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A BIG REVIVAL IN SPORT.

Flies, Grounders, Pick-Ups and Fumbles Galore.

THE DESCENDANTS OF TOM HYER.

News For the Shooters-The Bykers' Column-Pertment Queries and Gossippy Miscellany.

There now remains no existing doubt but what the Western association circuit is to be subjected to some very material changes in the near future. The acceptance of the association on an equal basis with the two major bedies, makes this an imperative necessity, and all opposition will prove abortive. Sioux City is unquestionably down, and either Denver or Lincoln is in the same boat. It may be one and it may be the other, but the chances are in favor of Lincoln. Denver's

tates against her. A private letter to the writer from a well-known player in Sioux writer from a well-known player in Sloux City, says: "You can put it right down that Sloux City is not going to be in it next season. They are making no effort whatever in regard to ball matters, and everybody here has given up the idea of witnessing games this year." George Common, who has been prominently identified with baseball in the city up the river for the past several years, corroborates the statepast several years, corroborates the state-ments of the above writer. He was in the city Wednesday and called on the baseball edi-

for. Among other interesting things, he said: "There is no sort of doubt but what our baseball interests have flunked, and it is the unanimous opinion that no endeavor will be made to be represented in the Western association this year—the truth of the whole matter is that the life has been knocked out of us." So much for Sieux City. As for Lincoln, while the other cities in the circuit are not so fear-fully apprehensive that she will not be able to hold up her end, she has no standing with cities in the two older bodies, and t ber riddanc; will be advocated is certain. Out here we know that Lincoln is a

certain. Out here we know that Lincoln is a live and prosperous city, and her citizens are made of the right stuff; they also have the nucleus for a good team and an enterprising, intelligent manager in Mr. Rowe, yet there are older, larger and more wealthy cities that have claims on the good will of the older bodies and they are sure to get it, to the ignorance of Lincoln or Denver either. Indianapolis, who has always trotted in class A, is ambitious for a Western association franchise as is also

for a Western association franchise, as is also Toledo, Detroit and Grand Rapids. Indianapo-Toledo, Detroit and Grand Rapids. Indianapo-is is quite certain of being admitted, and it is about an even thing between Toledo, Detroit and Grand Rapids, although it is THE BEE'S opinion that the latter city should receive no consideration whatever, that is, to the exclu-sion of Lincoln and Denver. Toledo is all right and so is Detroit, but it is "horse and horse" with Denver, so far as a long jump is concerned, but both are decisively better ball concerned, but both are decisively better bal owns than the Colorado metropolis. But the Western association will meet shortly, for it is very important that this matter is arranged as expeditiously as possible, and it is quite certain President Krauthoff will call a meeting within the next ten days. Then the cranks may expect a whole lot of interesting

It cannot be deferred much longer, as the playing season is coming on apuce, and the different managements must know what is expected of them. Grounds are to be put in condition, teams filled up and other important matters at the state of the ant matters attended to, and it is but justice to all concerned that the decree of the fates is known at the earliest pessible moment. It is not altogether improbable that next season's Western association circuit will be made up dilwayskee Toledo Indianopolis and De

troit, in the north and east, and Minneau

lis, St. Paul, Omaha and Kansas City in the O. My! What a Joke!

That the American association was not sure of forcing the league to consent to national agreement clubs in Boston and Chicago, and it would have made the best of it had consent been refused, is shown by the fact that Vice President J. C. Iverson, Director H. E. Gillette and Manager Cushman of the Milwaukee club were invited to New York to attend the baseball meetings of the American association. They were assured that their city was wanted as a member of the association and were told that everything would be fixed up satisfactorily in this city It turns out that they were only wanted to fall back on in case the league refused to allow an association club in Chicago. Vice President Iverson was not in the best of humor the other day when seen by a re-porter just before he returned home. "When we got here I saw how things were drifting and that we were being used for a double purpose. Nobody knows it any better than man who has been kicked all around the streets of New York. After our arrival we got the cold shoulder by the very men who invited us here and in glowing terms gave us to understand that our city would be admitted to the association. A club in Chicago

get Milwaukee, if Chicago fails, it will b What does Western association patrons think of this any way? Don't you think, brethren, it is about our time to laugh. Poor oid puffed up, arrogant Milwaukee, she'll be perfectly satisfied hereafter to "lie still and soc nix," for if ever a lot of swelled-heads got the dinky-dink her representatives got it in New York. Why, they were not even recognized as baseball people in any sense of the word; were absolutely refused presence to the older bodies, and hardly got to touch palms with the potentates of the big leagues. Good! Iverson, Gillette and Cushman, the great Wisconsin triumverate, laid What does Western association patron the great Wisconsin triumverate, around New York five days, and nobody but themselves, even knew they were of earth, let alone in Gotham. They put in their time playing pool for the cigars in the Gilsey house rooms, and swearing vengeance on the National league, the American association and The OMAHA BEE, the three most power ful and puissant corporations on earth,

will not last; mark my words. If the asso-ciation comes in the midst of the season to

As Definite as Possible.

There is yet much speculation being in dulged in as to the make-up of Omaha's bar team this year, and while THE BEE has pre sumed on several occasions to give its proba ble outline, of course it has always been of fered subject to the changes time might de veton. But, to be precise. So far but five men have been signed: Allen McCauley, first base; Danny Shannon, second, Jack Newman and Halligan catchers, and Tit Willis centerfield. John Stafford, pitcher, has also been conditionally signed, but it is doubtful whether he will be retained as much better pitcher is on the string. In ad dition to these, we have on the reserve list Jimmy Canavan, left; Elmer Cleveland third; Joe Walsh, short stop; Jake Stenzel and Charlie Urquhart, catchers, and Knell.
Clarke and Eiteljorg, pitchers, Which
of the reserved men will play
here yet remains a question. In
the event of the signing of Gil Hattleid,
Mike Slattery or "Chippy" McGarr, Cleveland will be allowed to shift elsewhere; Stenzel may be kept, but Urquhart will be let out and it may be that Manager Shannor will secure another man for Canavan's Walsh is almost a certainty, as are all of the pitchers, Knell, Clarke and Eiteljorg. on hasn't much esteem org and may conclude Stafford in his stead, that keep Stafford in his stead, that is if the prospective man above mentioned is not secured. Shannon pins his faith in Clarke, and Dad and his mug will probably b

included in the team. Knell is ours beyond peradventure. As to Stenzei, his case is to

be yet deliberated on. It is not positive as yet whether he will be wanted or not, but if

he is, we will get him. So it will be seen that in any event Omaha is to have a rattling first class learn, and it is quite equally cer-tain that it will be made up largely of new

Send in Your Names. It is requested that young ball players desiring to join the proposed Boys' league send in their addresses to Tax Box. This is to iacilitate the work of the managers

Around the Office Stove. Duke and Dugdale are both wintering in

Frank Leonard has an offer to manage the lewark, N. J., team this year. Mr. and Mrs. "Kid" Nichols, along with the baby, are visiting in Kansas City. Big Sam Smith, who was one of the "com-rs" who failed to come, is putting in the

vinter at Seattle. Defiver has placed 100 season tickets on sale. Denver had better go a little slow, is good avdice just now.

Jack Sneed has settled for the time beingin Chicago. So has H. A. Penrose, which probably accounts for it.

St Paul will open the practice season at Louisville March 29, 30 and 31, and at Columbus, O., April 4, 5 and 6. Jimmy Macullar would like to know where he will play next summer. And the woods are full of Jimmy Macullars.

It is a settled thing at last that Eimer Foster will again tramp down the clover this year in Minneapolis' center field. Manager Dan Shannon, when not chasing players, puts in his time adjudicating polo

games at his home in Bridgeport, Ct. Phil. Receius will be found playing his usually good game at third this season, but it is not yet settled with whom he will sign. The St. Paul club has accepted the terms of Earle, of last year's Chicagos; Ely of Syr scuse, and Jack O'Brien of the late Athe-

New lists of players signed and reserved will be sent in to the national board by the three leading organizations on or before Febmary 9. Fred Ely, St. Paul's new short stop, was

with Syracose last year and put up a game equal to that of any short field man in the American association. There is some doubts whether Farmer Joe

Miller will be retained by Minneapolis another season. The cranks up there are clamoring for a livelier man. The American association asked the league to arrange for an interchange of games in the fall. The idea is old and good and has been frequently urged and as often refused.— Cincinnati Times-Star. Ah, there! Mul Renford, you musn't forget to include the

Western association in this post-season cou-Ress Cleveland, a brother of Elmer's, is a puglistic professor at Lawrence, Pa. He can't be much like Elmer, who has been dubbed out this way the baby.

Watkins will take his St. Paul team south for their spring practice. Up in the Minne-sota capital they just begin to cut ice about the time the ball season opens.

"Scrappy" Jack Messitt is the foreman in a rolling mill at Troy, N. Y., while Pitcher NeNabb, another Denver man, is monkeying with electricity at Mt. Vernon, O. Poor old Tommy Poorman, who has proba-bly played on more ball teams than any player on earth, is eating scrap iron up in

Milwaukee so as to be strong for the coming Eddie Fusselbach's suspension by Moines ran out with the close of the season, and he is now elegible to sign anywhere. Who wants him? Come now, don't all speak

And they say that Watkins of St. Paul has captured the greatest harpooner of them all, Kid Baldwin, the ex-Red Stocking. God keep an eye on St. Paur; she knows not what

In addition to Jack O'Brien Manager Wat-kins of St. Paul has signed Kid Baidwin, Catcher Earle of Chicago and Outfielder Ely of Syracuse. Betcher life the Apostles will be better'n eighth in '91.

certain quarters to know something of the whereabouts of Joe Werrick. He hasn't been heard from this winter. However, baseball managers are cyinging no anxiety. Hear that Joe Walsh, Omaha's brilliant little short-stop, makes quite as much money in the winter season as he does on the ball field in the summer. He is a skillful accountant in the Pacific express office.-Sporting

There will be more ex-National league and ex-American association players seen in minor league ranks the coming season than there will be minor league players with the major bodies, and thus the whirtegig of time brings about some funny changes!

Jim Powell is evidently making a succesof the saloon business.—Philadelphia Millen-ium Plan. That's something he didn't make with the Sioux City ball team last season, and as long as Jim has at last found his level, no baseball manager should molest him

The cause of all these glorious anticipations, however, is easily accounted for. It is the unexpected energy being manifested by President McCormick, the signing of brother Danny Shannon as manager, and the general air of thrift and determination that envelopes baseball headquarters day and night.

Manager Cushman has decorated his bil liard room, in Milwaukee, with some fine photographs of leading bailplayers of the country. The Milwaukee team of 1890 is represented in the collection, but it is a poor picture. The shadow from "Hoodlum" Griffith's head envelopes the whole team, and you can't tell tother from which,

Charley Bartson, the pitcher with Omaha in 1887, and the Chicago Comiskies last season, has been snared by Billy Harrington of Minneapolis. The Tribune says that Cherley was forwarded ₹8 in advance. If Harrington intends to continue this prodigal disburse-ment of funds before the season opens, it is good-by, Minneapolis, that's all.

John I. Rogers, L. C. Krauthoff and A. W. Thurman compose the new National board. The league choice fell on A. G. Spaulding, but he declined to serve and then Colonel Rogers and C. H. Byrne tied. The difficulty was settled under the millenium plan. That is to say the colonel's name was drawn out of a hat and Mr. Byrne got left. -Mulford.

Evidently there are, no flies or "crumbs" on Mar Van Horn and Tebeau down in Denver. They are fairly making things whoop and the town is baseball crazv. Since early paimy days in Cincinnati White Wings never enjoyed so much popularity, and it is dollars to dimes ne gives the Mountain eers next season better ball than they ever dreamed of.

Under the new graded system the National ague, the American association and the Western association can secure from Class I league a player, provided his consent can be obtained, for a figure already fixed, and class B club can draft a player from Class C league upon the same plan, and so on down till the players on the lots are reached. Philadelphia Record.

First baseman Plummer, head waiter a Hotel Ryan, St. Paul, wants Sandy wold, of The OMARA Bee, to make a plea for the colored player of the west. Plummer says that there are several of them, promingly among whom is young Maupins, of Kan-Hotel Ryan, St. Paul, wants Sandy Gris ent among whom is young Maupins, of Kan-sas City, as good as the very best in the white ranks. Plummer, himself, is a fair man on any of the bases.—N. Y. Sporting Times.

Minor leagues looking for good prayers should not overlook Omaha. The following players are wintering here: Edinger, pitcher players are wintering nore: Edinger, planer of Ottumwa; Thompson, catcher of Aurora; Lucas, third-baseman of Salt Lake; Win Camp, pitcher of Seattle; Lou Camp, third-baseman of Seattle; Gatewood, second basebaseman of Seattle; Gatewood, second baseman of Nebraska City; Thompson, first-baseman of Nebraska City; Jack Carrigan, sec

This year the association will pool its re seipts on holidays, and devide them equally among the eight clubs. The grand stand re-ceipts will always be reserved by the home clubs and ten per cent of the gate turned into the association emergency fund. And a half-and-half divide will be made all season. And that is exactly what the Western association should attend to at their coming meeting. Half-and-half, of the gate, will be conducive of great good to all the clubs in this circuit, That President McCormick does not intend to allow any timothy to spring up under his

pedal extremities, is attested by the fact that he has had the ground keeper with a couple of assistants, engaged for the past few days filling up and sodding all the holes and depressions in the outfield of McCormick Park, and long ere the dandelions peep forth again, he will have the grounds in perfect condition.

Jellen is going through a course of treathe will have the grounds in perfect condition. This is seizing time by the forelock.

Everybody out this way is counting on a grand boom in baseball next season, despite the fact that indoor baseball is the completest failure ever chronicled. The game has awakened no enthusiasm and the crowds who attend the city league rames at the Colliseum are not large enough to pay for the electric light. Professionals seem to take no inter-est in the sport, whatsoever, and the amateurs claim that they are jealous.

As for Danny Stearns, while he is a fine ball player, there are but few patrons of the game out this way who have a good word for him. He is a "dirty ball player" of the most pronounced stripe; not one of the tricky sort, but one of those that never loses a chance to give a runner to first the shoulder or the lasts. Whenever Stearns steared have the knee. Whenever Stearns stepped up to the bat in this city the cry weiled up from the bleachers: "There he is! That's Dirty

Pitcher Thornton, who is to play with the Phillies next season, signed a contract last year with R. W. McGuire, president of the Milwaukee club, agreeing to play where he (McGuire) might designate. The Philadelphia manugement got possession of this con-iract for a consideration, and that is the claim they have on Thornton. We imagine this to be a pretty good claim and as usual we look for President Reach to yank the persimmons. —St. Louis Sporting News.

Ed Hengle is mixing drinks at the Grand Opera saloon on Fifth street, Minneapolis, and as he has a good position he is not troub-ling himself about baseball and has not been laying any plans for the future, but novertheless will have a good "sit" with some club before the season of '91 is far advanced. Philadelphia Millenium Plan. Well, Mr. Hengle had better hold on to his good posiion, for it is certain that baseball is not roubling itself about him. His "good sit" n '91 will probably be upon a beer keg in his own emporum.

Baseball fans out in Omaha would bet their last nickel that the two opening games be-tween Omaha and Sloux City in 1888, on the Omaha grounds, were crooked. They were umpired by Wany Fessenden, who was stopping, and had been for ten days prior to the games, with Jack Morrison, proprietor of a big gambling establishment and poel-rooms, and the games were not thrown by the play-ers, either. Con Dally, the New York sharp, and Jack Lynch, of Boston, were there at the time, and they had to borrow a wheelbarrow to get their winnings up town .- N. . Sporting Times.

The timidity with which Managers Tim Hurst of Sioux City and Dave Rowe of Lin oln are making their presence on earth manfest provokes a grave suspicion. Who are you dickering with, anyway, boys! Come, tell a feller. However, no one need worry as to Dave, because he says he is just as great a baseball magnate as any of 'em, Albust Johnson not excepted. You can't make Dave afraid as a grasshopper, and the glory of his breath is terrible. He paweth in the valley of Salt creek and rejoiceth in his strength. He saith "Hat hat" and he smelleth the battle afar off, the thunder of the grand stand and the shouting of the bleachers.

By the way, speaking of Kansas City, are they simply on the make down there or what is the matter with them! From all reports their team will be a good dozen notches below its last year's strength, that is, if they dispose of the players that are mentioned in this con-nection. In addition to Hick Carpenter, they are talking of letting Danny Stearns go, and that they are endeavoring to turn a penny out of that rank traitor, Pickett, there isn't the dightest doubt. The only new men they have signed are Hogriever, an entirely unknown quantity, and a young local novice, who may probably figure in a practice game or two. They are talking, however, of putting in a claim for Kid Sowders of Ward's last year's Wonders, but talking only.

Outsiders have little idea of the clanishness ball players; the old axiom about the agglutination of brothers isn't a marker to it. For instance, Jimmy Manning told the writer last fall that Hick Carpenter was playing better ball than ever, and that Kansas City had executed a regular coup d'etat in securing him when she did. Now this same Jimmy Manning, who is the manager of the Cowboys, a everybody knows, of course, writes to Pres ent Speas and urges him to give Hick his elease, at the same time adding that it will be a difficult matter to better him. You see immy knows that down in the village on the Kaw there is a certain clique crying for Hick-ory's release, and fearing that Speas will be prevailed upon to give it him Jimmy wants to de in order that he may catch on elsewhere at the earliest possible moment. Seef

Too much credit cannot be given Mr Krauthoff if the fesuit he has worked for has been attained at last. Without him, it is hardly necessary to say, the matter of mak-ing the Western association a major league would not have been considered for a moment.—Kansas City Times. Mr. Krauthoff is certainly entitled to a whole lot of credit for his general work as a western baseball magnate, but so far as the matter of the Western association being admitted to the national agreement upon an equal footing with the League and American association, ie opposed such a move at the annual meetng here last fall, and argued that it was bet the Western association to remain where it was. THE OMAHA BEE was the one aper of the whole west that worked for 'equal rights" for the Western association, and there are none so bold as to den y it.

## Gossip Among the Amateurs. The N. B. Falconer team gives promise of

being a good one. Swartz will do the back stop work for the Crane company team. Bowman expects to make connections with he Plattsmouth team.

"Spud" Farish has already signed a few The Shamrocks have secured a date with ne Blair team at Blair.

Berwein of the Bluffs is a good fielder and hard left handed batter. Frank Remington has not yet decided

where to play this season Martin Nelson will cover short regularly or the West Omaha team. Etyng, short stop of the Crane company

eam, is a very wild thrower. McAuliffe and Lacey will make a great bat-tery for the Nonparell team. John Patterson, third baseman, has an offer

from an interstate league team. Watt is out of baseball for good: his arm has gone completely back on him. "Tell-'em-about-It" Cody should not be overlooked in the hunt for players.

John Patterson, third baseman, offer from an interstate league team. The Nonpariels will soon commence fencing their park at Fifteenth and Vinton.

Norgren will cover short for the N. B. Falcoper team and not the West Omahas Hansel Nebraska City's pitcher will be or deck as usual this season. The "Models" of Council Bluffs are waking up and propose to start the season with a fine

As a base runner, Lon Camp is decidedly He is not very slow with the stick either. By the way, what has become of the re-ceipts of the indoor league! Does anyone

Blair would like to secure the services of S. Austin, with the Missouri Valley team last year. Tew, the captain of the Blair team, is a

fine little player and will make his mark Hartman, the Chicago phenom who caught a few games last season, has returned to the windy city.

Nichols, pitcher for the Models of Council Bluffs, should make a good record for himself this season.

Maupins, catcher of last season's Lincoln Giants, will likely be found with the "Haveriys," the strongest amateur team in Kansas City.

The West Omaha team may lose the services of Catcher Linahan this senson. Blair patrons of the game are stuck on his playing,

Jelien is going through a course of treat-ment for his arm and hobes to restore it as good as ever. Kleffner, the hard hittling first baseman of the Shamrocks, has returned from a visit to Kansas City. Hightower is also something of a pugllist,

as his victory over Andres Monday night goes to show. William Camp carries off the honors for being the best and speediest pitcher in the Indoor lengue.

Seaman, a twirler from Silver City, Ia., now attending school here would be a find for some team. Eddington, the cyclone pitcher of last season's Ottumwa team, is still disengaged.

s a comer sure. Pitcher Stephenson of Council Bluffs is a good man, but it is said be cannot pitch more

than six innings. Copeland, the pitcher, Is traveling with an Uncle Tom's Cabin" troupe in the west. He is playing Eva.

"Win" Camp should be able to catch on to a good team the coming season. As a pither is out of sight. Linahan is undoubtedly the best amateur catcher ever seen in Omaha. He should make

a good record this season. Melrose has put up a good game in the in-door league, and if he can keep it up this summer will be all right.

Galiagher, eatcher for the Ulysses, Neb., team last season, is engaged in the saloon business there at present. The Crane company team has made Pitcher Williams an offer for this season; but be is undecided what to play.

Butler denies the report that he has joined the West Omaha team, he says he does not want to play on a dub team. Biair, a "phenom," from Cora, is working at the packing house, South Omaha, and will

likely sign with "Spud's" team.

Jesse Brawn, the tall second baseman of Castone's team, is a fine fielder in his position, but he can't hit a balloon.

Smith will do most of the pitching for the Gate City team. Smithey thinks he can fool them in great shape this season The Nonpareli team has about decided to play Flynn on first base. He should be able to hold his own in the city league.

Toner will resume his old position, third base, the coming season. With his arm in good shape Felix cannot be beat. Jake Thompson has not signed yet for this season. Here is a chance for some state

eague team wanting a good man. Manager Van Arnam of the Podunkville team has lines out for several well known stars which he expects to sku shortly.

Gadke, catcher of the N.B. Falconer team, is one of the best in the city. They will have a good pair in Miller and Gadke. "Kid" Miller, pitcher for the N. B. Fala time last senson. He is very speedy. Manager Castone is working hard to place

his team in Kearney, but does not seem to have done much toward that end so far. Lon Camp is in the city waiting for some-thing to turn up. He will be found with a good team by the time the season opens. Jack Gallagher will leave for Lead City about the 1st of March. Jack says he in-tends to play the game of his life this senson.

Indoor baseball has struck Kansas City, also Denver. If it is not any more popular there than it was here it will not last very

Gross, the catcher, is employed this winter at the waterworks in Florence. Charley is in good trim and anxious for the season to Elmer Geist was in the city the last week.

Elmer is in tine fettle and with any kind of luck should make a winner with the Blair team.

Drexel of the Gate City's is putting in his spare time scraping and olling his pet bat, with which he is going to line 'em out this scason. Peterson is anxiously awalting the opening

of the season. Billy is practicing some new twisters and thinks he can fool them all this scason. Gatewood should make a ecord for himself the coming season.

hard-working player and the kind of a man o have on a team. The Shamrocks will likely represent the Metz Bros, prewery the coming season, They have a good team and a better selection could not be made.

Hightower placed a ball square over the center field fence at Linepin last scason. A difficult feat, and one that has been accom-plished but a few times.

Purcell will likely be found tramping around third base for the Crane company team this season. Dick can line 'em over to team this season. Dick c first as good as anybody. Pitcher Hart is the proud owner of stylish black horse just purchased by him. Is

it possible he bought him to chase home runs with the coming season! The Patterson boys of Plattsmouth so closely resemble each other that when they happen to change positions on the diamond spectators can not notice the fact. South Omaha will have strong team the

coming season. They may enter the city league. In that event a ground will be secured and park built at South Omaha. An attempt is being made to revive indoor paseball in Omaha. Better let it drop. only thing that keeps it up in eastern cities

different teams. Andy Lidener will in all probability manage the team at Fremont, Neb., this season. They could not make a better selection, as Andy is a good judge of players and a first-

class man himself. The Union Pacifics think of reorganizing and palcing a team in the City league. There is plenty of good material in the shops and a cam could be gotten together that would be

able to hold their own. Stoney of the West Omahas is a good all round player, perfectly at home in either the in or out field. He should go good work this eason and be able to join some minor league te am in another season.

The Podunkville manager secured the services of Van Arnam, the great player from Leadville, this week. He will have entire charge of the team. He has already been advanced a few hundred or so. Carrigan says he intends to fool you all this season. His indoor team was a great failure but just you look out for us this season. We have signed a few players and are looking for

ome more and intend to have a team second It is funny to see some would-be ball play ers goinig around blowing what a great game they can put up, etc. There are a couple of this sort here in the city, who think they are all right, but to teil the truth they are not in

in a recent letter from Manager Miller of the Plattsmouth club be states he has al-ready received over fifty applications from players wanting to join his team. It is needas to state Plattsmouth will have a great team.

The race for the amateur championship of Omaha will be a hot one this season. There are several good clubs already organized and it is likely the Crane company team will not have such an easy thing to claim the rag as they have done the past three seasons. The following item appeared in a local paper last Sunday: Manager Kelley of

Cukum says he has signed several Omaha stars (\*) for next season—a pitcher, short stop and center fielder. Wonder who they are! Can't be Hart, Purcell and Hurley! Surely no.

Hutchins, the young man that covered third
base in such brilliant style for the Crane
company and City Steams the last season, is
in Chicago working at his trade. He was by

far the best amateur in that position ever seen in Omaha. He writes that he has several good offers for this season. The "Omaha Juniors" will have a good team and invite challenges from all clubs

whose players are under eighteen years of

Jerry Mahoney is well liked by the Blair cran les Young Lindsay will most likely play with e western team this season.

Blair only lost five out of the seventeen games played by them last season. Eddie McCune, better gnown as "Push," will captain this year's Shamrocks. Howell, a good young amateur infielder,

would like to join some team in the city. McKenna has the making of a good short-stop and will play with the Shamrocks or Clippers.

Geist is spending a few days at Blair, probably conferring with the directors in regard to the team.

Barrett, the whirlwind twirler of last season's West Lawns, is anxious for a trial by some city league team. Mr. Claudge declines to accept the management of the Blair team this season. A successor will be hard to find.

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Ed Riley of Avoca, Ia., seeks a position on the Blair team as catcher. Riley is well remembered as being Beymer's catcher in the Iowa-Illinois league and also with Missouri Valley team season before last.

Watch out for Kemm's playing this season. He will hold down bag No. 1 for the Blair team. By the way, Blair is fast getting a strong team together and is anxious to join the proposed state league. They are anxious that a meeting be held in reference to it, and will send a representative.

will send a representative. The City league team promises to put up a good article of ball the coming season, and while only baying secured one ground they

are still on the hunt for another suitable tract and hope to have two parks in readiness by the time the season opens. Games will be played Saturdays and Sundays. Any one wishing to see a ball game should visit the Union Pacific shops any fine day between 12 and 1 o'clock. The boys can all be seen practicing and getting in shape for this season's work. Prominent among them can be noticed Hart, Linahan, Hoxie, Holland, Shields and a number of others.

The writer of the above article is full of and. These three players are as good as can mnd. These three players are as good as can be found in Omaha, and what is more, they are perfect gentlemen and when the season opens are always found in some good team while the aforesaid writer is chasing around trying to catch on. "Do you see?"

Patterson, the West Omaha third buseman Patterson, the West Omaha third buseman, is undoubtedly the oest amateur in that position in Omaha. He led the Lincoln Giants in batting last season, a team composed of colored ball players, and one that met defeat but a few times during the season. Pat is also a fine catcher and good base runner.

In all the games at Blair last season the ball was only placed over the fence three times, Lacey, Riley and Art Baldwin being the ones to accomplish the feat. Lacey was catching for the Blair team at the time of his lucky hit over the fence with three men on the bases, and received a new hat and a few hard dollars for his efforts.

Patrons of the game will no doubt remember the fine amateur game player at the ball park last season between the Lincoln Giants and the City Steams, which ended in a vicand the Cry Steams, which ended in a vic-tory for the Steams by a score of 2 to 1. The City Steams disbanded soon after, but the members of the team, wishing to hold to-gether, have organized a team for this season to be known as the West Omahas. They will have a complete new set of uniforms and will endeavor to sustain the record of the old

What has become of the proposed state league! Has the interest died out, or what? There are several good towns willing to enter, and a few have teams already organized. There is no reason why a good six or eight-club league could not be formed and made a success of. Come, wake up, and call a meeting at either Fremont or Grand Island. We would like to hear from the following towns: Plattsmouth, Nebraska City, Beatrice, Fremont, Grand Island, Kearney, Blair, Missouri Valley, Norfolk, and others interested in the movement. Now is the time to begin and perfect a solid organization. There are a number of first class playenter, and a few have teams already organ-

field for the J. J. Hardin team a few seasons ago, will play in the Council Bluffs team this season.

There are a number of first class players here in Omaha that can be secured, and with a low salary limit a paying league could be formed, and one that would held the council beginning. tion. There are a number of first class play-

A '1x Day Cn ise. The six days' bicycle race commences at he Coliseum tomorrow evening, with Jack Prince, Ned Reading, young Martins, Frank Schill and Bob Gerwing as starters. Prince and Gerwing are from Denver and the other riders from this city. It will evidently be a tight and interesting contest, and it would be lifficult to pick the winner. The managenent has made a wise provision in this contest by compelling each rider to ride 300 niles in order to be entitled to any share of the purse or gate receipts. This will com pel each rider to cover on an average seven-teen miles per bour or fifty miles every night for six nights. They also offer a purse of \$50 extra to the rider first covering 300 miles, the record being 304 miles. This is a purse virtually offered to the man who breaks the

world's record. Inasmuch as the race ison the dead square, and it is the best man for the honors, a great deal of interest is being manifested in it. The crowd on the opening night will be one of the largest ever gathered together in the building.

Penrose's New Scheme. H. A. Penrose, formerly of this city, has a new scheme for the promation of trap-shooting interests. His plan is to form an association, and, in fact, it has been formed, or nanufacturers, dealers and others who may be interested, to give tournaments in various sections of the country, not to exceed two ournaments a month, and to commence in March and end November 1 each year. The first tournament will be held in Detroit the third or fourth week in March; the second will be held in New London, Con., and th third, probably, in Saratoga Springs. The fourth tournament will be held in the west. at Kansas City or Omaha, the date and place to be announced later, when the route for the remainder of the season has een decided. Mr. Penrose will manage the

All About the Fighters. Scotty Gordon and Paddy Murray may col-

lide soon. Lou Harrison, president of the Twin City Athletic club, was in the city yesterday. Young Taylor and Patsey Hearn are booked for a meet some time this week at Germania hall, to a finish, for a \$100 purse. Ed Rothery and Prof. Hawley, who witlessed the Fitzsimmons-Dempsey fight

New Orleans, are loud in their praises of the pugilistic moguls of the Crescent City. A. C. Campbell, a Kansas City sport, was made the victim of a "barnie fight" on the way up from New Orleans. He was robbed of \$2,000 and a diamond pin and has sued the Illinois Central railroad for \$10,000. Jack Davis, the local heavyweight, is now

engaged in teaching a large class, composed of business men principally, the manly art of self-defense. Jack is in fine condition and eager to face some of the many champion claimers. Jack McAnliffe, of New York, and Birly Meyer, of Streator, Ill., have signed articles of agreement to fight with glove to a finish for a stake of \$5,000 a side within three

months. The affair to take place before the club offering the largest purse. Jack Hightower, who knocked Prof. Hi Anders, into the middle of next week a few nights since is more than anxious for another sally at the Black Pearl. He said he had him badly licked down in St. Joe last fall, but the Pearl was saved by the underhand work of Jack Prince and Jimmy Lindsay.

George Godfrey left Boston for San Francisco last Wednesday to prepare for his fight with Kilrain, which is scheduled for the first week in March at the California Atheletic club. He declared that he would retire from the ring if he wins from Kirrain. At any rate, he does not propose to fight the winner of the Jackson-Corbett battle. The next fight of real importance will b

between the featherweights, George Dixon and Cal McCarthy. It will take place February 6 before the Puritan Athletic club. Both are training hard and each claiming a win in advance. McCarthy, who is a great

friend of Minnie Cahn's, of this city, writes the latter to take all the McCarthy end of it be can get out this way, and if he fails to lick the darkey, to draw on him

for the deficit in the Cahn exchequer. The Black Peart is talking out loud. says: "I am anxious to make a match with any man in my class, bar none, Australia preferred, as in this courtry the color line is drawn against me to some extent."

En passant, referring to Lindsay, there now remains no further doubt that he was badly injured in a questionable way by Gilmore, in their recent fight, when the two clinched and went to the floor in the thirty-fourth round. Lindsay said it was more than he could stand and he lost no time in retaliating in

Mike Conley, the "Ithaca Giant," and Buly Woods of Denver will fight with five-ounce gloves before the Audubon club, New Orleans, on February 9, for a purse of \$1,000. If Woods wins it is quite probable that he will be matched to fight Jack Davis of this city before the Magic City Athletic club for a purse of \$1,000.

Johnny Griffin has refused the offer of the Ajax club, of Boston, to give \$800 for a meeting with Tommy White, of Chicago. Griffin says he'll box for \$1,000. White, since he left Omaha, has been very bitter in his denunciation of the sporting fraternity here, notwith-standing, he was accorded the very test of treatment. Tommy's failure to do Danny

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In order to prevent unequal fights in the future some Boston sports of experience and authority in matters puglistic propose the following scale of weights: Bantam, 116 pounds or under; featherweight, 116 to 122 pounds; lightweight, 122 to 128; heavy lightweight, 128 to 135; welterweight, 135 to 143; middleweight, 143 to 152; heavy middleweight, 152 to 163; light heavyweight, 163 to 175, and heavyweight, 175 and over.

Timothy Hurst, the ex-manager of the

Timothy Hurst, the ex-manager of the Millers, is or was in Philadelphia trying to arrange a match for Jimmy McHale his young protege, who made such a favorable showing in his fight with Harry Gilmore at showing in his light with Harry Crimore at the Twin City Athletic club. McHale cer-tainly looks like a "comer," and Hurst has every confidence in the young Philadelphian. He was matched a year ago to meet Jimmy Lindsay, but for some reason the match fell

through. An athletic club has been organized at An athletic club has been organized at Lead Ci y, S. D', and an effort is being made to bring together in a finish fight for the opening entertainment, Ed. Meyer, of Streator, III., Billy's brother, and Dan Daiy, who recently fought a sinety-one round draw with Tommy White at South Omaha. Both men fight at 123 pounds, and so far as science and experience is concerned are about evenly matched, with a slight advantage in reach in favor of Meyer. Alf. Kennedy, who backs Meyer, has signified his willingness, and Ed. Rothery of this city, Daly's adviser, interposes no objection. The club will offer a purse of \$700, of which \$300 will go to the looser.

Oxara, Neb., Jan. 23.—To the Sporting Editor of The Ber: It would probably be more becoming in me not to mention the fact that I got the "double-cross" in my fight with Jack Hightower last Monday night, but without going into details that is just what I got. Now I want to say that I can whip this allegest possible to the cross possible to the control of the control of the cross possible to the control of the leged pugilist any day in the week, and I won't restuntil he faces me again. Therefore I hereby challenge him to meet me at Germania hali, South Omaha, any night with-in four weeks from the signing of articles, in a contest to a finish, with the smallest gloves a contest to a ninear, with the similest groves allowable, for the gate receipts. As a guaranty of good faith that I will be on hand on the designated night, I leave with you \$10, and will expect Hightower to do the same.

HENRY ANDERS.

Charlie Moore, the champion back driver of the world, had a pleasant little experience with Pat Alien down at Meta hall Wednesday night. They sparred four rounds, and when they stepped into the ring-Moore ablaze in green lights, red sash and other gay toggery-crossed over to Allen and said. "Now, Pat, you needn't be afraid; I won't hit you hard; just sail right in and see what you can do."

That was Allen's big two-pound right mauley colliding with the Jehu's jaw. Smash!

read basket. Crack! The right again on the conk!
And that settled it. Mr. Moore wasn't exactly killed, but he looked as if a freight

rain had run over him.

That was his left against Mr. Moore's

Jim Corbett, the California heavyweight, with his trainer, Prof. Donaldson of Minneapolis, gave an exhibition in Streator, Ill. Wednesday night. In a letter to a newspaper friend in this city, Corbett said he would be in the east for several weeks, where he would form a combination and then work his way to the Pacific coast, visiting Omaha about Murch 7 He will reach 'Frisco about April 1, and will then go into actual training forhis fight with Peter Jackson. The fight is for a purse of \$10,000, of which the winner will re-ceive \$8,500. This is unquestionably one of the greatest contests for the heavy weight class ever arranged. Jackson and Corbett are known as the most skillful boxers that the ring has ever produced. The tattle will not be a slugging affair, but one for scientific points until the referee can declare a winner. The match will not be decided until May be-cause of Corbett's eastern tour and in order to allow Jackson, who is iil, to get into condition. The style of these gladiators varies in boxing. Corbett is an exponent of the Demp-sey school while Jackson follows more closely the manner of Jem Mace. Speaking of the match yesterday, Corbettsaid; "I feel every confidence in meeting Jackson, but prefer to give nimplenty of time to get strong. I do not want to meet him while he is ill, for should be defeat me I don't want it said I was whipped by a sick man; should I defeat him I don't want it claimed that he was not in proper condition." Corbett has fought only one prize fight, that against Choynski, when, with practically two broken hands, he made one of the gamest and bardest fought battles on record. Last year Corbett outboxed Jake

Kilrain. Whisperings from the Wheel

Gould Dietz has added a coat-of-arms to his wardrobe. Morris is mentioned as the coming safety racer of the club.

the nigh five contest. The late Miss Emma Abbott was an honorary member of the Detroit wheelmen. Quite a number of the Omaha wheel club cyclers will ride to Council Bluffs today.

Reynolds has recovered from his recent

Rhodes is working hard for first place in

erious illness and is able to resume business Kastman will tour a wheel to the Pacific coast next spring. He still rides the ordinary. Taxis and Zimmerman are booked to race on a tandem next season. They ought to make records fly.

The Illinois cycling club is the largest league club in the United States. Their membership is 285. A moonlight skating party will be one of the features of this week's social amusement. at the wheel club.

of the coming attractions at the Coliseum in Omaha should have a league meeting in September. The Nebraska division will be a

lusty youngster by that time. The Omaha Wheel club will visit the Coliseum in a body tomorrow night to witness the start of the great six-day bicycle race. The annual meeting of the national assembly of the League of American Wheelmen will be held on Monday, February 16, at Wil-

lard's hotel, Washington. E. B. Smith again leads in the Omaha Wheel club high-five tourney with an average of 70 per cent. Porterfield has the lowest competing average, 36 per cent. Matthews leads in the O. W. C. pool tour-

nament with a score of 75 per cent. Kast-man, too, is longing for the prize and is fol-lowing closely and playing a good game. Perrigo, Kastman and Conradt explored some new territory between Squatter Flat and Florence last Sunday afternoon. They report the roads in fine condition for wheel-

The seventh night of the high five tourna-

ment will be next Tuesday evening instead of Monday, as was intended. Even high five will not keep the boys from a biencle race. A one-fourth inch steel ball was recently

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tested in Chicago, being subjected to a pressure of 22,000 pounds. It buried itself in the steel used in the test and was found to have sprung 1-1000 part of an inch. Arthur Zimmerman, now that he has

cleared himself of the charges of profession-alism, will proceed to England early in the coming season and will compete in all of the large race meets throughout Great Britain. Lyttle wore the high-five prize badge for a week, but had to surrender it to Ed. Smith last Monday night after a very spirited game. Both won eight games during the evening and played off the tie, which resulted in Smith's favor.

The ladies' night is becoming very popular and last Wednesday evening was spent in an unusually pleasant manner. About twenty wheelmen and lady friends assembled at the club house and passed the evening in eard playing, music and dancing.

The wheelmen tourists, under the directorship of Clarence Smith, will leave for Europe on the City of Berlin on July 20 next. There will be twenty-two persons, including several ladies. President Griffith of the De-troit wheelmen will also be in the party.

The national racing board will convene in New York city on February 13 with head-quarters probably at the Bingham house, and the meeting will be a most important one, as the report of the board, together with the outrine of its policy for the ensuing year, will be discussed and settled.

Miscellan ous La cai Sports.

The American Trotting association has 505 numbers, an increase of eighty-eight during the past year. As yet Frank Parmelee has failed to send

his challenge to champion Elliott, and there are some who say Frank is yet a trifle too "leary" of the Kansas City man. The death of Billy O'Brien of New York was quite sudden and a shock to his friends in this city. His death was caused by apoplexy. The theory of murder was not borne out by

the autopsy.
Mr. J. A. R. Elliott has accepted Mr. J. E. Hagerty's challenge for the American field champion wing shot cup, and named February 3 as the date, and Kassas City as the place for the match to be shot.

John Oriver of Council Bluffs, who suffered such a lop-sided defeat at the hands of Fred Fuller of this city, in their ritle match last Monday, wants another go at Frederick, and as Fred is willing, another shoot will shortly be arranged.

A pircon shoot between C. W. Budd of Des Moines; Charles Green of Clear Lake, and J. G. Smith of Algona, January 9, re-suited: Budd 63 out of 75, Smith 59 and Green 54. Budd has challenged the present charupion, J. A. R. Elliott. The Chicago sportsmen's club held a meet-The Chicago sportsmen's club heid a meeting at the Sherman house last evening and
elected the following officers for the ensuing
year: C. N. Holden, president; Charles
Hadwin, vice president; A. W. Carlisle, secretary and treasurer. The Chicago club, in
conjunction with Kansas City, is desirous
of getting up a triangular shoot, with Omaha,
to come off in either this city or Chicago.

Questions and Answers. There is a letter in this office for Catcher Ed B. Lytle, and a letter for Win Camp at Frank Bandle's baseball headquarters. Conv. Neb., Jan. 22.—To the Sporting Editor of The Beg. Will you please state in Sunday's light, which is the lending sporting paper for correctness of pedigrees of thoroughbred horses, Wilkes' Spirit of the Times, or the Spirit of the Turf.—P. Banigan.

Spirit of the Turf—P. Banigan.

Ans.—Wilkes' Spirit of the Times has been the standard authority on turf matters in this country for years. The Spirit of the Turf is a more recent publication, but probably equally reliable as to the feature you mention.

A and B 50, C and D 48, high-five, 52 the game.

A bids 8 and plays high and low, but falls to make 8. Who wins? Is it allowable for the denier to look at the bottom of the deck? Please give the standing of the Western association for i888.—It. K., Nehawka, Neb.

Ans.—(1) Any man ought to know that A failing to make 8 goes back, and if C and D make their necessary 4 points, they win. D make their necessary 4 points, they win.
(2) If the dealer looks at the bottom of the deck, kill him. (3) Standing of the Western

association in 1888: Des Moines, 648; Kan-sas City, 638; St. Paul, 692; Omaha, 563; Milwankee, 492; Sioux City, 377; Calengo, 357; St. Louis, .337; Minneapotis, .333; Dav-High-five, 26 game, A has 17 and makes high, jack, game and both fives; B has 25 and makes low. Who wins?—Lock Box 37, Silver

Ans.-B. In a game of draw poker, a player antes 10 theeks "flat," has be a right to raise after autherplayer stays before the draw?-Louis mith South Omaha. Ans. He has not.

Will you please inform me through Sunday's BEE if anything decisive has been done toward the organization of a state league for the coming season? If so, what cities are represented and what are the conditions?—D. H. Sutherland, Beatrice Ans .- There seems to have been no declsive steps taken, but the enterprise may pan

Can give you no further information on the subject. DES MOINES, Ia., Jan. 20-Sporting Editor OMADA BEE: Would you kindly inform ma through SUNDAY'S BEE if there is any record of the times that twenty-nine has been held in cribbon if so in cribbage, if so, please add one more to the list, as my wife held the hand in a game played list Satarday evening? Three fives and jack of hearts with five of hearts for turn up. Also, can either twenty-five, twenty-six or twenty-seven combination be held, if so what would make them? Please state or what would make them? Please state on what nuthority you give a decision in last Surnay's Fee, that in a game of high five, A and B playing with Cand B. A has the deal, G buys, when it is B's turn to druw, he declines to draw any so as to throw as many trumps into A's hand as possible. A robbing the deck, I rung this in on some old players down in Des Moines, and they would not have h, and questioned the right of The Bee to make such a decision. By answering the above question you will greatly oblige—Frank F. Cothis, an old Omaha Boy.

Ans—Twentynine has been frequently

Aus. -Twenty-nine has been frequently heid although it is the rarest hand in cribbage of course. Know of no record. (2) Twentyfive, twenty-six and twenty-seven cannot be held, nor nincteen, either. (3) The au-thority is simply the fundamental thority is simply the fundamental rule governing play—a common sensa decision. There are no authorative rules on high-five. It is a hybrid. But there is no possible law compelling a player to at-tempt to better his hand, if he chooses to play a worthless one. You can't make a man draw in poker, can you! He can stand pat, so can a player in, high-five if he so lists. Robbing the deck is a child's game to say the least. But you can bet this decision goes,

OMARA, Neb.—To the Sporting Editor of The Bee: To decide a bet will you answer the following in The Sunday Bee: A. B. C. D playing high five A deals; B. C. and D pass. Can A make a trump without bidding at least one point?—George W. Mills, Oakdale, Neb. Ans. - He cannot.

the Des Moines experts to the contrary.

Will you please inform me in SUNDAY'S BEE of what antionality is James Corbet, the puglist. Also is Mike Stattery going to play third base for Omaha this year?—F. R., Wymore, Neb. Ans. (1) Irish. (2) Hardly.

Ans.—(1) Irish. (2) Hardly.

To settle a dispute please decide the following: In a game of double high-five both parties have il points. A gives eight points and leads with the ace, his partner giving the deuee, and they make eight points, getting high, low, ten-spot and the other five-spot, but the other side get in the right five before A has made his eight points. Now, which side has won the game? A claims that he won the game because he made his eight points and got the high and low, but B claims that A lost the game because he fall got his right five home before A had made all his points.—Reader, Omaba.

Ans.—A wins.

Please answer the following in next Sun-An amateur six-day race is talked of as one

Please answer the following in next Sundays Bee: In a game of casho there is a six spot and a tray on the board, can a player pile the tray on the six, making 9, at the same time play an ace from his hand and call it 10, or in other words, pile from his hand and the board at the same time?—J. C. Smith, Red Oak, Lows.

Ans. -He can, provided he has the proper

There seems to be a disposition on the part of those who ordain the fashions to make use of lace on a very extensive scale. Irish and Brussels are largely used, and now are more popular than the beautiful Venetian laces, of which many of the best examples come to Paris. Valenciennes is also very much seen.