

SPORTS FOR THE HOLIDAYS.

How the Ball Cranks Put in These Sunny Winter Days.

THE IRREPRESSIBLE WHEELMEN.

The Indoor League Prospects—Amateur's Gossip—The Gun and Trap and Miscellaneous Sporting Items.

Quite in harmony with all other movements now being made by the representative men of the baseball world towards placing the national game on a stable and enduring basis is the disposition shown to give recognition to that young giant "the Western association."

Around the Office Stove.

Donahue, the Cowboy catcher, is wintering in Pittsburg.

Thornton, Alberta and Poorman are shoveling snow in Milwaukee.

Ed Hoeckle is shining as an indoor umpire up in the Windy city.

The Kansas City club's salary list last season is said to have been \$25,000, which is certainly too heavy for the Western association.

Jack Crooke, according to Jimmy Williams, was the best sacrifice hitter in the American association last season, having led all competitors by ten points.

The Kansas City's young shortstop, Hogreiver, is said to be quite a character in life. Yes, Hogreiver once ran fourteen miles in fifteen days and never once looked behind him.

Up to date but few men have been signed by the Western association—Omaha having closed with but one. The moguls out this way aren't saying much, but they are hard at work on the west side.

Denver has signed a very new young pitcher in Montrose Neves of Pittsburg. According to Denver papers he has a record of shutting out five teams last season, some where in the Pennsylvania bar regions, without a hit. Whew!

Kansas City, after a little experience in the American, gladly takes an opportunity to return to the Western. Now that the association is to be made prominent in national baseball councils, nothing could induce that Missouri metropolis to return to either of the major bodies.

"Old Cy" Duryea did not take the stump for "Haro-Legged Jerry," the farmer who was recently elected to Congress from a wild and woolly western district. Mr. Duryea's recent paper before the Iowa Farmers' society on "The Relation of Green Apples to Hard Cider" was a wonderful document.

Joe Quinn writes from St. Louis to a Boston friend that he must have a raise in salary next season, and that leads "Sandy" Griswold to observe, "that is a wonderful record for the brotherhood war." Still it will be easy to arrange a little matter like that.

Frank Lane, who has a legion of old ball friends in Omaha, is in with "A Midwinter Bell," takes part in a love scene. Joe Pritchard declares that on the opening night at St. Louis, when the ex-umpire proposed and the young lady promised to marry him, he received a kiss, Frank made a feint, and a gallery god, recognizing Mr. Lane, yelled out at the top of his voice: "No out—you never touched her!" Frank offered \$5 reward for the urchin's scalp.

It is stated upon pretty good authority that the management of the Milwaukee baseball association is making a bid for a franchise in the American association for next season. Whether or not the effort will be successful remains to be seen. Side by side with the application from Milwaukee are those of New Haven, Ct.; Washington, D. C., and Philadelphia, Pa. Neither Boston nor Chicago is as yet in the race for the franchise, but the city and our club stands a chance—Milwaukee Sentinel. Rats! Great big Norway!

With all due respect for the Sporting Times Kansas City correspondent who writes that The Bee don't know what it is talking about when it says the Western association circuit will not be changed, it is again asserted that such is the case absolutely. The circuit next year will include the village on the Kaw, Omaha, Lincoln, Sioux City, Denver, Minneapolis, St. Paul, St. Louis, St. Paul, only these, and no others, notwithstanding Kansas City wants to run in Pekin, China and Melbourne, Australia. Child, you must not contradict!

"White Wings" Tebeau of the Denver writes: "I am having plenty of good hunting and have been on two trips the past month. Our first trip was composed of six splendid fellows, and we were gone three weeks, taking in over one thousand miles of the Denver & Rio Grande railroad. We got seven deer, two bears and any number of squirrels, rabbits, ducks, geese and grouse. There were only two on our last trip, and we were gone two days—some ninety miles east of here. We got six rabbits and one antelope. Antelope are found on the plains only, and as they can see one coming for miles, have to be hunted on horses, except to go on another three weeks' trip directly after the holidays."

President Krauthoff of the Western league was in the city last night. He came to argue a law case before the supreme court. At the same time he took occasion to see A. W. Thurman, A. G. Spalding and others, and make a plea for the admission of the Western league to full membership and rights under the national agreement with the league and American association. There are reasons to believe that Mr. Krauthoff's efforts that direct it will not be in vain. The league and association hold him in high regard, and he can do more with them for the Western association than any other man connected with that organization. Mr. Krauthoff said that if Detroit, Toledo or any of the western cities wanted places in the Western association they would have to buy out Denver, Lincoln and other cities that are now members in good standing. There would be no freezing out provided the Sporting Times writes that the Life's Kansas City correspondent insists that Lincoln, Sioux City and Denver are to be kicked out bodily.

Talk Among the Amateurs.

The Odds of Council Bluffs talk of reorganizing.

Flora, second baseman, has gone south for the winter.

The West Omahas would like to hear from good third basemen.

Jelen struck McAuliff out five times in last Thursday's indoor game.

Hart, Thompson and Van Arman show up next in the indoor league.

Pitcher Weibbaum will not be a member of the Blair team next season.

Today's indoor game will be between the Nonpareils and Eden Muses teams.

It is rumored that Dan Honia will play with next season's Crane company's team.

Bowman, first baseman of the West Omaha indoor team, is laid up sick. Tow will cover first for the present.

The various indoor teams are fast catching

on to the game, but it will never be as popular here as in the east. Two regular umpires should be selected for the indoor league, using players for the position is very poor policy.

C. Watt seems to have taken a new lease of life. He has made his reappearance with the Crane company team.

Walters, formerly second base for Missouri Valley, would be a rattling good man for some state league team.

Guston reports that he can secure the following players for a team: Maupin, Heeves, Bullock, Taylor, Carr, Patterson. These, with himself, would form the nucleus of a good team and one hard to beat.

Gross who caught for the City Steams in '88 and '89 and who has been playing with a strong amateur team in Denver, is back in Omaha. He says Omaha is the only place and will join next year's West Omaha team.

Miller of the Plattsmouth team was in Omaha the past week after players for their next season's team. He has secured Second baseman Walker, and would like to hear from Jake Thompson and other desirous of joining their team.

Thursday afternoon's indoor game was the poorest that has yet been played. There is one point that should be acted on, and that is that each team have at least two extra players, and not be allowed to pick men who can not get a ball from a pitcher and play them.

Dick McAuliff, the popular young amateur, is spending the holidays here. Dick has been in Denver the past two months, and he is undecided whether to stay in Omaha or return there. It is hoped that he will decide to stay, as he is one of the best amateurs in the state.

Only five of the Crane company team were on hand to start the campaign. The places were filled by outsiders who knew nothing of the game whatever, consequently the poor quality of the play was evident. It is hoped they will endeavor to secure a full team and see they are on hand on time.

The Nonpareils show up the best so far in the indoor league, with the Eden Muses close behind. Today's game between these two teams should be a close and exciting one and it is expected that a large crowd will be on hand to cheer their favorites. Jelen and Lacey and Edinger and Wilson will be the batteries.

Where is the city league for next season? There are already four good teams willing to enter, namely the Crane company, West Omahas, Nonpareils and Eden Muses. If a suitable ground could be procured, fenced in and grand stands built at the Nonpareils park, there is no reason why it should not be a paying investment. Come boys, get together early and see what can be done in the matter.

What the boys got for Xmas: Eytling received a cricket bat.

Carrigan was given some of the elixer, of life.

Patterson was in receipt of a nice lot of base hits and home runs from Lincoln.

"Spud" Farish had a new brace of pheasants for the next season.

Van Arman received a leather medal for his good work in "Leadville."

"Windy" Strong received a hair cut and a shave.

Moulihan all the latest songs of the day.

Lou Camp a new hat, size No. 10.

Shanahan the umpire's slip.

Grandjean a large assortment of curves and shoots, with which he will fool 'em all.

Toner a big bottle of Jimson's hair restorative.

Jimmy Hart a tin horn and a red wagon.

Dan Linahan a cask of red soda pop.

Bradford was presented with the bases he stole this year.

Boyman with something, he won't tell what.

Wilson with a file to take the edge off his voice while coaching.

The Crane company and the West Omaha teams a balloon to practice on.

Wigman a new wind powder.

Peterson a book called the "Lazy Man, or too Strong to Work."

Jelen wanted a contract with the Omahas but he didn't get it.

Purcell a remedy for enlargement of the cranium (and a big one too).

Schwartz a great big football to practice with.

Flynn a tin soldier.

Gatewood with a Tom and Jerry.

Hightower with a knock out blow.

Kenyon a new pair of trousers.

Kenniston with a small size billiard table and cue.

Williams with an offer to join the "Ole Olsson" comedy company.

An Inter-State Match.

A match shoot between a ten-man team from the Omaha schutzenverein and the Council Bluffs rifle club is on the tapis. The arrangement is to meet at the Ruser park grounds on the 29th inst. and to be awarded a handsome rifle, to be contested for afterward by the individual shooters composing the respective teams.

Omaha Wheel Club Notes.

Perrigo's voice is changing.

Head's bicycle is afflicted with spinal meningitis.

Cowie is spending the holidays with friends at Kearney.

Ed Smith saw Sitting Bull's ghost last Wednesday evening.

Townsend is having his dancing pumps fixed with cushion tires.

The pool tournament committee has at last been heard from and a series of interesting games is being arranged.

Christmas day found a large representation of the O. W. C. enjoying the excellent skating on East Omaha lake.

Peoria, Ill., boasts of 750 gentlemen and seventy-five lady bicyclists. We hope to reach these figures ourselves next year.

A bicycle band of fifteen pieces is one of the inducements held out by Detroit wheelmen to the best amateur band in 1891.

It is rumored that Prof. Perrigo, the distinguished instructor in bicycle evolution, is squandering much of his time with a fascinatingly beautiful girl.

A Boston inventor is completing an electric tricycle that will, it is claimed, be capable of running sixty miles without overcharging the storage battery. That'll be nice.

Wheeling is a popular sport in Australia, and yet they have not a tin can on the continent. This looks strange to Americans and suggests the possibility of some active missionary work in a good cause.

Quite a large crowd of the Omaha wheel club boys rode to Council Bluffs last Sunday afternoon. There is no call for us today, but all will try to keep up the club's reputation and ride on New Year's day.

About a dozen couples, Omaha wheel club boys and lady friends, made a jolly skating party that enjoyed the moonlight and the ice at the lake last evening. Townsend was the father of the project and took pains to see that everybody had a good time.

That high-five is a popular game at the club goes without saying. A few are started as much pleasure as is being derived from the present tournament. Last Monday evening, the second night of the contest, there were thirty-four members playing and at the close of the twentieth game of the series the score stood as follows:

Table with 4 columns: Name, Won, Lost, Total. Includes names like Conrad, Smith, E. R., etc.

The Apollo's Weekly Budget.

George Board has retired from the racing path.

The last hundred mile race was a tiresome affair.

There are twenty separate cycling clubs in Chicago.

Old Tom Eck is managing an athletic combination in St. Paul.

The boys will ride the old year out and the new one in next Wednesday night.

On it, the wedding of one of our most prominent members, and a belle of Council Bluffs.

Hart, the trans-continent tourist, has returned to his home in Western, Mass.

Tom Ho, the cross-country rider, has inherited a fortune. This is his second one.

The Coliseum management would like to

match young Pixley in a twenty mile race with Schill.

The Apollo's will have a new club house in the coming year that will compare favorably with the city's senior club.

Muensterfering is getting to be quite a riot, and with more experience will make them all haste to hear the Apollo's.

In last Sunday's issue of The Bee the time given for the Fremont run was 3 h. 17 m., but should have been seven hours for the round trip.

The boys enjoyed a pleasant ride to Council Bluffs last Sunday. Denman took his kodak and snapped several pictures of the boys.

Fischer, Calkins, Denman, Blendorf, Smith, Mulhall, Wertz and Pixley took a spin up to Florence lake Christmas day. The lake was frozen over, and in a spirit of venturesomeness, Fischer crossed it on his wheel.

Seeing the O. W. C. boys are so hard up for whiskers if they would call around at the "juvenile" club rooms they will make them a present of Louis Fischer's mustache, which we have preserved in glass case. It will undoubtedly go around.

Miscellaneous Local Sports.

The Lindsay-Gilmore mill is off.

Minnie Cahn is unquestionably the champion straight billiardist of Nebraska.

Evan Lewis and Tom McInerney, the wrestlers, will be at the Millard tomorrow evening.

There will be another big trap shoot across the river New Year's day, good weather permitting.

A few geese still linger along the Platte and upper Missouri, but little shooting is being done.

The visiting collegemen kicked a victory out of the M. C. A.'s Christmas morning, by a score of 6 to 0.

Jack Davis goes to Davenport, Ia., this week to go into training for a finish fight with Dutch Sisson of that city.

Joe Sheehy of Ashland, Wis., was in the city last week endeavoring to get on a go with Jack Davis, but failing, left yesterday for St. Paul.

The day of the Nasou-Burress shoot has not yet been fixed, but will probably come off on the grounds across the river New Year's day.

The champion trap shot, J. A. R. Elliott of Kansas City, sustained two successive defeats in Chicago recently at the hands of Abe and George Kleiman.

The sporting editor acknowledges the receipt of the Melbourne (Australia) Argus, containing The Bee's late article on the life of Clarence Whistler, the famous champion wrestler.

The indoor baseball league threatens to contract to two teams—the Nonpareils and the Eden Muses. The public has failed utterly to enthuse over the game, and the league will hardly be maintained.

Davenport, Iowa City, Dubuque, Cedar Rapids, Council Bluffs and Independence have organized a more lively training and pacing circuit. Why wouldn't it have been a good idea to have included Omaha in this circuit?

Fred Fuller of this city fell an easy victim to F. L. Sackett of Council Bluffs in their rifle match last Monday. The conditions were thirty shots each at 300 yards, off-hand, reduced American target. The score was, Sackett, 200; Fuller, 150.

Jimmy Griffin, whom Jimmy Lindsay knocked out twice in seventeen seconds, and who has been kicked often than any fighter on earth, was knocked out again one night last week. He fought Charlie Johnson before the Minneapolis club. Griffin did most of the leading and held the advantage until the tenth round, when Johnson floored him with an upper cut. Griffin came up groggy and another upper cut in the twelfth round knocked him out.

Charlie Williams of Missouri Valley was in the city last week, and in conversation with the old veteran sportsman, John Petty, told him of a great hunt he had had this fall on the lakes among the sandhills in the western part of the state. He asserted that he saw more mallards out there on the lakes and in the swamps than at any other place he ever hunted. There was an abundance of feed for geese, swan, crane and ducks and he saw all these varieties in the thousands. He bagged several hundred ducks, geese and grouse, besides a car load of jack rabbits and cottontails.

Mr. Williams said he intended to visit the west region early in the spring for several weeks. He is one of the crack field snots of the country and a jolly companion to hunt.

Questions and Answers.

At what weight did John L. Sullivan face Fitzsimmons in the ring at Richmond? What is Jack Davis' best weight, and is he as big a man as Joe Sheehy?—Germania, South Omaha.

Ans.—(1), 217 lbs.; (2), 175. Sheehy fights at 200 or thereabouts.

To decide a bet will you please publish in SUNDAY'S Bee the standard of the clubs composing the Western league in 1891.—M. C. F., St. Joe, Mo.

Ans.—Topoka, 775; Lincoln, 645; Denver, 510; Leavenworth, 500; Kansas City, 484; Omaha, 350; Hastings, 347; St. Joe, 384; Emporia and Wichita were given no standing.

A and B, high-five. A has 65 and B 40 points. B bids and makes high jack and game and one of the lives. A makes low and the other five. Who wins?—Louis Pleistick, Island, Neb.

Ans.—B.

Will you please publish the present address of Charlie Aubrey, with the St. Paul team last season?—Ole Olsson, Kearney, Neb.

Ans.—Sioux City, county treasurer's office.

Will you please answer through The Bee where the pointer dog came from, his origin, history, etc.—Henry Kenneth, Lincoln.

Ans.—It seems that we are indebted for the pointer, now about the most popular of all field dogs, to the European continent, whence he came early in the last century. But as to his history, there is very little information obtainable that can be relied upon. Dairiel, one of the best authorities on the subject, says first in the group of dogs that find their game by scent.

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