SPORTS FOR THE HOT SPELL

Interesting Gossip Anent Events the Wide World Over.

AMATEURS HERE AND OVER THE RIVER

The Great Boat Races_Football Foreeast_A Long Throw_The Trotting Turf and Breezy Chat on This, That and the Other.

While light harness racing may not be as pepular as it was some years ago, no one can gaineay but what there has been a grand improvement in the conduct of the sport, and that the conditions governing this department of the turf never were in such a healthful state. The passing of the kings of the bike into the hands of wealthy sportsmen has been the chief factor in bringing about this satisfactory change, and it is more than probable that the present season s racing will accomplish much in restoring the old-time enthusiasm and fervor, and pince it on a much higher plane than has ever distinguished it in the past. All the bright stars in the pacing galaxy are in the hands. of the kind of men who will allow nothing to interfere with the honest conduct of their competition. Those wonders of the side wheelers' brigade, John R. Gentry, 2:0014. and Robert J, 2:01%, belong to Mr. Tewksbury, a New York banker of culture and refinement, and a thoroughbred gentleman sportsman. Star Pointer, 2:02%, is the prop-erty of Joseph A. Murphy, another wealthy gentleman of sterling sporting propersities, while the new owner of Joe Patchen, Mr. Marks, is a fit companion for the other two. About all the great trotting stallions are airo owned by gentlemen of unquestioned repute as men and sportsmen, and there are but few high-class horses in the hands of the old piratical craft, who run the race tracks for mercenary purposes alone a dozen years ago.

A more forcible evidence of the desired change in trotting horse affairs was the meeting at the State Fair grounds a week ago. It was under the personal management of Omaha's leading business men-gentlemen fanciers of means against whom no word of criticism has ever reached the public earand from the first tap of the bell on Tuesday afternoon to the last dying cadence Satur day, the local patrons of the sport never en-joyed a smoother, more harmonious and sat-isfactory meeting. There were none but good men at the head of every department, from the general superintendent, D. T. Mount down to starter, timers and marshals. There were no disputes, no jangles, or unseemly sights or scenes of any character. even a large majority of the horse owners being in strict accord with the management Thus it will be seen that the light harness affairs are gradually, but surely, reaching to a higher plane of honor and gentility. While wealth is not an unerring indicator of respeciability and honesty, it has the advan-tage of being able to afford an effort that way over ignorance and impecuniosity, and when backed by culture and intelligence is certainly a powerful factor in directing matters in the right channels. Of course there are plenty of honest horsemen and true sportsmen in ordinary circumstances throughout the country, but that does not refute the proposition that the more cultured wealth the trotting turf, or any other sport for that matter, has behind it the greater are the asurances of its prosperity and perpetuation.

Only a few more days and the intercollegiate boat races, in which the Cornell, Yale and Harvard crews are to participate, will have been rowed on the beautiful Hudson. The freshmen of the three universities will meet next Wednesday and the three 'varsity eights will back up to the starting line the following Friday. All the prophets are prein '95. Last year the observation train con-sisted of forty-three cars, but this year this number will be increased one-third, and even these will be far inadequate. The throng that will be on hand from New York will exceed that of the biggest gathering ever known at a boat race before. All things considered, the battle will not be won in a short sprint, for everything points to a race from start to finish. During the past week most encouraging reports have come from New London, showing that Yale has taken a great brace and is now rowing very fast. While it would tickle the Har-vard men almost to death to lick Yale and Cornell together, it will be entirely satis-factory for the crew to beat Yale. Cornell fully realizes that this is her only chance many years to get a crack at the big college crews. Her men are a hardy set of fellows, who look much lighter than they really are. They will be at least ten seconds faster for the four miles than they were last June. This means that Harvard must show at least fifteen seconds improvement to be on equal terms at the finish. If the race is rowed against the tide, as some claim, the Harvard and Yale narrow blades will be an advantage.

An effort will be made toward arranging field day between the High school athletic clubs of this city and Council Bluffs, to between the High school athletic take place at Union park, Council Bluffs sometime in October. The two schools were to have measured strength this spring, but on account of some misunderstanding the affair did not eventuate. There was considerable disappointment felt on both sides of the river, as the superiority of the two institutions has long been a mooted question, and the adherents of each were very desirous of seeing the matter settled this The Hawkeye lads are certainly a formidable lot, and if present negotiations result in a meeting the coming autumn the Omaha youngsters must get a hustle on themselves immediately upon the com-mencement of the fall term. While there are some likely fellows on this side in all departments of athletics, there is a sort of sentiment prevailing that as a whole they are several notches below the standard of their rivals across the Big Muddy. A little judicious training, however, would undoubtedly even up matters, and with so much larger field to select from, there are little fears but that the O. H. S. could carry off any or all competitive laurels.

A reporter on the New York World thus describes the record-breaking performance of Flannagan with the sixteen-pound hammer: "In the contest from the seven-foot circle ell. Chadwick of Yale, McCricken of the University of Pennsylvania and Smith, a lank southerner. Every time the hammer left his shand to sall out amazing distances into the expanse of turf its flight was marked by the murmur of the multitude. And with this stimulus Flarnagan, smiling and confident, hurled the hammer one last time, and then what a shout went up from the crowd! Far having the little mounds of earth that showed the markers got out with the tape, and when they were done it was found that Flannagan had thrown the record distance—150 feet 8 inches—beating the American record made by Mitchell 5 feet 7 inches and the British and Irish records made by himself 3 feet 8 inches Even Mitcuell had to pat the visitor on the back for the work. None of the others could get within twenty-one feet of this, and, as matter of fact, they gave up trying when the

It is a trifle premature to talk foot ball one would think, but not so with the play-ors themselves. Already there is a cast-ing of eyes about for candidates who will ing of eyes about for candidates who will be ripe for the fall picking. The University club, the High school of Omaha and the High school of Council Bluffs all expect to have a strong eleven in the field, and it is already conceded that the coming season will be a great one for the game, not only locally, but all over the country. In addition to the teams above mentioned for this immediate vicinity, it is guite likely that dition to the teams above mentioned for this immediate vicinity, it is quite likely that the military at Fort Crook will place an eleven in the field and try for local championship honors. The material among the young officers for a foot ball team is said to be of exceptionally good quality, several of them being graduated players, their educations and Orestes. Should this entire number start a good race will result for sure and it will not be a walkover for any horse. In fact, the race will be open from the fact that there are very few probable starters that can be counted upon as fit candidates for the rear division. Taking them in order flen Brush

letin enterprise. An attempt, it is said, will be made to shandon casts lines in athletic matters, that officers and men may play shoulder to shoulder, which would certainly prove an innovation of far-reaching results. There are many fine athletes in the ranks at Fort Crook and there is not a shedow of doubt but what a team could be organized down there that would show up well against even the terms of the Western Intercollegiate Foot Ball resociation. Anyway, it is to be hoped that the army is represented on the local gridien this fall. It would add gest to the sport and furnish much additional enthusiasm in this vigorous and exciting game.

It may seem rather early to talk of High school track athletics for next year, but a word of advice and encouragement may not be amiss at this time, caprorally as most of those ambitious for next year will have a chance to do some good preparatory work this

summer. The number of first-class men in the High from a school standpound is small, but a great abundance of material is in the proess of development, and some more good ones may be expected. The dashes will be turf force its most popular member and well taken care of, as Roy Morris, who won the 220-yard dash and was second in the bis like. He was one of the very few wh the 220-yard dash and was second in the 100, may be expected to be strong at both distances next season, and will also try his hand on the 440-yard run, which he has gone since field day, and at his first try in 69 seconds. Morris is remarkably speedy for a school boy, although slow on the start, and at 220 yards will be one of the sensations of

Neal, Morse and Bedford will also run the dashes pext year. The other runs will have Spaford, the winner of the half and quarter: Bryant, second in the mile, and "Wee Wil lie" Wood, to take care of them, and will not be neglected.

Spaford's time this year was slow, bu

he was trying to save a lame foot, and d not try to make any records. He is a heafy and game little fellow, and will doubtless do good work next year. It will also pay to keep an eye on Wood, as with three years more of school he will have a chance to make

ome good records.

The hurdling and jumping departments are very weak, as Bidwell and Morsman both graduated last week; Underwood and Morris intend to try the high ones next time and Wood the low, and from this trio some good work may be developed. Kennedy would not walk this year, for reasons known only to himself, but says he will try next time. He is a speedy man and should make a good mark. Jensen, the "Terrible Dane," who throw the hammer 90 feet 5 inches, was a '97 boy, but his place will be taken by John Rice, who took second at 80 feet 5 inches, and who will likely raise his mark ten or twelve feet next year. Bartlett, the winner of the shot put, is a freshman and with three more years to go should beat 42 feet easily before he gets through. The selection of a captain for next year's

team is a problem that is not easy to solve The two old war horses of the High school The two old war horses of the High school, Joe Lillie and Archie Acheson, have both quit the school for good, though it is probable that they may be seen coaching next year. This leaves only one man really qualified for the place. Noyes Spaford, who declares he will not take it, but can likely be persuaded when the season opens.

It might not be out of piace to suggest that the time to elect this captain is as soon as school opens this fall, for then he can commence to pick his spring material during the foot ball season.

A letter was received from the Dea Moines High school some weeks ago asking for a meet either at Des Moines or Omaha for this month. The Omaha High school management was not able to take up the challenge this year, but asked that the Des Moines management communicate with them next year, promising either a fall or spring meet if possible. This, with a probable meet with Council Bluffs, will hurry up athletics and make the boys do their best. If the High school boys will only hustle a little they may expect hearty support from the alumni and the people of the city.

Although speaking of the above men as all probable winners for next year, there dicting an enormous crowd of spectators, all probable winners for next year, there much larger than that which viewed the four-cornered race last year, or that which looked on when Columbia defeated Cornell are the surprises of the year, so all should get out on the campus and try their hands and they may have some especial qualifications for some certain form of the track sport.

> Most favorable reports continue to con from those who are watching the work of the Harvard crew at Poughkcepsie. It is said the oarsmen are a splendid set of men physi-cally and that they are rounding to in great shape rowing smoothly and rapidly. is no doubt about their ability to keep up a hot pace for four miles. The Yale crew is still at New Haven, practicing against the freshman crew. They have no difficulty in beating out the freshmen, who start in the middle of a four-mile stretch and row against the 'varsity for the last two miles. At Cornell all has been change and confusion during the past ten days. Courtney has been trying different men, and has now moved out nearly all the regular 'varsity men, who established the world's record against Harvard Columbia and Pennsylvenia last year, and has given their places to last year's freshmen, who this spring defeated the naval cadets. As the erew is now rowing only two of last year's

> oarsmen. Moore and Savage, are in the boat.
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> In a race for a quarter of a mile a scrub erew, stroked by Briggs, defeated the 'varsity the other day by three-quarters of a length. Although Briggs has been stroking the 'varsity for several days, Courtney has again made a shift, and it now seems improbable that Briggs will stroke the crew in the race, although he will be taken to Poughkeepsie. His work the other day was excellent, but the combination could not get his stroke.

> It was necessary, therefore, to put Carter back, as he was the only stroke they seemed able to follow. The combination which now seems most favored by Courtney is:

Carter, stroke; Sayage, 7; Oddie, 6; Odell 5; King, 4; Moore, 3; Bentley, 2; Wakeman

bow; Colson, coxewain.
On Tuesday the freshmen beat the 'varsity in a two-mile race by a boat length.

Several criticisms have already been made by the coachers on the respective merits of the different methods of rowing, and the present form of the crews. Walter Peet

Columbia's coach, thinks Harvard has a fine well-balanced evew, and considers them in ilt condition to race today. He says they are superior in every respect to the Yale men at present, although he admits Bob Cook's faculty to lick a crew into winning form in the last three weeks. Peet says tha Yale is rowing a longer stroke than Harvard. They reach farther at the catch and go back further at the finish than the Cambridge men. He thinks the Yale stroke as Cook has taught it this spring is going to be a killing one in a four-mile race. He thinks Flannagan played with his opponents, Mitch-ell, Chadwick of Yale, McCracken of the Uni-Harvard is rowing a much smoother stroke

where the hammers of the others had scarred the turf fell the hammer of the Britisher.

And the most amazing part of it was that it had flown so far when thrown so low. Then the most set of the body work he thinks very poor. They have mo form as a crew, whatever, catching it. no form as a crew, whatever, catching in regularly, not swinging in unison, etc. If Cornell is rowing in the same form it did last year he tips the Ithacans to win the

race on Friday next.

As the day for the Suburban handicap approaches something occurs to look toward the future. The Suburban is the next star the future. The Suburban is the next star event of the east, and though it is likely that several of the highest class horses will be withdrawn there will be several left in the event to excite interest, and make up a respectable race. The work of the horses is being watched keenly, and many a quiet irial is being put into candidates while those who will bet on the respectable race.

tion in this line having been received at the military academy at West Point. Hitherto the officers and the men in the ranks onough. Delmar can never be counted on have never engaged in any concerted atherto in a race. Halma is very high in flesh at present, and he is a cripple, consequently to reliable. First Mate is about as good looking as a borse can be made. He being put through a special preparation.
Sir Walter is a little aged. The Winner is certainly the most speedy borse in Smith's stable. Ben Eder is much. Roundsman's race with Howard Mann gives him a look in. Dutch Skater having beaten Lake Shore, he has a chance. Peep o'Day's sickness keeps him in the rear divinion; a sick hose has little chance in a race like the Suburban handleap. Havoc, Volley, Jefferson and Orestes are a bit outclassed, but it is very plain that seven of the Suburban candidats have an excellent chance to get the prize and any one of them may win, as much depends upon the condition of the track, the way they leave the starter and their fortunduring the race. With everything fair are The Winner has the preference plain sailing at this writing

The death of Byron McClelland lest weel removed from the western turf a man who school at present (speaking of first-class men rity and high character have won for him the respect, confidence and admiration of every one who has ever watched his colors in a race. Through his death the western made racing a source of profit and he did so through close personal supervision of bu-stable. Nearly every year his stable has stable. produced a great race horse and to his horses he gave the greatest care and the closest attention. He commenced with nothing and died worth nearly half a million dollars, but in prosperity he was as careful and as painstaking as when he was strugrling to pay off the debt of another with the winnings of his first race horse. Badge was nis first racer, and he has since given to the curf Henry of Navarre, Halma, Prince Lief and others of less note. How he started as a bekey-being a son of Morrison McClelland turfman and miller of Lexington; how he tarted out as a trainer with the stable o he late Henry Duncan; how he trained for longressman W. L. Scott, and how later h ormed a partnership with Richard Reach name, has all been written time after time

from this on. The Maber-Sharkey flasco of a week ago did the biz. The authorities no declare that they will interfere with and stop every fistic exhibition attempted, Horton law or no Horton law. The Tom O'Rourkes Billy Bradys, Ginslingers and Kennedys got altogether too gay, and a prize fight wa-on the nightly bill of fare in Gowanus. De-cent people were getting tired of this brazen defiance of propriety, and the babbles had t show front to square themselves. Every thing was progressing swimmingly, and wit little judgment the same order of thing might have been made to prevail for another ix months or so, but when Brady attempts to pull off a rough and tumble fight, such as that between Maher and Sharkey devel oped into, a halt was forthcoming. The was pilling the last bale of hay on the drome lary's back, and the law and order brigad arose upon its hind legs and let out a roa that fairly shook the buttons off of ever policeman's uniform in the great metropoli

The fairy tale now comes floating from the Orient that these two big loaferish dute are determined to settle their differences be fore the beautiful begins to fly. It is salthat the old Omaha newsboy, Billy Brady will hang up a purse of two or three million ollars for a finish fight between the two a Carson City. But to make sure that it is a finish fight, Brady should allow Maher to use a plece of lead pipe and Sharkey a paving stone. What the people want most is a real finish fight between these star counterfeits. They say this little Brady fellow is shrewd and astute business man. If that i true he contemplates no such an affair it Nevada. The receipts at the great champion hip battle between Fitzsimmons and Corbett did not supply Dan Stuart with cigarette money, and a match between Peter and the Sallor out there would prove such a frost that all the California fruits would be killed for ten years to come. Peter Maher and Tom Sharkey. Bah! The quicker they are chased to the woods the better.

Notwithstanding Dan Creedon and Kid Mc Coy have been matched to go twenty-five rounds in mid-July, it looks very much as if sportdom was to be again disappointed. The attitude of the authorities in New York will certainly prevent anything like a fair test in that city and if the men do meet at all they will have to be shifted to Caliornia, about the only likely battle groun that now presents itself. They have pars down again out there and should they be able to keep the sure-thing men out of the game some fine sport may be anticipated throughout the winter. As to Creedon and McCoy, they are to fight at the middle-weight limit, 158 pounds, weigh in at 2 o'clock on the afternoon of the contest, which means that they will collide at the heavy-weight notch, for certainly neither man will tip the scales an ounce less than 164 pounds McCoy is in unusual flamboyant spirits and when not chattering about the princely fortunes he won in South Africa he is tell-ing his friends how he would like to bet the Astor residence in New York, the Hud-son River railroad, National Park bank or some such bagatelle like that, that he will make Dan Creedon regret the day he left the land of the Golden Fleece to come over here in search of shekels and fame. And it is the Kid's talk, more than anything else that is convincing me just now that he is a licked man before they pull on a glove. He is entirely too garrulous, too fidgety, too pervous to be on the level. It is different with jolly old Dan. He has gone about the task of putting himself in the finest fettle and when questioned about the outcome say he has no fears as to who will get the money, but that both have a chance.

CITY TENNIS TOURNAMENT.

Preparations for Holding it Begin ning Tuesday, July 6. Owing to the tardiness in the approach of good tennis weather, the season can only now be said to have fairly opened. Althoug! a few neighborhood clubs, such as the Shriner and the Thistle, have been doing good work for a month or more, hardly one of the best known players has practiced sufficiently to meet anything like his old form. It was mainly for this reason that the local tournament, which was scheduled for next week, has been postponed until Tuesday, July 6. This action was taken at an executive board meeting of the Omaha Lawn Tennis association Thursday night. Concad Young, Samuel Caldwell and Frederick Hamilten were appointed as a tournament com-mittee. They will direct the arrangements

of the city tournament and entries should be booked with Mr. Hamilton not later than The handleap plan that was used last year will again be in force. Frank Haskell, there-fore, the wirner of last year, will be obliged to play through the match instead of meet-ing the winner, the champion's privilege in

"scratch" tournament. Of the old favorites, Roy Austin, the champion of two years ago, will be again scen in the courts. C. S. Cullingham and Conrad Young have also begun regular work. Rollin

match.

Mr. Conrad Young expected to leave last night for Chicago to attend the meeting of the Western Lawn Tennis association which with the professionals and amateurs is well worth any one's time who enjoys seeing fast riding. Several of the local professionals have ridden quarters as fast as

while in Chicago Mr. Young will work up interest in our own interstate tournament, to be held in Omaha August 17. A considerable number of Chicagoans have already promised to be present, among them Hardy and Bond, the men who carried off the prizes last year, and who gave us the prettiest exhibition of tennis ever seen in Omaha.

past four days attending race meets an will return today and begin at once to put on the finishing touches for the state meet.

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Not a Battle.

Chicago Post: "Think of it!" he said, putting down his paper. "Eloven killed and 128 injured."

"Well, why do you persist in reading about those Cuban atrocities?" demanded his wife.

"But, my dear, I'm not; I'm merely—"

"Oh, the Turco-Grecian was is just as bad. If you want to avoid these horrible things why don't you skip al. the war news?"

"But this isn't war news."

"Then what is it?"

"A list of the bicycic accidents of the last thirty days."

Then she said, "Oh!" That was all she could say. She was a bleyclist herself.

Reminiscences of State Meets and Winners of Evgone Championships.

ISHT YEARS' WORK BRIEFLY R VIEWED

Omnha Riders Rank High in the List of Champions Since the First Guthering at Lexing-J ton in 1889.

Two more weeks from yesterday and

Omaha for the second time sluce the organization of the Nebraska division of the League of American Wheelmen will be the scene of a state meet. It will be the ninth annual one and gives promise of excelling in this line anything ever held in the midwest before. At the last state meet, which was held in Lincoln, there was an unusually large list of entries for the races, but as the numher of racing men in this section has nearly doubled since that time a list of entries twice as large as that of last year's may be looked for. There will not only be more entries, but he men who have signified their intentior competing at this year's much are much aster as a rule than those who competed at the Lincoln meet. Applications for entry blanks have been received from racing men n Illinois, Michigan, Missouri, Kansas, lowa, Minnesota, Colorado and several other states which goes to show that the Hoeral prize as a powerful magnet and will draw the cream of the western riders to Omaha on July 3 and 5. One thousand entry blanks

least one-fourth of the blanks should comback filled out with the names of prominen riders to them. A brief review of the state meets held in Nebraska since the organiza-tion of the division will understedly make interesting reading just now, and therefore a brief one is given below. The first Ne-braska state meet, and in fact, the first meet ever held outside of Omaha, took place at Plum Creek, or what is now called Lexngton, in 1889. It was held under the aus ices of the Lexington Wheel club. The first eague of American Wheelmon state championships were competed for at this meet. They were the one-mile ordinary, which was wen by C. C. Peabody of Omaha, and the one-half mile safety, won by H. H. Rhodes, also of Omaha. A remarkable thing about the meet was the winning of the latter race by Mr. Rhodes, who had never competed in race before. Several days prior to the meet he made a business trip to Kearney and being an enthusiastic wheelman, stopped off at Lexington, upon his way home, to see the races. As Omaha did not have a representative entered in the one-half mile safety championship and as Mr. Rhodes was quite fast road rider, his Omaha friends insisted pon his entering the race, which he as induced to do affer a good deal of coaxng. He simply ran away from the other starters and won by a block in 1:41. The reult was certainly a surprise to his friendis well as to himself, and as a reward for his iderful performance he now bears to wonterful performance he now bears the title of one-half mile champion of Nebruska for 1889, and is the possessor of a handsome \$50 solid gold medal. The next state meet was held at Omaha on the old fair grounds track September 29, 1890, under the auspices of the Omaha Wheel club. The safety champion by were all were by

champion-chips were all won by Bert Porter

held of this city, who has long since retired from the racing game. The two-mile ordinary championship was won by Lou Flescher, while C. K. Denihan won the one and five-mile ordinary championships. In 1891 York held the state meet. Mocket tof Lincoln won the two-mile ordinary championship in won the two-mile ordinary championship in 7:09, and L.E. Helton of Omaha took the quarter-mile ordinary and the one and two-mile safety state championships in 432-5, 3:401-5 and 7:11 respectively. The fourth annual state much was held at Hastings en July 4, 1892. A road race from Juniata to Hastings, a distance of six miles, was run in the morning and was won easily by Jack Kastman of Omaha. The one-mile Jack Kastman of Omaha. The one-mile ordinary championship went to Mockett of incoln by default. The one and two-mile Lincoln by default. The one and two-mile safety championships were also won by Mockett in 2,49% and 6:10½ respectively. All of the open safety races, five in number, were won by Billy Schnell of Omaha. Mockett rode in nothing but the championships and of course was the control of the case. bips, and, of course, won there easy, 1893 Lincoln secured the state meet, and it was held under the auspices of the Capital City Cycling club. Lincoln riders had championahips in 1892 and Omaha riders had been left out almost entirely, therefore, they set to work early in the spring of 1893 and trained hard for the state meet with the intention of redeeming themselves, which they did nicely. Russell Condon of Omaha won the one-mile state champion ship in 2.54; W. A. Pixley the one-quarter mile championship in .39 3-5, and L. E. Helton of Omaha the two-mile champion-ship in 5.58 2-5, and thus Omaha swept the platter clean, leaving Lincoln without a win to its credit save the boys' race, in which Omaha did not have a representative. In 1894 Kearney picked the state meet plum and held their meet on July 4 and 5. The championships were won by Barnett of Lincoln and Frederickson of Fremont, while the other events went to Gerwing, McGuire and Bowles of Denver. While the Omaha Wheel club's team, composed of Messers, Proulx, Potter and Pixley, won the team race easily securing as posicily. team race easily, securing as a prize the handsome trophy which now adorus the Omaha Wheel club's parlors. In 1895 Kearney again secured the state meet, and held it upon the same dates as the year before. In class "A" Gadke of Omaha was given the constitution of the given the one-mile state championship, O. O. Hayman of Grand Island won it, but later it was taken away from him on account of his not having been a member of the league when he competed for it. The time was 2:201-5. Pixley of Omaha won the half and two-mile championships in 1:06 and 4:561-5, both state records which still stand. Frank Righy of Toledo, O., won everything in class "B" easily. Last year Lincoln secured the state meet, which was the eighth annual one, and held it upon July 3 and 4. From a racing standpoint this was one of the most successful division meets ever held in this section, but financially it was a flat failure. The amateur state championships of the state were all won by Gadke of Omaha, while Mockett of Lincoln won the half-mile inches long. It is perfectly preserved the professional and Pixley of Omaha the one-mile professional championships. This year's meet, which will be held upon the old fair

meet, which will be need up to give us some grounds track, promises to give us some new champions in both classes, and will without a doubt see the best racing ever held in this section. The old fair grounds track is the scene of an unusual amount of activity among the local racing men these days, there being no less than a half hundred amateur and professional racing men preparing themselves for the coming state meet. Pacing machines are kept busy from early morning until sun-set carrying riders fast quarters, halves and the courts. C. S. Cullingham and Conrad Young have also begun regular work. Rolling H. Spencer, a young club member and a Stanford university student, has played most of the winter. He defended the cardinal recently in the Pacific coast intercollegiate match. is held there today. The competitors for the western interstate championship meet are the Kenwood Country club and the Wyandotte club, both of Chicago. Mr. Young will cast the vote of the local club which favors the former organization.

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Lesna, the Italian rider who defeated nearly every professional rider of prominence in both France and Australia, passed through this city a week ago last Friday upon his way to Chicago. He will endeavor to arrange with American wheel and tire makers to represent them upon the path. will remain in this country during place was pillaged by Sherman's army."

NIBRASIA LEAGUE RACING the season and endeavor to arrange match races with Bald, Cooper, Kiser and other

It begins to look very much as though Eddie Baid is going to show his rival Tom Cooper the way across the tape in the major-ity of the races they come together in during the season. So far they have met in eight races and Baid has won six of them. Earl Kiser is also making a bid for champlouship Riser is also making a bid for championship honors this season and to a man up a tree it would look as though he might show the champions of '96 how to ride before the sea-son closes. He has met Bald four times, Cooper twice, and has defeated them each time. Bald and Cooper are now following the New York state circuit, while Kiser is on the national elecuit.

A. A. Zimmerman, the old war horse, rode an exhibition one-half mile at Philadelphia last week in :551-5, paced by a triplet. This would indicate that Zim still has some speed in him, and it would not surprise the writer in the least to see him enter some of the events toward the close of the season win them as easily as he did in 1892 and

Gossin from the Wicket. Council Bluffs ain't so worse!

It's Captain Vaughan and Secretary Doug-Will Vaughan will make a good live cap-

ain, and that is what the club needs. Sprague, ar., should get his little brother o give him a few hints on the art of batting. Where is George Hurst this sesson? His cental face is much missed among the boys. The Omahas threaten to annihilate the Blumtes in their return game next Satur-

What's the matter with Papillion getting up a team to play the Omahas? They are

John Douglas says he won't come out to practice when Sprague, sr., is there; that is when he has a but in his hand. Why is it? Omaha intends to win all the games at the St. Paul tournament this year, if they have to hire the Australian base ball team to urn the trick.

Anyone who has any use for a few tops of say can have all they can haul away by applying to the secretary of the Omaha ricket club. He always has plenty. If any one has any doubts in their minds

is to whether a base ball player can learn to use a cricket but to advantage, let them come up and see Colonel McKelvey play. Sloux City is to have a big cricket game on the 22d by way of celebrating the Queen's Diamond jubilee. There is some talk among the Council Bluffites of sending up a team to show them a thing or two about the fine points of the game.

LABOR AND INDUSTRY.

We raise two-thirds of the world's cotton. In many Scotland towns furniture workers get 14 cents per hour. The biggest cotton mill in the south is

going up in the mountainous region thirty miles west of Birmingham, Ala. The Lancaster, S. C., cotton mills are running their 10,000 spindles night and day and employ two sets of operatives. Alabama makes pig from at \$5 a ton,

which would have been called an impossi-bility a few years ago. Even now the Engish can hardly credit the fact. Denver's city attorney has warned the mayor that the city has no power to fix he amount of wages to be paid by men

who secure contracts for public improvements. An English labor paper of recent date states that industrial affairs in that coun-try are the best in years, the demand for skilled labor in some instances being beyond

the supply. The manufacturers of East Liverpool, O., have shown an interest in the houses established in that city for factory girls employed at the potteries and have started a ovement to endow the institution, besides raising \$2,000 for it.

The row between the International Associaion of Machinists and International Typographical union has reached such a stage that already Chicago members of the latter organization declare that machinists will not be employed in a newspaper composing oom in the United States at the end of

this year. A branch of Debs' Co-operative Commonwealth has been formed at San Francisco. It is probable the start will be made in middle Tennessee, which offers a wide variety of soils and an equable climate. bers from all parts of the union will b spected to contribute 10 cents a month the success of the enterprise

Immigration at the port of New York shows a great falling off for the past three months. During April, at the port of New York alone, the decrease was 11,439, and during the first eleven days of May it was 10,800. The commissioner of immigration at New York estimates a decrease of not less than 93,000 for the country as a whole

luring the current fiscal year. Labor union officials at Cleveland have under advisability a scheme which, if adopted, will seriously complicate matters for building contractors of the city and affect the building interests. The plan under consideration is something like the rule of the union longshoremen, who assess a fine of 5 cents per thousand feet on a cargo of a lumper carrier when the cargo is ladded a lumber carrier, when the cargo is loaded by non-union longshoremen. The union officials have been considering the advisability of having the plumbers and steam and gas fitters assess and collect a fine on all buildings on which non-union workingmen

have been employed. Business men exhaust their nervous system by mental work. They lose vitality. Vitality is blood. If suffering from nervous disorders, strengthen the blood by using Pill Anaemic Pink, It makes rich red blood and plenty of it. Made only by the Mercer Chemical Co. Omaha.

Chemical Co., Omaha. AN HISTORICAL RELIC.

Original Copy of One of the Twelve Constitutional Amendments. Hanging upon the wall in an office in the Board of Trade building, Indianapolis, Ind., is an interesting historical relic of undoubted authenticity. It is no less than one of the thirteen original copies of the twelve amendments to the constitution. One of these copies, says the Indianpolis News, was sent to each of the thirteen states that formed inches long. It is perfectly preserved, the ink in some places still jet black, but for the most part a rusty brown. The handwriting is admirably plain, free from all flour-ishes and as even and regular as copperplate. At the top of the parchment is written in large letters:

CONGRESS OF THE
UNITED STATES.
Begun and held at the city of
New York, on Wednesday, the
fourth of March, one thousand
seven hundred and eighty-nine.

Then follows the reason for the making and sending of these parchments to the thirteen

states: "The conventions of a number of these states having at the time of their adopting the constitution expressed a desire in order to prevent misconstruction or abuse of its powers, that further declaratory and restrictive clauses should be added; and as ex-tending the grounds of public confidence in the government will best insure the benefi-cent ends of its institution,

"Recoived, by the senate and house of rep-resentatives of the United states of America in congress assembled, two-thirds of both houses concurring, that the following articles be proposed to the legislatures of the several states as amendments to the constitution of the United States, all, or any of which articles, when ratified by three-fourths of the state legislatures, to be valid to all intents and purposes as part of the said constitution (Here follow the twelve amendments.)

This valuable parchment bears the following autograph signatures: "Frederick Augustus Muhlenberg, speaker of the house of representatives; John Adams, vice president of the United States and president of the senate. Attest: John Beckley, clerk of the house of representatives; Sam A. Otis,

secretary of the senate." This document belongs to Charles A. Shot-well. Explaining how it came into his pos-session, he said: "I was living at Troy, O., at the close of the war, thirty-two years ago.



The greatest test of the bleycle as a mill-tary conveyance yet undertaken in the United States began on Saturday of last week, when twenty-four soldiers, under command of Lieutenant Moss, left Fort Missoula, Mont., for St. Louis. The distance is about 2,000 miles. At least two meuntain ranges must be crossed and foothills without number, followed by hundreds of miles of almost trackless plains, which will test of almost trackiess plains, which will test violently, and this imparts a trembling mothe physical endurance of the men as well i as the wearing qualities of the wheel.

The wheels are thirty pounders, geared at 5632, made especially for the soldiers. In soldition to the weight of the rider each

Large exports of bicycles and bicycle ma- value, erial are a feature of our foreign trade at present. During the week before last from present. During the week before last from the port of New York alone \$101,000 worth of bicycles went abroad, and bicycle matter than the amount of \$28,881 additional. over thirty foreign countries and ports, including all continents, are mention as the destinations of these shipments, the bulk going to London, Hamburg, Havre and Antwerp. During the month of April bicycle exports amounted to \$1,117,324. For the tensor of the seven-hilled city, but Rome N. Y. The streets of the town are in bad condition, because a system of sowers is building. Yet only a week ago the common council, though it knew the condition of the streets, parced an ordinance forbilding bicycle riding on the sidewalks. A dispatch says. The indignation of nonths of the fiscal year to May 1, the exonly \$1,001,000 for the same period a year ago. It is thus a trade of very recent Grigin and is rising to remarkable proportions.

According to the Referce, there is every probability that the last national circuit will be that of 1897; all indications are that mother year will see the racing men riding when and where they please. So long as the men are not compelled to ride on the cir-cuit, and are permitted to go where they are best paid, the circuit must naturally fall in its purpose. It is becoming more apparent each day that the racing men are not prone to follow the route laid out by the racing board, for the small meet promoter requently offers inducements which are of such a tempting nature that they cannot well be resisted, and the national circuit is the loser to the extent of this or that per

"Bicycle ballucinations are becoming recognized nervous disorder," said a Cleve-and doctor to a reporter for the Plain Dealer. "I know of half a dozen cases or more. One woman came to me and claimed che coudn't ride on a street when a street car line was in operation. Every time a car came along she had a wild impulse to opple over toward it. She simply couldn't elp it. Another woman said that whenever she rides her wheel she has an idea that mebody is scorehing close behind her. the feels the scorcher's presence and expects every moment to be hurled to the ground. If she rides in company with friends doesn't notice the unpleasant sensation. out it comes to her again as soon as she one. A man came into my office a few weeks ago and said there was something

violently, and this imparts a trembling mo-tion to the wheel. It doesn't appear to ex-haust her, but she is very much worried be-cause she can't stop it. I think she will outgrow the tendency as she gets older and stronger."

solicy, made especially for the soldiers. In addition to the weight of the rider each wheel carries the regulation knapsack a bicycle trunk, haversack, utensils for field cooking, one blanket and shieter tent. Ten of the men carry rifies, the others revolvers, all being supplied with fifty rounds of ammunition to the man.

Human extremes develop on the bicycle, A 7-year-old Philadelphia girl made a century with apparent case a few weeks ago. An 8-year-old Jersey boy smashed a century record last aSturday and ran away with a pot of prizes which several veterans pushed for. Just as these events were pulled off Joe Grines of Cleveland dropped in from Europe. for. Just as these events were pulled off Joe Grines of Cleveland dropped in from Europe, bringing with him a wealth of girth, tipping the scales at 540 pounds. Joe is giving the easterners practical tessons on the value of weight and wind awheel.

Wrap around the rear sprocket wheel, as is the case with the ordinary skirt when which while there are many makes of divided skirts on sale in the market, there are some that do not answer all requirements, and weight and wind awheel.

> Wheelmen made Rome howl, it is said. Rome, N. Y. The streets of the town are in streets, parced an ordinance forbidding bi-cycle riding on the sidewalks. A dispatch cycle riding on the sidewalks. A dispatch says: The indignation of the people was marked, and some talked of holding meetings to protest. The alderman who voted fo tribe anti-bleycle ordinance have been boycotted in business. Today Mayor Kingsley, who is an enthusiastic wheelman, suspended the orange of the control of t dinance, and wheelmen are using the side-walks."

> The inefficiency of back-pedalling as a ubstitute for a brake was again illustrated in an accident which befell John Greib, a Baltimore rider, on Sunday afternoon. He was tiding down Rush hill, which is one of the steepest hills in the vicinity of Baltimore, and in his efforts to keep his under control by back-pedalling the left under control by back-pedalling the left pedal of his bicycle broke. He was conse-quently thrown violently to the read and was seriously injured. The accident which happened to the Baltimorean is only one of many that are possible without a good brake and easily avoidable by the use of one. The strain of back-pedalling is so severe that any imperfection which survives the "fac-tory inspection" of the catalogues is liable to result in a severe accident. With the driv-ing mechanism unavailable and with no means of checking the speed, there is but one result possible unless the rider is par-ticularly favored by good luck. A powerful brake of quick action is the surest insurance against accidents on a down grade or even on a lovel.

The young men and women who have put all their spare cash into "bikes" within a year or two may soon begin to wish that hey had not been quite so hasty. said that an inventor has devised a little storage battery to go under the bike saddle, which will propel the machine, burn a bril-Hant lantern for night riding and sound a wrong with his eyes. I looked at them, and they appeared to be all right. He told me "buzzer" to warn off pedestrians, while an



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