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THE LOCAL FIELD OF SPORT.

How McGrow Kills Geese and Cultivates His Whiskers.

THE AFFAIRS OF THE DIAMOND.

Wheel Talk—How Comes Back—The Dog and Gun—The Baseball World—Miscellaneous and Questions and Answers.

How McGrow Kills Them.

Probably one of the most successful hunters in this city is Mr. H. N. McGrow, the good-natured advertising man. For a number of years Mack was quite a successful shot in the field and at the trap in Iowa, but of late years he has been hunting geese in the extreme northern corner of Harrison county, Iowa, on the Missouri river. At his place he keeps my live decoys, a boat, four dogs, gun, and purchased what they called a double row lock boat made by a barber of Sioux City, and strung as it may be named. This was a small boat and born on the Blaine side. The boat for his own use to sail the upper Missouri with. This boat is entirely new and was built by the Nebraska bar from the Iowa side. About six years ago I went into Milton Rogers & Sons, and purchased what they called a large square clothes hamper which I called a basket. I took it to the farm with me. Every morning at daylight I got up and washed my face with soap and water and then I took the boat and rowed it down to the water. This bar is entirely new and rounded by water, about one mile over and a quarter mile draw water on the Iowa side. When I land on the bar, I hunt up a large stump of drift wood; around this stump I gather up and place pieces of brush and water. I gather up about three hours to build a good blind. I then take my live geese and powder and my stomach with a bottle of beer (remember I am in Iowa) and wait for the geese to come in. As soon as a flock of geese appear either north or south of me, I pull out my Fuller goose caller and squawk. The noise from my calling starts my geese to yelling, and they "hook" till the wild fellows come to them. The Canada geese is very easily deceived and I kill a great many of them. Just as they are dropping their legs to sleep, I shoot into them with the right barrel of No. 7s, and as they start off I pump the left barrel of No. 7s into them. I frequently kill

two or three the first shot, for the distance is not over forty yards, and sometimes as close as twenty. I never take a pot-shot unless the day is cold and I am having hard luck; then I will kill them all and scatter them dead all over the bar. I have been on this bar the last of April for the past six years, and have killed 23, in the spring I kill Hutchins' geese and the spotted brant—the brant being the best of all meat of the goose tribe. I also kill about four snow geese to use with my live decoys. They help out amazingly. In the fall I kill nothing but Canada. In the spring I kill about 20, and the fourth day on the bar my shoulder has been so sore I could not comb my hair with my right hand. The reason of that is because I have to hold the gun so tight to keep the call out that when I raise my gun to a bird-pipe I shoulder the butt more frequently strike at a point than I do at a bird.

I go on the bar at daylight and off at 5 p. m. I get the early morning, noonday and evening shooting. The geese leave the bar early and make for the cornfields. They begin to come back about 11 a. m., and from that on till 5 p. m. I have a drive. A great many geese go out on the bar at 10 p. m., and stay all night, either in the corn or roosting on the fall plowing. They begin to return to the bar about 9 a. m. The afternoon geese that go out in the morning about 10 p. m. I have said on the bar in April two days and two nights shooting by moonlight. I had no covering but prohibition, but I kept warm. Noonlight shooting is very nice and lots of fun, but you have to get your geese between yourself and the moon or you won't get them. About 10 p. m., after man has died on Council Bluffs water, it is hard to tell which is the goose and which is the moon. Generally four or five farm hands come on the bar for the moonlight shooting, and it is about a staff of between eight five and Council Bluffs. Sandy you have been there many a time, many a time.

"When I get a boatful of geese I load up my gun, and then come back to the bar. It is fun, but you return with a sore shoulder, lung whiskers and plenty of game."

An Unchanging Situation.

The condition of base ball affairs remains very unsatisfactory and very uncertain. Yet there are four months remaining before the season opens for matters to reach a settlement. Whether they will or that is another matter. The brotherhood is still determined to have a season, but they are sure to have a very hard time of it. However, they may be forced to show their hand sooner than they expect, for from the report of the directors of the league, and one that has already been made, it is believed that the National league will be organized in the near future. The directors of the league, and one that has already been made, it is believed that the National league will be organized in the near future. The directors of the league, and one that has already been made, it is believed that the National league will be organized in the near future.

not accomplishing his object. From here Dave went to Chicago, thence to Detroit, where he succeeded in signing Third Base man McGraw. He is a good one. He is McGraw. McGraw has already secured the contracts with Pitchers Flood and Frumply and Fielder Curtis. He declares that next season's team will be the strongest aggregation ever put on the home diamond. With the two new pitchers already signed and the three new base runners—Flood, Frumply, Shores and McGraw—the club will begin its season's work with five young and promising batters. The infield will also be strengthened. It is possible that next season a strong man will be secured to fill his place, which will keep the roll out, thus relegating Nook Smith to short or second. McGraw is almost sure to occupy a position as an infielder.

Minneapolis Situation.

The baseball outlook in Minneapolis is unusually bright. They contemplate great improvement about their grounds. The grand stand is to be enlarged and an extra reserve department added. At present the Minneapolis park is a sheet of ice, illuminated at night by hundreds of electric lights and thronged with merry carousels. Elmer Foster and Ed Hengle, the ball-tossers, are leaving the rink. The patrons of the game in there are looking forward to next season with a great deal of interest. The management claims that it will stand as high in the race as last year, if not higher, and with the team that it closed with last season will make them all hustle. They have already signed Hengle, Foster, Carroll, Ryan and his hard hitting, daring base running and clever catching, needs no introduction as a left fielder. They feel confident of coming out of the race pretty well toward the top next year.

Next Season's Prospects.

It is not improbable that the coming season will witness many changes in baseball in this city, but all of them of an agreeable character.

In the first place, there is hardly a particle of doubt but what new grounds will be secured, and while it cannot be stated just where these grounds are located, patrons can rest assured that they are less than half the distance from the corner of Fifteenth and Main than the old ones are, and that they are accessible by every street, railway in the city. In fact, it will be only a pleasant promenade to the new grounds. Everybody will be pleased over this prospect. Then, in the event that the new grounds are secured, Fred McCormick will expend \$10,000 in fitting it up. The grand stand, he is determined, shall be a model, and judging from the plans already mapped out it will cost in the neighborhood of six or seven thousand dollars. It is to have three compartments, the main one for the spectators, a smaller one for ladies and gentlemen, or either, and still another for ladies' conveniences. These will be handsomely fitted up with chairs and other modern conveniences. The directors of the league, and one that has already been made, it is believed that the National league will be organized in the near future.

The Two Rivalries.

The present saddled condition of baseball bears little similarity to the situation during the old Union crusade, and it may be safely said that this is the critical epoch in the history of the great national game. There is a chance now that it has already been crippled for many a long year to come. The public is very fickle and unstable quantity, and upon two occasions came within an ace of acknowledging a surfeit of baseball. Cautious action and good judgment, after a trying struggle saved the game, and under the fostering care of the national league it was brought to such a perfection as no other outdoor sport ever enjoyed. The old Union rivalry was the individual work of Henry V. Lucas, a young St. Louis millionaire, disgruntled over his inability to become a member of the league, but it amounted to nothing more than a mere "rivalry" between two men. The present revolution, however, is of a far more dangerous character, and one that has already wrought serious harm. It is a far more serious effort on the part of a score of the best players in the profession to cut loose and become independent of the National league. It is a case where the minority rules, the majority, and is apt to bring

them to their ruin. If the brotherhood is a good one, the game will again lapse into the hands of the pool-rooms and the gamblers, and no more will the sport be the clean, honest affair it has been for nearly ten years past. It will decline rapidly under those auspices, and as deplorable as such a result would be, it certainly would not be undervalued by the men most interested.

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repaired, the ceilings painted, new curtains hung and carpets put down, and these improvements, together with the addition of several new paintings and some new furniture, give the rendezvous a bright and attractive appearance indeed. The boys are preparing for a winter of social pleasure, and in the spring a revival of interest in wheel circles may be expected.

The wheelmen constituting the club's polo team are jubilant over their victory over the Omaha guards of last Tuesday night, and indeed the entire club manifests a justifiable exultation in the matter. A beautiful bouquet presented by Mrs. Chiny to the by-liners on that occasion still adorns the center table, and the hall was decorated with the club's colors, having descended from the chandelier in the library.

But the most interesting feature of the evening gatherings is to hear the different "teams" recount the glories of that momentous struggle.

"Didn't our boys put on a dandy game, 'eh?'" remarks one.

"Better life, in little Epenetter we've got a better life. Nobody would suspect there was so much life in this quiet unassuming little fellow as he is."

"Yes," joined a third, "and there's Rhodes and Hoberlin—they both played like professionals."

"And what's the matter with Morris and Shakespeare, or Bacon, I mean?" demanded a fourth, "didn't they distinguish themselves?"

"Well, I guess you'll" the club in chorus. "And so, at the club, time flies."

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and Platte bars and market hunters have been making some big kills recently.

The death of Henry Searle, the champion single sculler of the world, took place at Atlantic, N. S. W., on last Sunday.

Lou May, state fish commissioner, is laying his plans for an excursion to the state hatcheries, especially for Omaha newspaper men.

J. J. Malone, the present champion polo player of the world, passed through this city yesterday en route from Kansas City to Chicago.

Captain Goodwin, the well-known authority on kennel matters of Cincinnati, was in the city a couple of days last week, the guest of Lou Leclair.

Howling is becoming quite popular among gentlemen seeking physical development, and the several alleys in the city are crowded nightly with "howlers" throughout the winter.

Both the New York World and Sun of the 9th, contained reports of the action of the Gate City Athletic club of this city in raising a fund of \$25,000 to secure the Sullivan-Jackson mill.

A very noticeable revival in the rough-and-tumble game of football took place not only in Omaha, but throughout the entire country. This fall, and next season will surely see it one of the most popular of all outdoor sports.

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down as a result of the present competition for talent.

Des Moines has signed Edith Fasselbach, who played third for Omaha in 1887.

Will Alvord's release will be sold by Kansas City in accordance with that player's expressed desire.

St. Paul's left fielder, Jimmy Daly, is the happy father of a new baby boy. Daly is wintering in Rutland, Vt.

Des Moines is after her old catcher, Sage. The prohibitionists have also made offers to the two Jess—Loring and Summers.

Millwaukee's new manager, Chasman, says Catcher Grim is the best general player not only in the Toronto club, but in the international league.

Questions and Answers.

Will you please inform me through the columns of The Bee what it costs the clubs of the different minor leagues to enjoy the protection and privileges of the national agreement? Did Joe Walsh ever play with the Milwaukee and has he signed with Omaha for next season?—A Lover of the Game, Kearney, Neb.

Yore?—A question you will find answered in the following columns of the national agreement itself: XL Each association, a party of the second part, shall pay to the secretary of the Board of arbitration:

1. As annual dues the sum of \$50 or more before April 1 in each year.

2. Also if the right of reservation is claimed the sum of \$1,000, if said association be composed of four clubs, \$1,500 if composed of six clubs, or \$2,000 if composed of not more than eight clubs, payable on or before May 1 in each year.

According to the above it costs the clubs of the western association \$2,000 per annum to enjoy these privileges. Yes, the 1st part of '88. He has not.