WHITFIELD DEFIES HICKEY

President of Western League Issues His Omaha Proclamation.

BOUND TO HAVE TEAM IN THIS CITY

Rourke or No Rourke, Western Will Play Ball Here and Fight American to Fare-You-Well for Location.

President James Whitfield of the Western Base Ball league came to Omaha early yesterday morning and flung to the breeze his banner of defiance to the American association.

"I am suffering no apprehension as to the welfare of our league," said Mr. Whitfield. "We will certainly start the season at the sound of the gong, and I think we'll have enough money of our own to carry it through. If we haven't, I know where we can get plenty more.

"We are not looking for any fight, but we claim this territory and will have it. We are perfectly willing to go against Mr. Hickey and his cohorts, and before it is all over he may find that we have taken a few teams out of his eastern territory. I have plenty of applications from such cities as Indianapolis.

"I have talked with Mr. Rourke today and I think that he will stand by the Western league. However, it makes no difference whether he does or not. If he sells out to the other people, we will simply go right ahead and put in a team here, anyway, securing new grounds.

Confidence in Rourke.

"It is a fact that on last Friday Mr. Hickey offered Rourke $5,000 for his plant. Rourke did not accept it and he would be foolish to do so. Why, I'll give him $5,000 for the place myself today and make him manager of the Western league team here on a salary. I know lots of people who would like to have those holding at that price.

"As a matter of fact, Rourke has the whole thing his way here, if he only knew it, and he had better stick. He has the plant, he has both franchises and he has a good list of players. Even if he does sell out to Hickey he cannot transfer the players, and we will hang onto them. Neither can he dispose of that Western league franchise without our consent.

"Hickey will have a might hard time coming in this town in two ways, even if he buys Rourke's place, and if he don't that will make three. First, this franchise matter cannot be dodged so easily. Rourke holds the American league franchise for Omaha, signed by those men. He has notified them that he will take the matter to the courts if they try to give some other party the franchise. They will have to resort to litigation before they can do anything.

Blacklist for Players.

"Then in the matter of players Hickey's whole association of clubs is up against it. Despite the bluster to the contrary, all these minor league players are reserved and cannot summarily go out of their company and sign elsewhere without taking the risk of almost certain blacklisting.

"I carry the proof for that right with me," said Mr. Whitfield, bringing to light a circular from Secretary J. H. Farrell of the National Association of Minor leagues. The circular was of date of January 2 last and was stated to be for the purpose of setting at rest the minds of Western League magnates on this matter of their reserved men signing away elsewhere. It quoted section 3, article 27 of the national agreement of minor leagues, stating that players held under reserve by the clubs of these leagues would be disqualified if they transferred outside the league without the written consent of the president of the club, or else without paying a certain sum for release, ranging from $300 to $1,000, according to the class their club stood in.

"That circular means trouble for Mr. Hickey," said Mr. Whitfield. "These men do not intend to take such chances. Meanwhile, I am satisfied with the situation here. I go to Chicago tonight to participate in some base ball manoeuvers.

"Kansas City! Oh, no, we are not worrying a particle about that town. Any time that George Tebeau can cope with Jimmy Manning and Kid Nichols there and win, I'll go and jump off the Hannibal bridge. Nichols will be there, too, and he will pitch the first game of every series the team plays, barring accidents."

Hickey Calls Deal Off.

T. J. Hickey came in from St. Joseph at noon yesterday and spent the afternoon with Mr. Bandle and contractors looking over proposed sites and getting estimates on the cost of improvements. He did not hear from Mr. Rourke until late in the afternoon. About 5 o'clock W. A. Rourke told Bandle that he could not give an answer to the proposition made on Friday until evening, as a party he wanted to consult had not yet reached the city. About 8 o'clock Mr. Hickey had a conference with James Rourke, who said he could give no answer before Wednesday. The expected visitor had not yet reached the city and would not be here until Wednesday.

"Then you cannot give an answer tonight?" asked Hickey.

"Not until after I have seen this party who is coming," answered Rourke.

"Then we might as well call the deal off," was the ultimatum of the American's president.

"All right," assented Rourke, and the matter is now considered at an end so far as the purchase of the Rourke plant is concerned.

Bandle is in Earnest.

"I would have been glad to have purchased the Rourke plant," said Mr. Bandle last night, "for the sole reason that it would have ended all friction. Still, I am not greatly disappointed, because for the same money I would have paid for the improvements at the Vinton Street park I can equip a new park that will be just as accessible and will be much more desirable because I can put in better accommodations.

"For $5,000 the grounds can be graded and fenced, grandstand and bleachers and club quarters provided, and the whole finished in modern style. I will put in a stand where my patrons will be comfortable and will give Omaha the best ball that has been had here since the days of Danny Shannon's Lambs. I am not at all alarmed about not getting players. We will have all the men we want when the season opens."

"I do not want to accuse either of the Rourkes of taking advantage of our offer to dicker with other people," said Mr. Hickey, "but it looks to me like they asked their Western league associates to make good on their offer of support. I know that the Rourkes have been promised by Messrs. Van Brunt and Burns that they will be held free from loss during the coming season if they will stick to the Western league in Omaha. It looks now like a fight to the finish."

HEAVY PRESSURE ON BOOKS

Favorites and Well-Played Horses Run Away with the Prizes.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 6.—The books were hit hard at Oakland today, as favorites and well played horses were successful. The feature of the card was the Oakland handicap at a mile and fifty yards. It resulted in a nose victory for Homestead, who got up in time to catch La Goleta. The winner was the best, as he was giving away much weight to his field. Dangerous Maid led all the way in the six furlong race and beat Ordnung a neck. Lapidus, played from 3 to 11 down to 1 to 5, was never headed in the mile and a sixteenth race. El Mido galloped home in front of Sylvan Lass and Afghan in the last race. The officers are still investigating the doping or poisoning of The Giver Friday night, but have made no discoveries as to how it was done. One of the veterinary surgeons stated that he believed the colt was given chloralhyde. The Giver has recovered. Results:

First race, eleven-sixteenths of a mile, selling: Saul of Tarsus won, Maresa second, Alseura third. Time: 1:08.

Second race, futurity course, selling: Jarreterre D'Or won, Nonie second, Constable third. Time: 1:11½.

Third race, three-quarters of a mile, selling: Dangerous Maid won, Ordnung second, Duckoy third. Time: 1:13½.

Fourth race, one mile and fifty yards, handicap: Homestead won, La Goleta second, Ed Gardo third. Time: 1:42½.

Fifth race, one mile and a sixteenth, selling: Lapidus won, Balhos second, Plohn third. Time: 1:46¾.

Sixth race, one mile and seventy yards, selling: Elmido won, Sylvan Lass second, Afghan third. Time: 1:46¾.

WITHDRAWS OFFER FOR BOUT

McGovern-Sullivan Managers Consider Other Bids After San Francisco Date is Cancelled.

NEW YORK, Jan. 6.—It has been decided that the bout between Terry McGovern and Dave Sullivan will not take place in San Francisco. The Yosemite Athletic club of that city has withdrawn its offer of a $25,000 purse, and Sam Harris on behalf of McGovern, and Tom Sharkey for Sullivan, will meet this afternoon to consider bids from other clubs. The Louisville Athletic club is spoken of as being very likely to get the fight.

Nellie Waddell and Circus Win.

NEW ORLEANS, Jan. 6.—Nellie Waddell and Circus were the winning favorites today. Results:

First race, one mile, selling: Nyx won, Ida Penseance second, El Ghnor third. Time: 1:42.

Second race, six furlongs: Lingo won, Orla second, Syphon third. Time: 1:14.

Third race, one mile, selling: Garter Ban won, Hutch Miller second, Henry of Franstamar third. Time: 1:42.

Fourth race, six furlongs, handicap: Nellie Waddell won, Semicolon second, St. Cuthbert third. Time: 1:13.

Fifth race, one mile and thirteen-sixteenths, selling: Governor Hoyd won, Campus second, Major Mansir third. Time: 2:03.

Sixth race, one mile and fifty yards: Circus won, King Tatitus second, The Way third. Time: 1:45.

LOUISVILLE CAPTURES MILL

Colonel City Scene of McGovern-Sullivan Twenty-Five-Round Bout.

NEW YORK, Jan. 6.—The twenty-five-round bout between Terry McGovern and Dave Sullivan will take place before the Southern Athletic club of Louisville, Ky., on the afternoon of February 22.

In behalf of the club, Tim Hurst met with the men and their managers, Sam Harris and Tom Sharkey, today, and they came to a satisfactory agreement. The conditions of the match are twenty-five rounds at 126 pounds. The purse offered and agreed upon is 60 per cent of the gross receipts, to be divided, 65 per cent to the winner and 35 per cent to the loser. It was also stipulated that if Bob Fitzsimmons should not go to Louisville to referee the contest, Tim Hurst is to act as referee.

Elks Win at Tenpins.

GRAND ISLAND, Neb., Jan. 6.—(Special.)—The third of the series of contests in tenpins between the Millers and the Elks of Grand Island resulted in a victory for the Elks. The first contest was won by the Elks by sixty pins, the second by the Millers by 126 pins and the third by the Elks by twenty-one pins. In the last game Ruchheit did some fine playing for the Elks. Score:

MILLERS.

	1st.	2d.	3d.	Total.
Alter	99	140	192	431
Glade	127	140	140	407
Guendel	138	140	147	475
Myers	148	128	142	418
Miller	154	149	144	447
Total	663	747	765	2,175

ELKS.

	1st.	2d.	3d.	Total.
Harrison	138	164	184	486
Brass	104	93	144	341
Tracey	137	167	163	467
Buchheit	154	155	169	478
Porter	140	140	144	428
Total	163	719	804	2,196

Rosenbaum Team Wins.

A match game at tenpins was rolled on the Gate City alleys yesterday afternoon between the teams of Rosenbaum Bros. & Co. and Wood Bros. of South Omaha. The former took three games. Score:

ROSENBAUM BROS. & CO.

	1st.	2d.	3d.	Total.
Felt	127	127	117	371
Keagle	147	142	120	409
Degen	122	154	175	451
Smith	156	155	110	451
Dexter	130	141	116	387
Total	712	719	638	1,967

WOOD BROS.

	1st.	2d.	3d.	Total.
Farrar	121	140	124	385
Roth	136	152	155	443
Rose	144	128	101	373
Munson	90	95	111	296
Marling	172	146	141	459
Total	663	661	632	1,956

Clarksons Defeat Westerns.

The Clarksons defeated the Westerns on Lentz & Williams' bowling alleys last night. Score:

CLARKSONS.

	1st.	2d.	3d.	Total.
Denman	184	190	195	569
Brunke	184	201	191	576
Lucas	164	131	169	464
Kolls	183	161	199	543
Clarkson	102	221	194	517
Total	817	904	948	2,669

WESTERNS.

	1st.	2d.	3d.	Total.
Swensen	135	133	163	441
Ayer	146	151	136	433
Lawler	117	152	198	467
Reed	165	174	231	570
Reynolds	215	165	168	549
Total	778	796	886	2,460

Complete Jeffries-Sharkey Match.

NEW YORK, Jan. 6.—The details of the match between Jeffries and Sharkey have been finally determined upon at a meeting between Managers Kennedy and Delaney and Sharkey, who was represented by Alvie King. The men agree to fight for 62½ per cent of the gross receipts, the winner to take 75 and the loser 25 per cent. The fight will take place on some date between March 28 and April 5, to be decided upon later.

The scene of battle will be Mechanics' pavilion, San Francisco, under the auspices of the Yosemite Athletic club of that city.

Champion Jeffries, Sharkey and the Yosemite Athletic club management have agreed to post $2,500 forfeit each, with Harry Corbett as final stakeholder. The principals will go into active training at once.

Shutout for Favorites.

CHARLESTON, Jan. 6.—All of the favorites were beaten today. Results:

First race, selling, for 2-year-olds and upward, seven furlongs: Gale Todd won, Economic second, Mill Stream third. Time: 1:33½.

Second race, selling, for 3-year-olds, five furlongs: Dr. Worth won, Jim Scanlan second, Botlan third. Time: 1:00¼.

Third race, selling, for 3-year-olds, six furlongs: Sannone won, Ellis second, Ventoro third. Time: 1:19¾.

Fourth race, selling, for 3-year-olds and upward, one mile: Ben O'Fallon won, Frank B. second, Handcuff third. Time: 1:46¾.

Fifth race, selling, for 4-year-olds, five furlongs: Incandescent won, Gratia second, Passaic third. Time: 1:04¾.

Will Catch for Brewers.

MILWAUKEE, Jan. 6.—Catcher George Speer signed a contract tonight to play with the Milwaukee American association team the coming season. Speer was on the reserve list of Buffalo in the Eastern league, but as the American association is not a party to the national agreement, he considered that he was safe in signing with Milwaukee.

McGovern Commences Training.

NEW YORK, Jan. 6.—Today Terry McGovern will begin active training for his fight with Dave Sullivan at his cottage at Hempstead, Long Island. He has just reached Brooklyn and announces that he will not consider any additional engagements until after the fight. George Dixon has ben engaged as his sparring partner.

Eddie Gardner Arrives.

Eddie Gardner arrived last night from Wheeling, W. Va., and will finish toning up his system for a fight with Ole Olson at South Omaha January 17. He was met at the station by Frank Collier and Oscar Gardner.

Trade Sugden for Garvin.

CHICAGO, Jan. 6.—Virgil Garvin, the Milwaukee pitcher, signed a contract today with the Chicago American league club for next season. Catcher Joe Sugden was traded for Garvin.

Woman's Work in Club and Charity

Representation at the biennial convention of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, to be held in Los Angeles May 1-6 inclusive, was the chief concern of the Woman's club at its meeting yesterday afternoon. The club this year is entitled to six delegates, one of which must be its president, and six alternates, the election of whom has not yet occurred. There has been considerable informal discussion concerning this election, the women recognizing the value of a full voting representation desiring that only women who would be sure to go be elected. When Mrs. Tilden presented the matter to the meeting the question naturally arose concerning what provision the club would make for the expenses of the delegates. As a different arrangement has been made for each of the other biennials, there was no precedent to follow, but in the general discussion the women seemed to be generally of the opinion that the club could not afford to pay the expenses of the delegates this year. It was finally decided that the matter be taken up as the first business at the next meeting and that the election of the delegates follow it.

As chairman of the philanthropic committee, Mrs. H. S. Jaynes reported that, in the judgment of the committee, the location of the Auxiliary club in the First ward was too far east to accomplish all that might be done there and that it was thought advisable to find quarters a few blocks further west. The work of the sewing classes is progressing and the women feel much encouraged regarding it.

Mrs. C. C. Belden reported to the club the action of its committee appointed some time ago to formulate a McKinley memorial. The work has been completed, the expression having been printed on parchment, on the outside of which the club's monogram is done in gold leaf. This has been sent to Mrs. McKinley.

In expression of its regret at the recent death of Mrs. Jane Cunningham Crowley, "Jennie June," the acknowledged inaugurator of the Women's club work, the club rose.

As March 17 is the day for the regular business session of the club, no regular program has been prepared, and it was decided that Mrs. Stoutenborough of Plattsmouth be asked to give before the club the paper on "Mother Influence" that she has given before several state federation meetings. The president asked that all desired amendments to the constitution or by-laws be presented as soon as possible, that they might have the consideration of the constitutional committee, amendments to the constitution requiring four weeks' notice and to the by-laws two weeks' notice. The membership committee announced fourteen new members qualified since the last meeting.

The afternoon's program was then presented, it being in charge of the department of ethics and philosophy. Two vocal numbers, a spring song and a lullaby by Miss Sorenson, were enthusiastically received. The study of John Fiske having constituted an important part of the department's work of the year, his work furnished the topic for the afternoon's program, a review of his "The Idea of God" being presented by Dr. Millan. Mrs. A. K. Gault gave a review of "Through Nature to God" and Mrs. Andrews of "The Destiny of Man." A harp solo by Mrs. Estelle Blake brought out applause for several encores, the last of which was "Home, Sweet Home." A solo by Miss Sorenson concluded the program.

The regular meeting of the Woman's Christian Temperance union will be held at 3 o'clock on Wednesday afternoon in the parlors of the Young Women's Christian association.

Rabbi Simon will address the English literature department of the Woman's club at 10:10 o'clock on Thursday morning on "The Life and Work of Samuel Johnson."

The Nebraska Ceramic club met yesterday afternoon at the studio of Mrs. Morrill. Mrs. J. C. Morrow was the leader of the afternoon, "Firing" being her subject. A general discussion followed.

BRYAN'S EULOGY OF JACKSON

Steadfastness, He Declares, is Conspicuous Trait of Character.

APPLIES PRINCIPLE TO DEMOCRACY

Says Whether in Power or Out, Party Stands for Constitutional Government Administered According to Jeffersonian Maxim.

WOOSTER, O., Jan. 6.—Hon. William J. Bryan spoke here today at the Jackson day banquet, which was held this evening at his suggestion in order that he might keep engagements at New Haven and Boston later in the week. His subject was "Steadfastness" and he said in part:

Among the traits of character which distinguished Andrew Jackson no trait was more prominent or more helpful to his country than his steadfastness. When he believed a thing, he believed it. Where duty led, he followed without questioning. When he decided that anything ought to be done, he did it, and no power could overawe him. He did not have in his veins a single drop of "anything to win" blood. When Nicholas Biddle declared that through the national bank he could make and unmake congresses Jackson replied that that was more power than any one man ought to have in this country, and he then began his war against Biddle and his bank, which resulted in the overthrow of that great financier and the institution which he so autocratically controlled. Others were afraid that Biddle's influence, if antagonized, would defeat the democratic party, but Jackson saw in it a menace to his country and he did not stop to consider what effect an attack on the bank would have on himself or on his party. He won and we revere his name and celebrate his day.

Benton, in reviewing Jackson's work, said that, as Cicero overthrew the conspiracy of Catline and saved Rome, so Jackson overthrew the bank and saved America. We shall observe this day in vain if we do not gather from the life of Jackson inspiration and encouragement for the work which lies before us. Today the democratic party needs to learn from the hero of New Orleans the lesson of steadfastness; it needs to learn from him not only that to be right is more important than to be successful, but that to be right is the best way to insure success.

Make Party Principles Inviolate.

A party must have principles or it can have no claim upon public confidence, and how can it commend its principles better than by standing by them? Who will have faith in the creed of a party if the party stands ready to barter away its creed in exchange for the promise of patronage? A halting, vacillating course not only fails to invite recruits, but it alienates and drives away veterans.

Another reason for steadfastness is found in the fact that no one can tell until the attempt is made what obstacles courage can overcome. The bold and fearless triumph where the timid fail. The victories which live and light us on to noble deeds are the victories snatched from the jaws of defeat by intrepid spirits who preferred death to retreat.

There is a profound philosophy as well as a religious truth in the words: "He that saveth his life shall lose it." The party that has no higher purpose than to save its own life will die because it deserves to die, if need be, for the sake of a great cause, which will live because it deserves to live.

Who says that the money power is omnipotent and that the democratic party must compromise with it or surrender to it? Not until human nature is entirely changed can the financiers be intrusted with the guardianship of the producers of wealth; not until greed becomes just can the money changers construct a system for themselves which will be fair to any one else. A top can be balanced upon the point only when it is in rapid motion, and so the great financial structure designed by Wall street for the benefit of Wall street will stand upright only so long as it can be kept whirling; the collapse will come when the speed is slackened.

Who says that we cannot afford to measure strength with the great monopolies which now arrogantly assume to control the domain of politics as well as the field of industry? Not until we can gather good fruit from an evil tree and figs from thistles can we expect a private monopoly to bring forth public blessings. The water that has been poured into the stocks of our great corporations has for the most part been drawn from the agricultural regions, and the drouth that is sure to follow will teach the farmer the meaning of the trust system.

Constitutional Government.

Must we abandon the self-evident truth that governments derive their just powers from the consent of the governed? Must we accept imperialism as an accomplished fact and join in the shout for blood and conquest? Our republic rests upon solid rock and while its principles are reversed, it cannot be overthrown from within or from without, but if all parties joined together to erect an empire upon American soil they would build upon the sand and the edifice could not endure. It is a law divine in its origin, irresistable in its force and eternal in its duration, that wrong doing ultimately destroys the wrongdoer and no nation or combination of nations is strong enough to evade or resist retributive justice.

But suppose—what no one should assume and what no one can prove—that steadfast adherence to democratic principles would result in repeated defeat, is there any reason why we should abandon those principles and adopt others, or have none at all? Those who prefer prison fare or a servile subject's lot to the dangers of the battlefield, may condemn the Boers for continuing what some describe as a hopeless struggle for independence, but those who can measure the mighty influence of great deeds know that the sturdy Dutchmen of South Africa have already conferred upon the world a benefit that cannot be measured by money. Their valor has brought greater security to all the republics of the earth; the bodies of their dead have built a bulwark behind which the friends of liberty will fight for centuries. The fact that England has been compelled to employ more than 200,000 soldiers to subjugate less than 25,000 men in arms—the fact that England has expended more than $1,000 per Boer and has neither been able to purchase them nor kill them—these facts are immeasurably valuable to people everywhere who want free government for themselves and are content that others should enjoy it also.

So the democratic party, whether in power or out of power, is serving mankind when it stands steadfastly for constitutional government and insists that that government shall be administered according to Jeffersonian maxim, "Equal rights to all and special privileges to none."

Building Permits.

The city building inspector has issued the following permits: H. P. Doedyns, Twenty-fourth and Meredith avenue, frame dwelling, $1,000; Walter Vanderreck, Twenty-fourth and Meredith avenue, frame dwelling, $1,000.

REFUSES THE INJUNCTION

Court Does Not Restrain Pullman Company from Purchasing Wagner Stock with Its Shares.

CHICAGO, Jan. 6.—Judge Tuley in the circuit court today declined to issue the injunction against the Pullman Palace Car company asked for by Truman A. Taylor, who sought to have that company restrained from purchasing the stock of the Wagner Sleeping Car company, with 200,000 shares of Pullman stock.

Mr. Taylor's attempt to defeat the merger took the form of a petition seeking to enjoin the Pullman Palace Car company from giving to stockholders of the Wagner company 200,000 shares in the consolidated concern, these being valued at $20,000,000. His action was taken following the meeting of December 5, 1899, when the Pullman Palace Car company agreed to purchase the Wagner company's entire equipment and business, to change the name of the expanded corporation to the Pullman company and to increase the stock from $54,000,000 to $74,000,000. So many arguments were advanced by the petitioner that Judge Tuley felt the need of much time to properly consider the matter and has devoted all possible attention to it during the last two years. His decision in almost every point is against Taylor. Taylor alleged that the Pullman people had no right under the laws of the nation and the state to buy the Wagner company. He said that the company was endeavoring to create a trust and monopoly in the sleeping and parlor car business of the country and preparing to limit and reduce the operation and the number of cars and to regulate prices. He further alleged that the Wagner company had not the right to dispose of its property under the laws of New York, as it would thus disable itself from performing the duties for which it was organized. In regard to the anti-trust arguments made in the petition and enlarged upon by counsel Judge Tuley held that the transaction by which the two companies became one was practically analagous to the ordinary business transaction of one man buying out the business of another.

STATE BANK CLOSES DOORS

One of Oldest Institutions in Colorado Suffers Severe Financial Strain.

GRAND JUNCTION, Colo., Jan. 6.—The Colorado State bank, one of the oldest institutions in Grand Junction, has closed its doors. Some time ago the bank secured a loan of $30,000 from the Hanover National bank of New York for the Colorado Sugar company of this city. The New York bank recently forced the collection of the loan, thus compelling the local bank to suspend.

J. F. McFarland, cashier of the bank, is manager of the Colorado Sugar company. He was in New York attempting to reorganize the sugar company, when he was called back to Denver, where a meeting of the directors of the sugar company will be held this week.

It is stated that the bank has deposits of $180,000 and within three or four weeks will resume business.

ARREST OF MISSOURI MAN

Officer Catches Stewart Fife for Murder of Frank Richardson.

ST. JOSEPH, Mo., Jan. 6.—A special to the Gazette-Herald from North Yakima, Wash., says: Stewart Fife was arrested here tonight by Constable A. N. Short, charged with being a fugitive from justice. He is wanted in Savannah, Mo., for the murder of Frank Richardson, who was shot December 19, 1901.

Information was filed against Fife by Prosecuting Attorney Bohor of St. Joseph some time ago, charging murder in the first degree. Fife has been followed by Chief of Police Frans of St. Joseph from New York to California and finally to Washington. A requisition will be asked at once.

Mrs. Addie L. Richardson, wife of the victim, is under arrest, charged with complicity in the crime. Fife was a business associate of Richardson.

SPALDING RECEIVES ANSWERS

Magnate Gets Letters from Some Clubs, but Keeps Them Private.

NEW YORK, Jan. 6.—A. G. Spalding returned to this city today. He found here replies to the letter written by him at Aiken, S. C., from the Brooklyn, Pittsburg, Chicago, Philadelphia and Boston clubs. New York, St. Louis and Cincinnati did not respond.

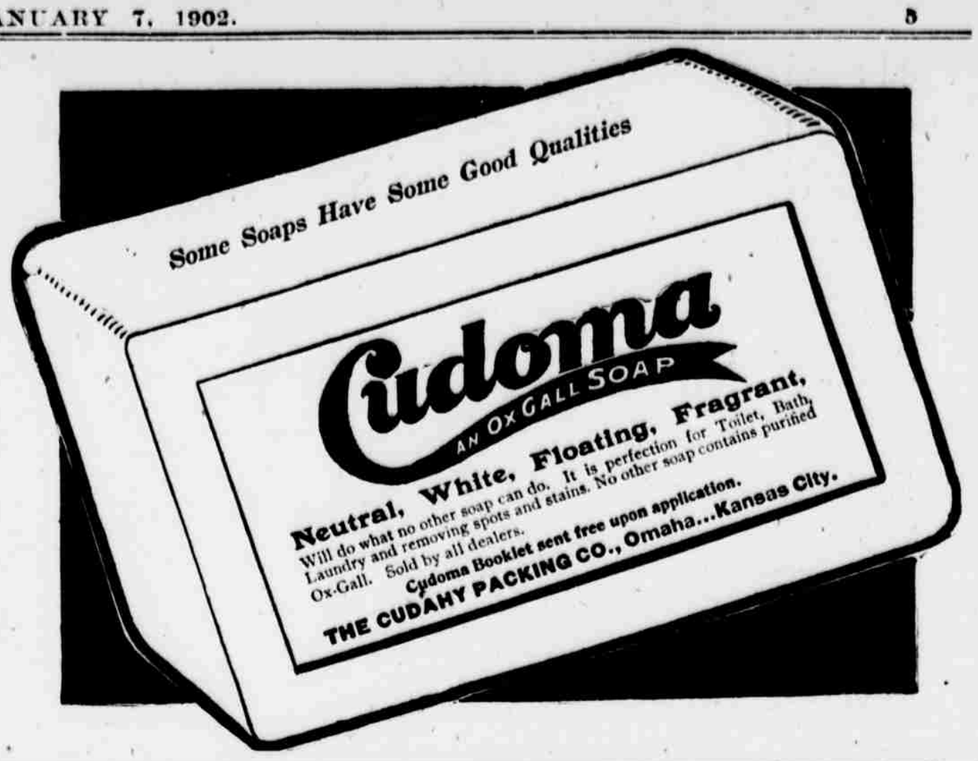
What the nature of the replies received was Mr. Spalding refused to say at present. He intimated, however, that the letters would be made public in a very few days. The letter received from Boston is considered most important. Up to the present the Boston magnates have taken sides with Freedman in the base ball tangle and the reply to Mr. Spalding's letter will be awaited with more than ordinary interest.

Mr. Spalding gave out a long interview tonight, in which he went over the grounds of the controversy in the league, but added nothing new. He spoke as an individual, and not as president.

Minor Pugs at Work.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 6.—Kid Broad of Cleveland had a shade the better of a slow six-round bout with Tim Callahan of Philadelphia tonight at the Penn Athletic club.

The bout between Eddy Connolly of St. Johns, N. B., and Foe Gans of Baltimore at the Washington Sporting club tonight was stopped in the fifth round by the referee. The Canadian was clearly out of condition and Gans was his master as far as the fight went.



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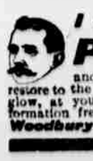

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