SPORTING DOPE.

"Maggie" Gagnier has "gone up," having been purchased by the Washington club. Gagnier has been playing the game of his life this season and has shown improvement in every department of the game. That he will stick for the big show is the universal opinion of those who keep tab on records.

Higgins' efforts to dispose of Mateven after letting go of the Des Moines franchise was properly blocked by O'Neill. It is a bit surprising that so good a sport as Hendricks should have condescended to mix up in a deal that could not but help crippling the western loop.

The 'Lopes played an exhibition game in Auburn Monday. The lineup was a bit queer. Auburn was on the short end of a 5 to 1 score.

Two out of three from St. Joe was not so worse, considering what the Joetown bunch has been handing us in times gone by.

Our Mr. Despain was, at this writing still snoopin' around in the east in search of some new material calculated to make the 'Lopes look stronger when the 1912 season opens up. If he has happened on to anything good he is keeping it under his hat, which is all right with us. When we selected him for his present important position we gave him blanche mange to do as he blamed well pleased, and to date we have been thoroughly satisfied with what happened.

Merely a suggestion: If Despain pulls off that field day stunt we hold that a contest between Tip O'Neill's umpires for a booby prize would make fine work for the judges.

During the absence from the local lot of the 'Lopes the ground keeper has been giving the grass on the diamond as much care as a baldheaded man gives to the one scalp lock he still has to plaster over the shining expanse. When the team comes back it will find the infield looking like a brand new billiard table.

The Des Moines situation is still chaotic. About all that is certain is that Higgins has been pried loose, and that O'Neill's brother is merely acting for the Western league. Isbell is said to be negotiating for the franchise, with some hopes of landing it. Such a solution of the situation please everybody, for Isbell would make Des Moines the ball town it used to be. If Isbell should take over the Des Moines franchise it is probable that Shaw would take over the management of the Pueblo team.

Beall won Tuesday's game for Denver at St. Joseph by swatting the ball over the right field fence, sending in a man ahead of him and scoring the only two runs made during the game. It is the first time this season the ball has been lifted over the St. Joe fence in fair territory. Mr. Beall often gives us an imitation of a fielder making bonehead plays, but when it comes to poking the horsehide he shines like a locomotive headlight.

Harry Smith is back, this time to stick. He brought Mrs. Harry Smith with him, which makes it unnecessary for him to hie back to that dear old Fremont.

Here's our guess as to the way the teams will stand at the close of the season: Denver, Lincoln, Pueblo, St. Joseph, Omaha, Sioux City, Topeka,

Des Moines. We wouldn't bet over three thousand dollars, however, that this is the correct dope. About the only cinch bet is that Denver will cop the rag.

TAKES HUMANE VIEW.

Better Close Factories Than Overburden Women.

The San Francisco Star in commenting on the closing down of the East Oakland plant of the California cotton mills as a direct result of putting the eight hour law for women into effect, inspiringly grapples the subject in the manner in which every such case should be treated. Humanitarian enactments apparently reach no responsive chord in the breasts of brutal profit hunters, and defiance still abides as their chief characteristic. The Pacific coast paper says:

"Well, here is our doctrine anent the matter: Better that such a plant, or a hundred such plants, should close and remain closed than that women should be compelled to carry burdens which their frailty unfits them to bear. Better that a few women here and there should be thrown out of a job than that the entire sex should be subjected to such long hours of labor as greed might choose to give them.'

Wages In China.

In Shanghai, China, daily wage rates in United States currency are: Machinists, 40 to 75 cents; blacksmiths, 88; carpenters, 25; electricians, 40; stonemasons, 15; bricklayers, 15; molders, 60; plasterers, 20; stonecutters, 25; farm laborers, 30; common laborers, 20. The cost of foodstuffs such as the natives use is as follows in cents per pound: Fresh pork, 15; salt pork, 10; sausage, 7; ham. 20; flour (foreign), 31/2; flour (native), 21/2; sugar, 4; tea, 15; rice, 3.

Trade Union Notes.

Chicago has 1,300 union steamfitters and 1,600 union plasterers.

The Spokane (Wash.) city charter provides that all work be done by day labor at \$3 a day.

Eight thousand striking employees of the Baldwin Locomotive works recently paraded in Philadelphia.

The Boston Stationary Firemen's union has established a school for members in general steam engineering.

In Italy the cotton spinning industry has risen from 45,000 shuttles in 1867 to 4,200,000 in 1910 and from 12,000 to 122,000 looms.

The traveling salesmen, insurance agents and collectors of Toledo, O., recently held a meeting with the object of forming a union.

John Golden, international president of the Textile Workers' union, has been named as the union labor representative on the new state commission to investigate the conditions and wages of remuneration of wage earning wo men in Massachusetts.

The Young Idea.

In a certain school a schoolboy of tender years is said to have produced the following essay on the camel: "The cannimal is a sheep of the desert. It is called a backteria because it has a hump on its back. The cannimal is very patient and will lie down and die without a groan, but when it is angry it gets its back up, which is called the hump. The shepherds of cannimals is called Arabs. When they live in towns they are called street Arabs. When the cannimal goes on a journey it drinks as much as it can to last for many days. Such animals are called acquiducks. Those that cannot carry enough are called inebriates."

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