WITHOUT LIMIT.

Recollections of Some Heavy Poker Games by an Old Stager.

Tragic Ending of a Game.

Chicago Herald.

"But by all odds the most interesting game I ever saw was on the Belle Lamar, in 1857. There were circumstances connected with it which made it an all-absorbing event to the few people who understood what it really meant. The players were two only. They are both dead, and probably all their descendants have followed them to the grave, so I may mention their names and tell you about the train of events which led to that game and its attendant tragedy. In 1856 there lived in a small town in Kentucky a beautiful girl named Alice Crayton She had a number of suitors, but of all of them two only seemed to meet with passing favor in her eyes. One was a rich young planter named Horace Ellison, and the other a young lawyer, recently from the north, named Converse. Ellison had the advantage of his rival in looks and accomplishments. He had traveled extensively, was well read, polished, and bore the reputation of being a dare devil in affairs of gallantry, and was said to be not over upright or honorable in his affairs with women. He was the sort of a man to attract most girls. But Miss Crayton preferred Converse, a plain young fellow, and finally married him. Ellison, after swearing to be revenged, went abroad. In the course of a year Converse and wife went to New Orleans to live. Two years after their marriage Converse, returning home on the Belle Lamar after a business trip north, discovered his old rival, Ellison, among the passengers. All feelings of resentment had died out in his heart and he greeted Ellison heartily, the latter returning the handshake with well simulated warmth. For a day the two men chatted together agreeably, to all appearances good friends. The next evening Ellison proposed a little game of draw to while away the monotony of the voyage Converse readily assented, and they started the game in a large state room, Four or five others were present, but they didn't join it. At first the ante was trifling. As Converse steadily lost, he insisted on raising it with each deal, and began drinking, a rare thing for him to do. His ill-fortund continued, and after a seance of two hours he began to borrow money from his friends in the room, having lost all of his own to Ellison. The latter was cool and firm as a rock. He seldom spoke, and then in cutting accounts, which added to the fast growing enmity his opponent felt toward him.

"'Perhaps if Mr. Converse would finger his glass less and his cards more his game would be more interesting and less easy to beat,' Ellison remarked.

"'Mr. Converse can take care of himself under all circumstances,' Converse retorted.

"'Yes, he demonstrated his facility for looking after his own interests two years ago, when he won a great stake, but not by fair play.'

"I saw Converse's face flush. He understood the allusion to the old rivalry between him and Ellison, and its covert insinuation. He started, as though to say something, but stopped. The game went on, and soon Converse had lost every penny, and his watch and diamond pin.

"Ellison laughed sneeringly. 'Mr. Converse should apply his method in love making to card playing,' he said.

"'What do you mean, sir?'

"'What you please. Shall we continue the game?'

"Converse was white with fury. The gambling spirit, mingled with hate and rage, was on him. As if in answer to his unspoken thoughts. Ellison said in his cold, exasperating tones:

"'You lack a stake. I will hazard all my winnings against the night key of your house. We will play three hands in five for it.'

"This monstrous proposition struck us all dumb. Converse bounded from his chair and gasped. He was speechless. In fact, the emotions of this great experience had deprived him of the power of words. Ellison alone was unmoved. He sat quietly tossing the pile of gold before him with his white fingers.

"'Do you consent?' he asked.

"The loss Converse had sustained he could not replace. Ruin was before him. On the other hand, the privilege he was invited to hazard meant, if he lost it, a dishonor worse than death. What thoughts ran through that man's mind in a few seconds will never be known. He grasped the back of his chair, stared wildly around and hoarsely muttered 'yes.'

"You may imagine how breathlessly we bent over the players now. They shuffled the cards in silence. Ellison won the first two deals. The next Converse won. The fourth time, amid a silence in the room deep as the tomb, Ellison dealt and gave Converse two queens, a jack and two nine-spots. The latter drew one card and announced himself ready. Ellison glanced quickly at him and laid down four aces. I always thought he had stocked his hand.

"'You have won the key,' said Converse. He drew it off the ring, and then, quick as lightning, crowded it into the barrel of his revolver. 'Take it,' and pulled the trigger. Then he turned the weapon upon himself, and fell dead upon the corpse of his antagonist, whose brains bespattered the cards which had destroyed their fortunes and honor and lives."

A Fashionable Folly.

Cor. Brooklyn Eagle.

I have run bump into the latest agony which is afflicting the fashionable young ladies here, and, as the bad boy said when he swallowed cod-liver oil for syrup, "It made me tired." I was calling the other evening on a young lady, when I noticed something crawling on her dress. I called her attention to it, and she said: "Why, that is only my pet lizard." Of course I didn't want to appear ignorant and make a bore of myself, so I said: "Yes, a very handsome bird he is, too. Do you often take him out of his cage?" I knew by the expression on her face that I had made a blunder, but I saw that I was in for it, and I got reckless and remarked, "If I had that thing crawling over me I should think I had the 'jim jams,' or a torpid liver, or malaria, or something that would require my immediate presence on a fishing trip to Florida." A man don't know much anyhow, and when he meets a fashionable craze he ought to know enough to keep still; but, unfortunately, I have curiosity enough for a woman and I was bound to find out all about it. Then she told me confidentially that her "darling lizard" came from Tiffany and that it was secured by a gold chain and hoop; that it was "real nice and very affectionate," etc. And yet this same girl would faint at the sight of a harmless little green snake and go into hysterics if an innocent mouse came within ten feet of her. This may be fashion's edict, but I am willing to wager that no girl who has a Sunday night young man and who entertains him in the parlor where only one chair is dented in the whole course of the evening will be very likely to wear a lizard as an ornament.

OCCIDENTAL JOTTINGS.

CALIFORNIA.

The total receipts of the recent festival given by the Homeopathic Hospital association of Oakland amounted to $1,316.85. The expenses amounted to $270.80, leaving a net sum of $1,046.80.

San Francisco claims to make more and better chocolate than any other place in the world. The ingredients are sugar from the Sandwich Islands, cocoa from Ecuador, and vanilla from California.

An eight-hundred-pound cinnamon bear was killed in Santa Barbara county recently. The animal was accompanied by three cubs, which escaped.

A rock weighing three and one-half pounds was thrown up by an artesian well on a farm near Old San Bernardino Crossing a few days ago.

The nurseries in Oakland and vicinity are said to be swarming with green aphides. Roses are particularly infested with the pests.

Favorable returns are being made by the committee engaged in making collections for the conclave fund in San Francisco.

Several Chinaman have recently been arrested in San Francisco for smuggling tobacco ashore from steamers coming into that port.

Oakland will probably secure a cotton factory. About 1,200 of the necessary 1,500 shares have already been taken.

The California Bible society celebrated its third-thirdty anniversary at Oakland last week.

There is a good-sized date tree, a relic of Mission days, growing in the town of San Luis Obispo.

The International hotel at Sacramento has been sold for $22,600.

Modesto is talking of incorporating as a municipality.

Gridley is to add a frog farm to its industries.

Sonoma will soon incorporate as a city.

MONTANA.

Bismarck is greatly exercised over the transfer from that city to Mandan, on the west side of the river, of the Northern Pacific eating station. Trains now stop at Bismarck but a few moments before hauling out either east or west.

The total number of letters mailed in Montana during the year covered by the last report of the postmaster general was 1,576,224.

Over 18,000 head of buffalo have been killed east of the Yellowstone river, in Montana territory, this season.

It is estimated that the beef product of Montana will fall far short this summer of what it was last.

The Park branch of the Northern Pacific will be finished in 90 days. It will be 53 miles in length.

Butte City claimants for rebate on tobacco taxes will receive in the aggregate nearly $7,500.

The postoffice at Canyon, Yellowstone county, has been discontinued.

The Butte hospital is being thoroughly refitted and refurnished.

Helena policemen are to be uniformed.

Female help is in demand at Dillon.

ARIZONA.

Arizona copper is worth 15¾c per pound in the Chicago market; lead $64 per ton; silver $1.07½ per ounce; gold $20 per ounce—all base bullion.

Sea shells and crawfish are to be found on the top of Lookout mountain, in the Northeastern part of Yaoapai county.

A lodge of A. & A. Scottish Rite Masons has been instituted in Tucson.

Small pox is reported to have broken out among the Indians in Arizona.

Mineral Park has a tri-weekly mail and twelve children in her schools.

Strawberries sell at 75 cents per pound in Phœnix.

Tucson is infested with mad dogs.

Tucson is to have an ice factory.

NEVADA.

The Carson Appeal says there is a saloon keeper in that city who has two expensively ornamented whisky bottles which he passes over to his customers. Upon one is pasted a certificate of 500 shares of Ore mining stock, and on the other a 500-share certificate of Albion mining stock, the aggregate cost to him of the two certificates being over $2,500.

A few days ago a Mexican was seen picking up stones on one of the streets of Virginia City. The street had recently been macadamized with stone taken out of the old waste dumps, where the refuse ore from the mines had been thrown twenty years ago. The Mexican collected sixty pounds of valuable ore from the street.

One man was killed and another seriously injured by falling down a shaft in a cage at the Navajo mine, at Tuscarora, Monday.

It is said that every mill on the Carson river will be kept in active operation during the summer months on low grade ore.

The fruit crop in the northern part of Lincoln county has been destroyed by frost.

Hawthorne, the new town, is advertising for bids to build a court house and jail.

OREGON.

A boy, living near Portland, recently picked up some cartridges and took them home to play with. He cut one in two with a hatchet and held a lighted match to one half of it. It exploded, tearing off his right hand, and fearfully disfiguring his face. The house and contents were badly shaken up.

A Chinese peddler in Portland refused to accept an English shilling, saying: "No good. Me heap sabe—no chicken on him!" The Oregonian is of the opinion that when a heathen Chinee calls our glorious bird a chicken, it is time, indeed, for him to go.

The corner-stone of the Odd Fellows' Orphans' home will be laid at Fair View, fifteen miles east of Portland, on the 17th inst. The order has purchased a fine tract of land there.

A mammoth's tusk was recently found fifteen feet below the surface in a gravel claim near Canby.

A six-foot vein of coal has been discovered a few miles north of Cathlamet.

Baker City is suffering from a scarcity of dwelling houses.

Five boys under twenty years of age are in jail in Portland, charged with murder.

COLORADO.

Colorado cattle men and Colorado miners and metallurgists are finding their way into Mexico. Hence a fair amount of trade between that country and Denver, embracing coffee, cattle, machinery and fruits, may be looked for in time.

A Leadville woman recently stole four gold watches from as many persons during the dinner hour at a restaurant. The watches were recovered, and she is behind the bars for ninety days.

A new and valuable strike was recently made in the Baltic mine, near Ironton, which has five feet of solid mineral, galena and copper, of a carboniferous character.

A man living in the vicinity of Greeley recently received half a barrel of live German carp, with which he intends stocking a lake upon his farm.

The artesian well at Akron is said to be caving in, and great difficulty is experienced in keeping the shaft open to prosecute the work.

A well is being bored to determine whether or not there is a stratum of water with hydrostatic pressure flowing under Denver.

The town of Evans is overrun with tramps. They all are willing to work, but want to be book-keepers or nothing.

It is estimated that at least $200,000 will be expended in building at Silverton this season.

A new line of six-horse stages is to run from Red Cliff to Carbonate in a few days.

Trinidad is out of funds, and work on public improvements will cease for the present.

The last two terms of the Larimer county district court cost the taxpayers over $10,000.

Crops on the Divide are said to exceed all former prospects for this season of the year.

Divorce cases in the various courts of the state are said to be on the increase.

Telluride is figuring on having a railroad within her limits before long.

A large flouring mill is soon to be erected at Durango.

Immigration to the San Juan country is increasing.

There are 110 boys in the state reform school.

DAKOTA.

About forty indignant citizens nailed handles to a claim jumper's residence, near Faulkton, recently, and carried it to the Nixon river, where it was launched and started on a voyage down stream,

Sam Johnson, a Norwegian lad living eight miles south of Swan Lake, was attacked by a ferocious bear a short time since and badly injured.

Considerable blooded stock is being imported into Weld, Larimer and Boulder counties this spring.

The Fargo hotel company has received its charter. Its capital stock is $100,000.

Freight receipts at the Carrington station last week were $4,938.25.

A fifty pound turtle was caught in the Elm river a short time ago.

Gunnison is jubilant over her prospects as a manufacturing center.

Fort Collins wants a military post established there.

Beef cattle are said to be scarce in Turner county.

Frederick is to have an artesian well.

WYOMING.

A man named Lee, said to be a relative of the late Mormon leader, John D. Lee, of Mountain Meadow fame, was arrested at Granger the other day, charged with the murder of barber named Leighton, of Rock Springs. The evidence against him is purely circumstantial. Had it been otherwise he would probably have been lynched.

It is said that Cheyenne depot is to be abandoned by the government, along with Forts Cameron and Fetterman. The posts which will be retained in the territory are Bridger, Russell, Steele, Laramie, McKinney, Washakie and camp on the Snake river.

Elk Point is justly proud of its new creamery, which is one of the most complete institutions of the kind to be found anywhere, and has a capacity for making 2,000 pounds of butter daily.

It is reported that the secretary of the interior has ordered V. H. Davis, attorney and notary public at Huron, to be suspended from practicing before the land offices.

The Wood River branch of the Union Pacific is now completed to Peek-a-boo station, thirty-eight miles north of Shoshone.

Garfield county contains 668,160 acres of land, and of this number 75,000 acres are under cultivation, principally in grain.

Briggs county raised five bushels of wheat in 1881, 50,000 in 1882 and expects a crop of 250,000 this year.

The new Catholic church at Elk Point was recently struck by lightning, causing considerable damage.

A Brule county man has sold $600,000 worth of trees this spring for transplanting purposes.

Northern Dakota boasts of eight towns with a population of more than one thousand each.

Iowa parties are talking of renting the Dakota house at Huron for $4,000 per year.

A number of young men at Cheyenne have organized an amateur athletic club.

Over $50,000 worth of buildings are in course of construction in Aberdeen.

Inside business lots on Main street, Mitchell, sell for $2,000, spot cash.

An average of sixteen cars of emigrants' movables arrive in Pierre daily.

Wheat on the Northern Pacific is reported as looking splendid.

Coal has been discovered on the banks of Swan creek, near LeBeau.

Chicago parties are talking of starting a cheese factory near Laramie.

An artesian well is to be sunk at the insane asylum at Yankton.

Delegate Raymond has put in 3,400 acres of wheat this season.

Salem claims the best postoffice in Southern Dakota.

A board of trade has been organized at Laramie.

Cheyenne is having a tree boom this spring.

The Aberdeen jail is used for a grainary.

Huron has sixty-four telephones.

Railway Time Table.

U. P. R. R. MAIN LINE.

LEAVE.		ARRIVE.	
Daily Express	12:15 p m	Daily Express	3:25 p m
Denver Exp	7:40 p m	Denver Exp	7:35 a m
Emigrant	6:00 p m	Emigrant	5:20 a m

OMAHA AND LINCOLN LINE—U. P. DEPOT.

LEAVE.		ARRIVE.	
Lincoln Ex	11:45 a m	Lincoln Ex	1:05 p m
Mixed	8:15 a m	Mixed	4:45 p m

DUMMY TRAINS—BRIDGE DIVISION.

Dummy trains leave Omaha as follows. 8:00 a m; 9:00 a m; 10:00 a m; 11,00 a m, 1:00 p m; 2:00 p m; 3:00 p m; 4:00 p m; 5:00 p m; 6:00 p m

Dummy trains leave Council Bluffs as follows: 8:25 a m; 9:25 a m; 10:25 a m; 11:25 a m; 1:25 p m; 2:25 p m; 3:25 p m; 4:25 p m; 5:25 p m; 6:25 p m.

Sundays—The Dummy trains leave Omaha at 9:00, 11:00 a m; 2:00, 4:00, 5:00 and 6:00 p m.

Leaves Council Bluffs at 9:25 and 11:25 a m, 2:25, 4:25, 5:25 and 6:25 p m.

THROUGH AND LOCAL PASSENGER TRAINS BRIDGE DITISION.

LEAVE OMAHA.		LEAVE COUNCIL BLUFFS	
Pass No 2	7:45 a m	Pass. No 5	7,25 a m
" No 10	5:45 p m	" No 15	11:20 a m
" No 4	3:40 p m	" No 3	11:30 a m
Emigrant No 6	6:15 a m	" No 12	7:20 p m
" No 7	6:00 p m	" No 1	7:00 p m

SIOUX CITY & PACIFIC—DEPOT N. 15th St

Leave Omaha for O'Neill via St Paul Line for Blair ..... 8:30 a m
Arrive from Neligh ..... 5:20 p m

C., M. & ST. P. R. R.—U. P. DEPOT.

LEAVE.		ARRIVE.	
Mail & Ex	7:45 a m*	Mail & Ex	7:25 p m*
Atlantic Ex	3:40 p m†	Pacific Ex	9:45 a m

*Daily except Sunday. †Daily.

WABASH, ST. LOUIS & PACIFIC R. R.—U. P. DEPOT.

LEAVE.		ARRIVE.	
Omaha	7:45 a m	Omaha	11:20 a m
"	3:40 p m	"	5:20 p m

C., B. & Q. R. R.—U. P. DEPOT.

ARRIVE.		LEAVE.	
Mail*	7:45 a m	Express	9:45 a m
Express	3:40 p m	Mail*	7.25 p m
N. Y. Ex. leaves Council Bluffs at 3:17 p m†			
" " arrives		"	8:20 a m†

*Sundays excepted. †Omaha time.

C., R. I. & P. R. R.—U. P. DEPOT.

ARRIVE.		LEAVE.	
Mail	9:45 a m	Express	7:45 a m
Express	7:20 p m	Mail	3:40 p m

*Sundays excepted. *Sundays excepted.

C. & N. W. R. R.—U. P. DEPOT.

ARRIVE.		LEAVE.	
Mail*	7-45 a m	Express	9:45 a m
Express	3:40 p m	Mail*	7:20 p m

*Sundays excepted *Sundays excepted

S. C. & P. R. R.—U. P. DEPOT.

Mail†	6:00 a m	Express	9:50 a m
Express	6:00 p m	Mail†	7:20 p m

†Sundays excepted.

ST. PAUL & OMAHA, NEBRASKA DIVISION—DEPOT N. 15TH ST.

No 2	8:00 a m	No 1	4:50 p m
No 4	12:45 p m	No 3	11:45 a m

Sundays excepted.

K. C., ST. JOE, & C. B. R. R—B. & M. DEPOT.

Mail	8:25 a m	Express	6:00 a m
Express	7:20 p m	Mail	6:50 p m

B. & M. R., IN NEBRASKA.

Denver Exp	8:15 a m		5:35 p m
Lincoln Exp	6:35 p m		9:40 a m

MISSOURI PACIFIC—U. P. DEPOT.

ARRIVE.		DEPART.	
Express	6:50 a m	Express	7:25 p m
Mail	6:1 p m	Mail	8:05 a m

Trains leaving at 7:25 p m and arriving at 6:50 a m will have Pullman sleepers.

Opening and Closing of Mails.

ROUTE.	OPEN a. m.	OPEN p. m.	CLOSE a.m.	CLOSE p.m.
Chicago & Northwestern	11:00	9:00	5:30	2:40
Chicago, Rock Island & P.	11:00	9:00	5:30	2:40
Chicago, Burlington & Q.	11:00	9:00	5:30	2:40
Wabash		12:30	7:30	
Sioux City & Pacific		5:00	7:30	
Union Pacific		4:00	11:40	
Omaha & Republican Val.		2:00	11:10	
Burlington & Mo. in Neb.		6:00	7:40	5:30
Omaha & Northwestern		5,00	7:20	
Missouri Pacific		6:30	5:30	

Local mails for State of Iowa leave but once a day, viz: 4 30 a. m.

A Lincoln mail is also opened at 10:30 a. m..

Office open Sundays from 12,00 m. to 1:00 p. m.

THOS. F. HALL, Postmaster

Saturday Evening Trains

The following table shows the date and names of roads running trains to Chicago from the Union Pacific transfer on Saturday evenings:

MONTHS.	RAILROADS. C. & N. W.	C. R. I. & P.	C. B. & Q.
January	20	13	6-28
February	10	3-24	18
March	3-24	17	1031
April	14	7-28	21
May	5-26	19	12
June	16	9-30	2-23
July	7-28	21	14
August	18	11	4-25
September	8-29	1-22	15
October	20	13	6-27
November	13	3-24	17
December	1-22	15	8-29

The Chicago, St. Paul Minneapolis and Omaha trains leave every Saturday afternoon.

The Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul trains leave every Saturday afternoon.