#### LULL IN THE BASE BALL WAR

Magnatos Take a Wook's Rest and Public Gets Advantage.

QUESTION BETWEEN HICKEY AND POWERS

of Chase or Spalding Ball for Use of Minor Leagues.

"Nothing doing." That's the story in the base ball war just at present. Seven days of almost absolute quiet have succeeded seven days of unceasing exchange of verbal and epistolary volleys all along the line. This must not be taken to indicate that any of the magnates have decided to quit. More likely it merely presages a more vigorous explosion in the near future. Some little activity has been noted along the skirmish lines, but and others in regard to the franchise in or any other league it will be put in by expects to sell to Rourke.

Out in Denver the papers have blown a it would be an American association team and then, after chucking a few odoriferous bouquets at Denver as being the most important spot on the base ball map, they easily disposed of Omaha's pretensions in that direction by calmly taking over the Omaha franchise and then threw the whole thing up in the air. Of course, when Denver dropped out that ended the American. Now they are piping a different tune. It appears that Beall has no intention of putting in a rival team, but intends to go into court to fight for his franchise. He insists that the Western league cannot dispose of him in the summary manner proposed, for he has property rights at stake and these must be respected. To a man up a tree it looks like Beall had the better of the argument. It was contended by some of the Western league magnates last year that Indianapolis could only secure the Denver franchise by buying it, because of the money invested. Now these same magnates propose to render the money invested in Denver worthless in order to get even with Beall for his alleged duplicity in dealing with Tebeau. This course hardly looks right. Some good lawyers have expressed the opinion that Beall can win. At all events, the courts at Denver will have a chance to try the case.

"Tommy" Burns of Colorado Springs and Jimmy Manning of Kansas City want to get together: When Manning got back from the Indianapolis trip he gave out the information that Watkins would not listen to the Western league proposition. Burns, on his arrival at Colorado Springs, anadded to the Western league circuit. One or the other of these gentlemen is wrong, surely. Messrs. Van Brunt and Whitfield have not yet been heard in the premises.

The Columbus Dispatch has added materially to the galety of the situation. In a labored effort, which consumed something like four columns of his valuable space, the base ball editor of that most enterprising journal has exposed the truth in regard to the enmity Pat Powers harbors against Tom Hickey. It all comes from the effort to secure the endorsement of the National Association of Minor Leagues for the Spalding and Reach balls. Pat Powers and Tim Murnane were in a conspiracy to get these balls adopted for the minor leagues, when Hickey came forward with Mr. W. P. Chase of Des Moines and offered to furnish each team represented by the association with three dozen balls annually and pay a cash conus of \$15,000 for the privilege of advertising the Chase ball as the official ball of the organization. After charging that there was an understanding that if the endorsement of the National association could be secured for the Spalding ball the Eastern league would get its balls free, the Columbus editor proceeds to thus eulogize

Hickey and pillory Powers:

The result of the whole matter was that, instead of A. G. Spalding kidnaping the National association through his agent, President P. T. Powers, and securing the contract for furnishing the balls to all the minor leagues in the country, thereby continuing his base ball monopoly, the minor leagues left the New York meeting free to select their own ball for next season and with a very exalted idea of what their individual contracts would be worth to the manufacturer. Now the fact of the matter is that the contract to furnish the balls for any one minor league, individually, is not worth nearly so much as it would appear when the manufacturers were figuring on the contract wifh all the minor leagues as a whole. The contract as a whole would be worth \$25,000 to A. G. Spalding as an advertisement. The individual leagues may refuse to look at this phase of the question, however, and the result will doubtless be that several makes of balls will be used by the different minor leagues next season, which have formerly been shut out of this market by the terms of the old national agreement, which provided that either the Spalding or Reach ball must be used.

Now all this happened because Thomas J. Hickey was man enough to light a good battle for a friend to whom he felt under Hickey and pillory Powers:

obligations. For that friendship and for that obligation Mr. Hickey willingly made more than one bitter enemy and subjected himself to all kinds of criticism from these newly created foes. Does this indicate that President Hickey is the bad fellow that Pat Fowers has tried to make the public believe?

Pat Powers has tried to make the public believes?

Now P. T. Powers has been in the employ of A. G. Spalding for many years. This is no discredit to Mr. Powers. Mr. Spalding is known as a good business man and Mr. Powers lost nothing by being associated with such a man in a business way. Naturally, because of his long associations with Mr. Spalding, he was very anxious that the Spalding ball should be made the official ball of the National association. When Thomas J. Hickey prevented the realization of that wish Mr. Powers arrayed himself against Mr. Hickey, and when the latter declared the American association independent of the National Association of Professional Base Ball Leagues. President Powers jumped at the opportunity offered to place Mr. Hickey in a false light before the public by expelling him from the National association, notwithstanding be had already resigned.

Either there is an enormous profit in

pay a tremendous price for his advertising. The National Association of Minor Leagues each of these leagues has eight teams, there league has the 126-game schedule, each nothing of any moment. For example, the team will play sixty-three games on the to make it even numbers, say 192 balls, or that city. Mr. Rourke returns to Omaha sixteen dozen, are used each season. If all. He says he was at St. Louis looking balls, the manager would be required to after a contract with a player. The Des purchase thirteen dozen. At \$12 per dozen Moines Leader is authority for the state- this would be \$156 for each team, or \$18,ment that Flynn and his partners have had 720 for the 120 teams of the National assoenough of base ball and if the Hawkeye ciation. Take the \$15,000 cash bonus from capital is to have a team in the Western this, and Mr. Chase would have left \$3,729 to pay for 18,720 base balls of the first some one else. Mr. Flynn states that he grade, a little over 19 cents apiece. If it costs 75 cents to put a \$1.25 ball on the market, the loss on each ball of these 1,560 dozen balls to the maker is 56 cents. If big bubble and then merrily smashed it. he has a profit of 25 cents on each ball he They interpreted Beall's remark that he puts out to the retailer, he must sell \$1,933 would have a team in Denver to mean that balls, or a little more than 3,494 dozen, to come out even on the season. It would seem that if the Columbus man is right, Mr. Chase is willing to run his factory at the rate of ten dozen balls of the highest proceeded to argue what is apparent to grade each day in the year, just for the any one, that Denver is too far out of the fun of having the minor leagues knock way to be a profitable member of the them about. Inasmuch as it would re-American association circuit. They had quire 222 teams playing sixty-three games each, and each using three balls to the game to use up this supply, it must be apparent that a very lively corner lot campaign would have to be carried on to put Mr. Chase out even. It can hardly

> Up to date no reason to revise the judgment of last week, that Powers is jealous of Hickey's effort to break into major league ompany, has appeared. In his speech at Kansas City Powers used figures compiled by the renowned Tim Murnane, who, by comparing the population of the eight cities in the Eastern league and the eight proposed for the American association, showed onclusively that the Eastern is the biggest. Tim is astute, as becomes a man from Boston, but he isn't well informed in regard to the west. If he were, he'd think several times before he would indulge in such comparisons as he has made. Timothy should look over the business of the two sets of cities, compare their activity and relative importance in the world of commerce and sport, and make a brief calculation as to their base ball possibilities, and maybe he would revise his statement. Forunately, however, the dictum of this wonerful man from the Hub doesn't go very far in deciding matters of base ball. we'll try to worry along just the same as though he had never said it.

of the enmity between Powers and Hickey.

s being handed around so freely just now When Ban Johnson made his break for better things he was called an outlaw and several other things. He was successful and now he is the whole thing. If some of the enthusiasts who just now are working overtime to abuse Tom Hickey and call April, they may sing another tune. Maybe Hickey won't be an outlaw then.

When Mr. Packard reached Denver he expressed much regret at having to part with "Tebeau is one of the best base ball men in the country," said Mr. Paskard. And Tebeau's place in the Western has been taken by Burns of Colorado Springs, whose base ball experience dates from last fall, when he bought out Hulen's interest in the Colorado Springs franchise.

Absolutely nothing has developed in the situation so far as Omaha is concerned. This town is the keystone of the Western league arch. It is Omaha or no Western league. The American association wants Omaha for this reason. That's all there is

SHOOTERS TAKE SOME REST Traps Abandoned for Time While Ex-

perts Talk Over Former Achievements.

After two or three weeks of especially continuous trigger work the shotgun men have during the past week found themselves comparatively quiet. There has been little doing locally, either at the traps or in the field, and the shooters are mostly lying low and catching their wind for the next period of animated "pull" commands. True, there was a little one-day meet at Snyder, Neb., on Monday last, and several Omaha men had planned to attend. The fall of snow that began Sunday night, however, caused them to alter their plans and no one from the Gate City drew a bead at a target or live bird either on that day. The same reason prevented any local representation at the two days' shoot at Ralston, Ia., which was held on Thursday and Friday. The fact that neither affair drew

out any Omaha competition was considera-

these neighboring shoots, and some hot in to any extent.

ompetition is developed. The infrequency of such events here and bird affairs on local grounds is by no means satisfying to those who are especially enamored of the game and they find that is pledged to shoot clear through every event from start to finish of the program and besides the contests among themselves for high and percentage they find many worthy opponents among the strangers at the shoots. On more than one occasion it selling base balls or Chase is willing to has been a source of keen enjoyment for the rest of the crowd and keener scoffing claims to represent fifteen leagues. If at the expense of the discomfited member of the gang to have some Omaha expert blades. Next they began swinging into the are 120 teams in the organization. If each ignominiously defeated at the traps by a rural unknown with a gun built in 1873.

It was expected that the snow would call Des Moines papers published circumstantial home ground. An average of three new out the usual bevy of rabbit enthusiasts, accounts of how Papa Bill Rourke visited balls will be required for each game. This and they did take up the chase for the first that city to negotiate with Messrs. Flynn | would make 189 balls for the season. Just | day or two. However, those who went out invariably returned crestfallen and with empty gamebags, for they say that they are and denies that he was in Des Moines at Mr. Chase gave each team three dozen up against a combination that cannot be beaten. In the first place the bunnies are scarce and in the second place the hunters say they have been shooting at birds and clays so long that they cannot hit anything on the ground.

> PUGILISTS STRIKE HARD LINES Pleasant Winter Prospects in Omaha Shut Off by Action of Police

> > Authorities.

Locally the fighting game has received severe slap in the face by the official edict at South Omaha that the Leonard-Ryan match of last Friday night was the last one to be held there. Sports at the southern end hope that the ban will be removed soon, but meanwhile no more

matches can be arranged. This may nip in the bud the best circuit of fights that has been scheduled for a winter in these parts for some time. The frequency and success of contests of this sort had gathered in Omaha and South Omaha a regular little army of prize fighters, and with them bunched in that manner be the ball contract that is at the bottom frequent matches were certain.

A casual list of the ring contestants living here today will show how good the prospects were. There is Oscar Gardner, Eddle Gardner, Danny Haley, Johnnie Richie, Haich Smith, James Whittaker, all men of interstate reputation and estab- Saturday night ready to make Burns go lished fighters. Then among the lesser lights, but still very promising young fellows, may be aumbered Clarence English, young Stafford, Peter Rooney, Kid Gleason and Terry Mustain. A complete shutdown on all sparring affairs will cause these men to scamper off to other localities like sheep, but there are indications that such a course will not be necessitated.

Danny Haley, the promising local middleweight, had a streak of ill luck at Kansas City last Tuesday night which is seldom duplicated. In his fight with George Fitzgerald of St. Louis he had his man whipped to death in the fifth round, George taking the count three times successively and being finally saved by the gong. Then in the next round Danny got a little careless and a mere wildly driven blow from George's either contestant will have any easy thing. glove took him in the stomach and disabled | Some good preliminaries are being arranged him so that Fitzgerald was able to get for this night. easily to his jaw and put him out. The

In his new book, "Physical Culture and Self-Defense," Robert Fitzsimmons puts the X-ray of long experience and good common sense on the widespread fancy of athletes which favors the development of enormous, knotted, rigidly hard muscles, and exposes him "outlaw" will only arrange matters with startling distinctness the fallacy of so that they won't explode before next such notions. Speaking of an instance of a such notions. Speaking of an instance of a professional strong man of enormous size who came to him and announced a desire to become a boxer, Mr. Fitzsimmons says: "He certainly was a picture of strength. The muscles stood out all over his body in big knots. From head to foot he was

one mass of knotty, protruding cords. "How is that for a starter?" he said. "I did not say a word. His ignorance was pitiful to me. Walking over to one side of the room I took a set of boxing gloves from the wall and handed him a

Following my lead he put them on. "It took me about two minutes to show that man how useless, unwieldy and impracticable his muscles were. He handled himself like a cart horse. He was as slow on his feet as a messenger boy. His brain as did his muscles, slowly and stiffly. Although a big man, weighing perhaps 200 pounds, he did not make as good a showing with me as many amateur lightveights with whom I had put on the gloves. "I think I showed him clearly the useessness of his heavy-weight-lifting mus-

cles. They were good for one thing—the service for which they had been trained. Like every athlete in his profession, he was muscle-bound. Those huge masses of in the middle of the Atlantic ocean.

"In fact, such muscles serve to shorten one's life. The muscle-bound man, with point. every fiber of his body drawn to a tension that pulls at the very heart strings, most frequently dies with what is known as an athlete's heart.'

"A muscle-bound man is worse than skin-bound horse. He is awkward and ungainly as a crocodile would be in a ball room. Take him away from his chosen profession and he is all at sea. He is a frightful object lesson against the use of heavy dumb-bells or heavy weights of any kind. The man or boy who wants to become quick, strong and clever must avoid the use of heavy weights as carefully as though they were poisonous snakes. They completely destroy all that suppleness and agility which mark every detail of the clever

athlete's work. "A man who is a runner, jumper, boxerin fact, anything except a heavyweight lifter-can have no use for knotty, unwieldy masses of etrength. Even our best wrestlers nowadays recognize the fact that muscles of that kind are of no use to them. They know that there are right and wrong muscles, just as well as they know that there is a right and wrong way to wrestle. They know that such muscles bring them premature old age and early

SNOW BOTHERS THE SKATERS Outdoor Ice Becomes Impracticable,

but Rinks Profit as

Result.

Last Monday's snow storm sufficed to keep the skaters off the open-air sheets of ice all the week, and as a consequence they have taken to the covered places, "where it costs to skate" and where the ice is always clean, though of limited extent. The snow did not discourage any of the edge artists to the extent of laying away their blades, however, and it is probable that the moonlight nights of the last week have witnessed more skating parties than at any

The fresh air fiends are hopeful ble of a disappointment to the sports here, that the rays of kindly Sol will shortly dishey have found that there is much sipate the snow and remove all traces of to be dug up at these little meets its visitation. The ice underneath need not about the countryside. In fact, it has just necessarily have been injured perceptibly this season become a common custom for by the fall, since it was quite a cold snap a little beyy of the local cracks to take in when the snow came, and it has not stuck

Even now it would be possible to skate very comfortably on such places as Cut the still more seldom occurrence of live Off lake, for the snow only gathered in patches, and there are many pathways of pure bare ice from one end of the sheet to the other, with no need of striking snow by going in a crowd to a foreign affair they at all for the whole distance. It is necescan start just as much excitement and sary to pick your way as you go, and this make things pretty lively. Every member is not pleasing to the fancy free skater of the party which goes out to such a meet | who wishes to swing from side to side recklessly in huge, soaring curves.

There has been such continuous skating this winter that the fancy stars have for the first time in years had a real opportunity to get in perfect form, and they are just now arriving at their best. The first week or so was devoted by all of them chiefly to getting the feel of the ice, and by many in becoming accustomed to new rolls and even doing some small circling and a few single anvils occasionally. Now, however, the skilled ones are at a point where they can do everything they ever could, and they are learning new ones. Such steady ice is a great thing for the fancy skater.

WRESTLERS ARE WARMING UP Local Mat Artists Have Plenty Doing for All-Comers Just

The wrestling bouts last Saturday night between Peter Loch and Frank Greenman and Terry Mustain and Bert LeBron were not only the initial events of the revival of the mat game in Omaha; they were also appetizers to whet the palate of the Omaha sporting fraternity for the big match to come, that between the well known Farmer Burns of Iowa and Joe Carroll, the Pacific coast champion

This contest will take place at the Trocadero next Saturday night, February 1. It will be a blood match and each man has already posted a side bet of \$500, which means some flerce wrestling. Neither has come to Omaha yet to stay, but both are training hard for the event.

News from Carroll just received by his manager gives the information that he is training at the South Side Athletic club in Chicago. He writes that he has been unable to secure a match in the Windy city, as he had hoped, and that the wrestling game is dead there. He had intended, it there proved to be nothing doing in Chicago, to go east after a match with Atherton, but that wrestler's recent defeat by Jim Parr has made this out of the question. Carroll says he will be on hand next some, although he was considerably taken aback at Chicago to sind that everyone there considered Burns the best in the business

Meanwhile Peter Loch, manager of Burns, says that his man is working out at the Davenport Athletic club gymnasium in Davenport, Ia. The Farmer is always in pretty good shape and he will show up well in this match as usual, despite the fact that he wrestles on January 30 and 31 in Iowa towns and will be compelled to jump on the train and hurry to Omaha Saturday for this bout.

After considerable argument the men have agreed to wrestle the best three falls out of five and that will give endurance a considerable hand in the contest. Local sports consider it very improbable that

Then, there's that word "outlaw," which stomach blow was a mere last wild rally." LAST WEEK WITH BOWLERS

No Notable Scores Made in League Games.

Club Standings. W. L. P.C. High. Tot. Ave.

33 15 687 974 41.301 849 3-7
28 29 583 986 40.181 837 1-9
27 21 562 946 40.333 841 1-2
25 22 541 947 29.984 831
24 24 560 944 29.874 830 7-10
22 26 458 936 39.278 814 3-10
21 27 437 924 38.801 868 3-10
11 37 229 925 36.793 764 1-2 German High score, Seaman (Gate City), 237.

its adversaries, which chanced to be the 217; E. Roale, 210. lower four teams.

Bowling was rather listless all the week. No exceptional scores, either individual or team, were made; no records were raised, and the average of each team, save the Gate Citys and the Nationals, dropped as a result of the play. The Gate City men topped the list with a total of 2.622, and Seaman of this team led the individual score with 237 pins.

As a matter of fact the eyes of all the muscle, gained at the expense of many Omaha bowlers, like those of the rollers hours of hard work, were for all practical everywhere in the country, have been turned purposes of no more use than a hand organ all week toward Buffalo, where the progress would be to a shipwrecked sailor on a raft of the American Bowling congress tournament has been watched with great interest, both from a political and a playing stand-

> Western bowlers have followed with a tremor of excitement the progress of the sectionalized feud which threatened for several days to disrupt the congress completely. The same tacties which eastern influences have shown in all national athletic organizations, the American Athletic union, the League of American Wheelmen and even slightly in the United States Golf association, appeared early in the American Bowling congress, and the same rule-or-ruin spirit was manifested for a time by the eastern representatives.

Other sentiments finally prevailed, how ever, and with the withdrawal by the east of its presidential candidate, Ebbitts of New York, and the election of an entire new slate, with Mayor Bookwalter of Indianapolis as president, the storm blew over and the integrity of the congress is unimpaired.

It is an extreme gratification to local ollers that Al Krug, captain of the Germans, won with his bowling partner, Dyninger of Los Angeles, second place in the two-man contest. Their score was 1,220, very close to the 1,237 made by the Chicago team, McClean and Steers, which took first. There was very hot competition in this event, being 107 entries.

The loudly applauded total score of 2.782 ins, made by the Nationals of New York City on Tuesday, and which was at once slated for first prize by the enthusiasts, has been beaten here in the Omaha league. On November 12, in a game against the Germans, the Omahas threw 2,793, with Wigman, Smead, Read, Emery and Zarp rolling.

Tenpin scores of 200 and better at the Gate City alleys: W. A. Chandler, 201; W. L. Sheldon, 221, 206, 200; C. B. Bridenbecker, 200, 207, 211, 236; Sol Yoder, 201; H. Beselin, 218, 228; Meile, 213; 220; Vic Hayes, 222, 214, 213, 215; H. D. Reed, 201 208; M. Greenleaf, 213; H. W. Hanson, 237; C. Conrad, 209; J. R. Robinson, 203; W. F. Clarkson, 202; King Denman, 224, 201; similar time before this winter, even though the moon was not visible as soon as you got Eleaseer, 203; B. F. Hull, 212; H. H.

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Tenpin scores of 200 and better at Clark's alleys: H. M. Sale, 219; Frank Conrad, 210; King Denman, 227, 213; W. W. Hartley, 205, 210; W. F. Clarkson, 221, 216; C. M. Zarp, 203; E. G. Frack, Beatrice, 269; W. C. Brunke, 218; H. Ehlman, Chicago, 223; H. Fritscher, 207; H. Beselin, 202, 205; B. W. Christie, 210; W. Weber, 219, 215; Z. M. Forscutt, 211, 201; C. R Griffiths, 204, 233; Wack, 211; Jack Welch, Hodges, 243; C. J. Francisco, 215, 204; Gilchrist, 206; Potter, 213; M. R. Huntington 212, 204; H. Lehmann, 213; F. J. Bengele 246, 214, 265; H. Selleck, 211; W. H. Wigman, 205; W. S. Sheldon, 209; W. H. Emery 201, 231, 216, 200, 204, 203, 216, 201, 214; Gildden, Fremont, 216; Tracy, 201; Roth 227, 201; L. C. Lucas, 201; D. S. Heart Hebron, 204; Clyde Speicher, Coon Rapids

Tenpin scores of 200 and better at Lentz & Williams' alleys: Will Hinrichs, 212, 208, 233; D. Williams, 219, 214; William Zitzman, 233, 248, 200; Ed Cudahy, 206; E. A. Creighton, 209; C. B. Irons, 200; J. A. Flanagan, 242; M. Z. Forscutt, 212, 214, 278, Absolutely no change in the relative 222; Southy, 220, 204; Sol Yoder, 226, 215; standing of the eight teams of the Omaha P. Lamoreaux, 222; H. Fritscher, 211; S. Bowling league resulted from last week's Elerman, 203; H. H. Rhodes, 214; Sam Pitplay. They remain in the same sequence, zer, 205; J. H. Hussie, 226; L. Jankowski, and for another week or two are a tie, an 213; William Voss, 204; L. S. McConnell, unusual thing. This stationary condition 202; B. Miner, 203; J. Flanagan, 212; Gail was accomplished by a peculiar bunching Johnson, 209; Clyde Spucher, 213; H. Beseof victories with the top liners. Each of lin, 203; C. H. Marling, 200, 201; Billy Bowthe four first teams won two games from man, 224; W. G. Finley, 225; W. F. Weber,

No Excuse This Time.

Baltimore American: "It was a new gur your honor," protested the prisoner, "and did not know it was loaded." "But," argued the judge, "the dealer has just told us that you did not pay for the weapon.

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Plenty of proof that this is so, Here is Omaha testimony: Mrs. Katie O'Mara, 2420 Pacific street, says: "For seven or

Cures every form of Kidney Ills.

A little backache at first,

Urinary disorders quickly follow.

Diabetes and finally Bright's Disease.

eight years I was troubled more or less with rheumatism and sharp pains across the small of my back. Working pretty hard looking after my family is what I think brought on the trouble. I was much worse in the mornings on rising and became some better after being up and around for some time. I saw Doan's Kidney Pills advertised and got them at Kuhn & Co's drug store. Before taking all of the box I k new they were benefiting me. They cured my back and helped my rheumatism."

Daily increasing till the back is lame and weak;

DOAN'S KIDNEY PILLS

This is the Downward Course of Kidney Ills.