

## BASE BALL GOSSIP.

## CHANGING THE PLAYING SEASON AN ABSORBING TOPIC.

The Temple-Cup Games May Be Affected—The Late Ed Crane—Luck in the National Game—An Anson Discovery—Diamond Glints.



HE change in the date of the league players' contracts from April 1-October 1 to April 15-October 15 means several things: First, it means that the championship will begin May 1, or about that date, and end perhaps as late as October 10. The change in these dates also means that next year the western clubs will come east first and that the ending of the season will probably be in the west, as it was in 1894. Such an arrangement will surely be to the advantage of all eastern clubs.

It has long been settled that the money making period of the base ball season is the first half. May and June are particularly preferable to any other two months of the year for home games, but July is preferable to August. Under the 1894 arrangement of the schedule the eastern teams will play among themselves and with the western teams until July 5—or for all of May and June. They will be in the west most of July and the last three weeks of the season. Such will no doubt be the schedule program of 1897.

This change will also affect the Temple Cup series. You know the Temple Cup is troubling more than one magnate, and a proposal will be made to put it on the shelf in November. I now doubt whether a motion of that kind will prevail, and it looks as if the first blow at the interesting trophy and what it represents will be given when the championship season is extended about two weeks into the autumn. That would throw the cup series well into the middle of October and would undoubtedly make it less valuable.

Another nut which the league must crack this fall is the Von der Ahe combination of base ball field and electric light race track. There isn't the remotest doubt that the magnates will demand a divorce of those two objects. It would not surprise me if he were compelled to sell his base ball franchise. It is a 1 to 10 shot that the St. Louis National league team next season will not play ball on a race course.

## The Late Ed Crane.

Edward N. Crane was born in South Boston 32 years ago. His father was a man of wealth. Crane learned to play ball in South Boston, and soon achieved a local reputation as a general player. He joined the Boston Union association in 1884, and played behind the bat, but he soon developed into a speedy pitcher, and when he went to Providence in 1884 he had acquired considerable distinction as a twirler.

He played with Boston in 1886, and went to Toronto in 1887. It was mainly through his exertions that that club won the international championship. He was secured by the New Yorks in 1888, and helped the Giants win the league championship in 1888-89. In 1890 he went with the Players' league movement. In 1891 he was a member of Mike Kelly's Cincinnati American Association club. Through dissipation his effectiveness began to decline, and he dropped into the minor league class, where he drifted from one club to another.

In the fall of 1889, while a member of the New York team, he went on the famous Spalding tour around the world as a member of the All-American team, and from that dates his misfortune. Until then he never drank, but when the aggregation reached Paris Crane fell. The members of the team were wine and dined, and it was there that the clever young player tasted his first glass of champagne. That was the turning point in his life. When he reached America again not only could he drink champagne, but



EDWARD N. CRANE.

he had acquired a taste for less expensive drinks. He went from bad to worse, and although he played good ball since then the love for liquor ruined him. Through it he lost good positions, and finally it left him without employment and incapacitated for work.

In his prime as a ball player he was a giant in physical strength and proportions, and such men as he and Irving gave the New York club the name by which it has since been known—the Giants. He was a remarkable thrower. On October 12, 1894, on the Cincinnati Base Ball grounds, Crane is said to have thrown a ball 135 yards 1 foot and 1/2 inch. A

week later at St. Louis he is said to have made another throw of 134 yards 5 inches, both of which would be record throws if they had been properly authenticated. A wife and child survive him. So ends one more wasted career, and so is also afforded one more practical temperance lesson for players of high and low degree to ponder over and profit by.—Editor "Sporting Life."

## One of Anson's Discoveries.

It is seldom a ball player advances to the fast company of the National League without a thorough trial in some minor league. Such a case is that of Walter Thornton. Previous to becoming a member of the Chicago team he had never played with any club of note. Considering the fact that he has really done little work in Chicago, it is a source of some wonderment to local cranks that Thornton is still kept under reservation. The fact is, Captain Anson has faith in his ability, which has never been given a long trial, and believes a baseball future awaits him, even if not in the role of pitcher. Thornton began as an amateur in the state of Washington, then a territory. Anson's attention was first called to him, however, by a letter from some friend in Iowa, where the young man was acting as coach and athletic director at Mount Vernon. He was given a trial the first of last season, and the "old man" took a fancy to him. His work in a few league games was marred by lack of control, and he was subsequently farmed out to Rockford. Soon after he was recalled from Grand Rapids as a utility man, but was



WALTER THORNTON.

taken sick, and has been out of the game all the latter part of the season. Thornton will be given another opportunity to prove his worth next spring.

## Caylor's Discovery.

Mr. O. P. Caylor is always "discovering" things ranging from league "conspiracies" to new points in the art of playing base ball. His latest "find" is a theory that there is no such thing as "luck" in base ball—a theory that no man with experience of the vagaries of the game will accept. In support of this theory Mr. Caylor says: "The Louisville team has a remarkable record this year of an unusually large number of games lost by a single run. Its friends point to this fact and say: 'How is that for hard luck?' If they would stop to think seriously they would not call it hard luck. Those numerous one-run defeats are very often the result of a lack of nerve on the part of the players. A small stock of 'ginger' and the confidence at the right time would have turned many of those defeats into victories, whereas just enough of courage was lacking to beat them out by the narrow margin. If the Colonels can secure that lacking ingredient next year they will make a much better showing. Several years ago the Boston team won many games by single runs, and the cry went up: 'What luck! What luck!' Had the cry been changed to 'what pluck! what pluck!' it would have fitted the case exactly. There is a good deal in luck as applied to base ball, but in an experience covering twenty years I've always found that 'hard luck' was the companion of faint-hearted teams, while the nifty, rip-bang, slam, never-say-die combinations had all manner of good luck crown their playing. There is no such thing as 'luck' in its bare, unqualified sense in base ball. But confidence and a lack of it are often classed as 'luck.'"

## Diamond Glints.

Joe Kelley will doubtless lead to the altar before another season Miss Mahon, an estimable young lady of Boston.

Jimmy Donnelly's marriage to an estimable young lady of New Haven is announced to take place in the near future.

Fred Pfeiffer has brought suit against the New York club for \$800 in salary. John M. Ward is handling the case.

Managers throughout the League are beginning to look forward to another season and are arranging their plans for it.

The "authentic sources" from which base ball "scoops" often emanate generally resolve themselves into "dope shops."

Dannie Friend, the Chillicothe boy, has made a great record in fast company this season. He'll be one of the stars next year.

"Deacon" Ellis emphatically denies a pipe story to the effect that he may sell his Grand Rapids franchise to local bidders.

Infelder Sammy Gillen has been in the game for Detroit every day this season. He is a splendid baseman and a good hitter.

## WHEELBARROWS.

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It might seem that a wheelbarrow was a very simple thing, but wheelbarrows are made in many different styles and for a wide variety of uses. Wheelbarrows are made of wood, of iron, and of steel. Much the greater number are made of wood, but the number of metal wheelbarrows used is all the time growing, and among these the proportion of steel wheelbarrows is constantly increasing. The wheelbarrows of which the greatest number are sold are of the kinds used by contractors on canal and railroad work. Next to these in numbers sold are the wheelbarrows made for mining uses and after them come the wheelbarrows made for farm purposes. And there are wheelbarrows especially made for sawdust, for oysters, for sand, and for stone; wheelbarrows for chemical works, and wheelbarrows made to carry leaves in, and wheelbarrows for green brick and for dry brick, and wheelbarrows for malt, and for corn, and for staves or bark, and wheelbarrows for pig metal, and for coke, and for mortar. Most wheelbarrows have but one wheel, but some are made with two wheels, and some with three, and some with four; and there are wheelbarrows that are made with springs; and there are some kinds of stone barrows that are made without legs. Many of the regular styles of wheelbarrows are made in various sizes, and wheelbarrows are also made for special uses. A great many thousands of wheelbarrows are used in this country and other thousands are exported. The United States send wheelbarrows to all the Spanish-American countries and to South Africa and Australia.

## LORD KELVIN.

Regards His Own Splendid Career as a Failure.

The celebration of the jubilee of Lord Kelvin (even now better known to the older generation as Sir William Thomson) as professor of natural philosophy in Glasgow university has taken place recently in Glasgow and has produced a perfect flood of the heartiest congratulations from the scientific men of all parts of the world, says the London Spectator. Never was there a greater unanimity of sincere and eager admiration, from England, from all parts of Europe, from the United States and from Japan, where his pupils and admirers abound. But perhaps the most striking feature of the jubilee was the perfect modesty and even humility of Lord Kelvin's own speech in reply to the lord provost's congratulations.

"One word," he said, "characterizes the most strenuous of the efforts for the advancement of science that I have made perseveringly through fifty-five years; that word is failure; I know no more of electric or magnetic force, or of the relations between ether, electricity and ponderable matter or of chemical affinity than I knew or tried to teach my students of natural philosophy fifty years ago in my first session as professor. Something of sadness must come of failure."

True, but there is something of sublimity in the confession, as well as in the elevation of Lord Kelvin's conception of what success would have meant, when he regards such a scientific career of constant and fertile discovery as has attracted the admiration and almost the veneration of all the world, as nothing better than failure in disguise.

## The Cuban "Trocha."

The "trocha" to which frequent reference is made in Cuban despatches describing the movements of General Weyler is a fortified line extending across the island from Mariel on the northern coast to Majana on the southern coast. The purpose of the Spanish commanders, in constructing and fortifying this line, was to cut off the western province of Pinar del Rio from the rest of the island, and thus to prevent the retreat of the forces of the Cuban leader Maceo, who is operating in that province. Mariel, the northern terminus of the line, is about twenty-five miles west of Havana and at two points, Guanajay, which is six miles south of Mariel, and Artemisa, which is four miles north of Majana, there is direct railway connection with Havana. West of the "trocha" there is a fairly open country for a few miles, but beyond is the mountainous region in which Maceo's forces have their camps.

## The Vagabonds of Siberia.

In many parts of Siberia, says Pearson's Weekly, there wander about from village to village large numbers of men and women who are known as "vagabonds." These are Russians and Poles—people who have either themselves been sent to Siberia or are the descendants of criminals or outlaws. These "vagabonds" are passportless people, over whom the police cannot exercise any very effective control. They are now to be collected and compulsorily settled in small colonies in those parts of Siberia where the climatic conditions most favor agricultural labor. The scheme, it is believed, has the hearty support of the Czar, who is prepared to devote large sums from his private means to further its success.

## Not English.

The facetious highwayman held his knife under his victim's nose. "This is a pretty knife," said he, "you're liable to get stuck on it." "You needn't explain the joke," said the other, who was not an Englishman; "I can see the point."—Philadelphia Record.

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1 case of genuine Marseilles bed spreads, each.....	\$1.89	1/2 case of genuine Marseilles bed spreads, each.....	\$2.49
1/2 case of genuine Marseilles bed spreads, regular price \$4, this sale, each.....	\$3.19	1/2 case of genuine Marseilles bed spreads, regular price \$2, this sale, each.....	\$4.19

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## CIVIL SERVICE.

Senator Allen Wants to Test the Sincerity of Secretary Morton in His Pretensions.

Nearly everyone who reads the newspapers will recall the discharge of a number of employees from the bureau of animal industry at the South Omaha packing houses along about election time. The people discharged were grieved friends of the cause of free coinage and the candidacy of Hon. W. J. Bryan. Two of them were young ladies whose appointment had been secured by democrats who were for Bryan in the late struggle. At the time of their discharge it was proclaimed from Washington, through Secretary Morton's newsbureau, the State Journal's special correspondent, that they were released because they were friendly to Mr. Bryan's candidacy. There was some talk at the time of their contesting their removal under the civil service law. Now comes news from Washington that Senator Allen on Saturday introduced a resolution of inquiry calling for a categorical statement from the civil service commission as to the cause of their removal. It is known that they were made by order of Secretary Morton, and Senator Allen is apparently anxious to discover to what extent the civil service commission allows itself to be made an engine for reflecting the vengeful spitefulness of a cabinet officer. The resolution directs the civil service commission to inform the senate by Mary A. Dalton, Williams Holmes, Mary Flynn, John Zeller and Dr. W. S. White were discharged from the bureau of animal industry in Omaha.

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Mr. St. John was one of the most prominent factors in the late campaign for free silver and so zealous was he in behalf of the cause that he gave up his lucrative position in the bank rather than relinquish his convictions. It was at his home that Mr. and Mrs. Bryan were guests during their stay of four days in New York at the time of the Madison Square Garden meeting.

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