

ing Editor of The Bae; Will you be so kind as to inform me if the Omaha league team will play in Omaha July 3 or 4?-I. A. Cum-CENTRAL CITY, June 24 .- To the Sporte ing Editor of The Bee: Please answer in your Sunday's edition of The Bee the following: In a bleycle race against time A bets B that he can't make an eighth of a mile in sixteen seconds, flying start; both decide upon three time keepers and one starter, the starter to drop his hat for a signal before the race and found to be four feet over an eighth. The starter and rider being at his post, while the time keepers went to the other end and while one of them was marking off the four feet the signal was given, thinking all was ready, but only one of the time kepers caught his time, the oth-

ere did not know he had started. Does this time stand or must it be run over ?- A Sub-Ans.-If they agreed on three time keepers t must be run over.
COUNCIL BLUFFS. June 26.—To the

Sporting Editor of The Bee: A and C are playing sixty-six. 1. A deals and claims that C can not "turn down" on his (C') first play. 2. A also claims that C can not "melt" on his (C's) first play (A having dealt the cards). 3. A furthermore claims that if C "turns down" before he (A) has taken a trick, C must make his sixty-six points before he (A) takes a trick. Is A right or wrong?-H. H. H.
Anz.-(1.) Wrong. He takes the trick,

lation and as game a player as

THE LAST SPORTS OF JUNE

they see they can't wine a game they try to buildoze the unpire. How sad.

on earth. Up in Omaha and Columbus the fans have been afflicted with dumb ague ever since the atories of Dad's good work is New York commenced to go the rounds, chirps Ren Multord. Well, Ren. if you had ever gotten mixed up in "Dad's" wheels as we have out here, you'd go crazy, too.

fielder in John Richter from Louisville, Ky. He is said to be a dandy.—St. Joe Herald. Is that all Colonel Richter is?

The Rockford Morning Star asserts that the

The Rockford papers are reasting Barney Snyder, their catcher. They don't know that he stands second of all the backstops in the

Charlie Frank, the outfielder, will not be ere. He has been made manager of the

There's a kind o' satisfaction
When a feller's done his work,
And he has a strong reaction
That inclines to make him shirk,
And at ev'nin' he goes walkin,
To th' old tobaceo store
And he hears th' boys a-talkin'—
When they're waitin' for th' score,

There's a lot o' speculation
On th' way its goin' to end—
First assent and then negation—
Some condemn and some defend.
Quite a few, with gestures fistic,
Show they're loyal to the core,
While the rest are pessimistic—
When they're waitin' for th' score,

Or will we opposition master—
When we're waitin' for th' score.
—The Bard of Rockford, whoever he is

He appears to be a dead card. Billy Hart is good for only one game in five

faults that he will be compelled to give up the indicator.

the finish of a ball game at Massillon on Captain Tebeau of the Clevelands is able

A Cincinnati fan was escorted off the nds at Sportsman's park, St. Louis, on lay because he was rooting for the Reds. Talk about German hospitality "Dad" Clarke lost his second game of the

thers Whisperings of the Wheel,

Over fifty of the Omaha Wheel club boys

with them. However, Dad Mittauer will take his place and there is no doubt but Quite a number of the wives and lady

Boy lost! Who hit Swattenberg? Any in-

A more disappointed for of wheelmen than hose who returned from Plattsmouth last

THE WHIR OF THE WHEEL