THE COURIER

BASE BALL.

In the death of Mike Kelley, the ten thousand dollar beauty, which occurred in Boston Thursday of last week, the diamond loses one of its most prominent figures. He was one of the best known players in the profession, a man of countless friends, and his sad end is regretted on all sides.

Monk Cline is in the Louisville fire department.

Watkins writes to the *Bee* that he is after Speer. If the Lincoln management lets the "kid" get away from this town there will be a howl go up from the fans that will shake all the nails out of the grand stand. However, those who know the "kid" cannot blame him if he gets a good offer and accepts, as Lincoln has not said anything to him about next season.

All this talk about Omaha getting into the western league is bosh Omaha is in proper company at present.

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There will be a change in the presidency of the western association.

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The salary limit, of the western association will be increased to \$1,000 in 1895.

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Charles Hoover, Lincoln's old catcher, is in Tampa, Florida, where J. D. Calhoun is running a paper.

Chicago has signed Moran of Omaha.

Dos Moines got two good players in Purvis and Letcher.

Youngy Johnson has been heard from at last and he would like to pitch for the pennant winners in 1895. "That's us," of course.

St. Louis contains more ball players than any other city in the world.

Buck Ebright was after McDougal who was signed by the St. Louis Browns.

Dave Rowe has not sent in the averages of the western association and there are twenty players leading the association in batting. All twenty of them will be given a trial on the local team in '95.

Fred Pfeffer, writing about his old comrade, Mike Kelley, says: "He played by intuition, by instinct. Signs were not a part of his equipment. Most infielders use signals. Kelley and I never had one. We never tried them. He was alive to every contingency which could come up in a ball game. His wonderful powers of perception enabled him to protect every angle of the game and he would do so. I studied Kel and got so close to him mentally that I knew just what he was liable to do and was always prepared to back him up. He was the creator and the father of more original fine points than any man who ever stood behind a mask. At the bat, on the base lines, in the coacher's box, wherever you put Kelley, he was per se, a king. His strongest playing point was that he was always ready. He could take advantage of a misplay which others wouldn't see until afterward. He was a marvel at base running. By that I



Scissor Grinder-How is business? Rag Man-Picking up. How's yours? Scissor Grinder-Pretty dull.

The Chicago and St. Louis club will go south in the spring.

Pittsburg cleared \$20,000 last season.

If Maupin were a white man he would be with some good club.

Beckley will captain the Pittsburg team next.

Manager Shugart of Cedar Rapids, Ia., was in the city last Tuesday.



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do not mean that he had any extraordinary speed, but he out generaled, if I may use the term, the men who were chasing him. He could cut the base and do it in such a manner that he would get away with it. He played the umpire as intelligently as he did the opposing nine. He would make a friend of him, engage his confidence, and in various ways get the best of close decisions. He was never guilty of dirty ball playing." The funeral of Kelly took place at Boston this week, the Elks lodge of that city having charge of the services.

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Some of the cranks think that if Ebright had succeeded in getting Powers, Sweeney and Whitehead at the time when they were needed we would have finished in a better place than we did. Why not get these men right now and get a good lead early in the season?

Nichol wants a franchise in the western association for Rockford, Ill.

Jacksonville promises to play Sunday ball if it is are allowed to retain its franchise.

Tommy McCarthy is back in the city.

All of last year's team were republicans.

Kansas City imagines that a franchise in the western association would be about her size.

By raising the salary limit to \$1000 the association will be entitled to a reserve clause and it will be a very good thing.

Park Wilson, of the New Yorks, is wintering in Denver.

There will be a batch o interesting news next week.

There will be several good amateur clubs in the city next season.

GLOBE clothes keep their shape.