GENTLE ANNIE'S VERNAL SONG

The Latest Strains From the Glorious Ball Field.

THE BYKERS' TOMORROW NIGHT.

The Rifle and the Shot Gun—Echoes From the Turf and the Ring—Interesting Miscellaneous Gossip.

It requires but one brief review of the respective semi-official teams to demonstrate the fact that the Western association this year promises to be much stronger than ever before. Beginning with Omaha, it is boldly stated that the local team is the finest ever secured for this city, with the possible exception of that of 1889. McCauley, first; Shannon, second; Donnelly, third; Twitchell, right, Willis, probably, center; Canavan, left; Newman and Halligan, catchers; Knell, Baker, Eiteljorg, Clarke and Twitchell pitchers. There is the probable combination for you.

Milwaukee has a magnificent lot of ball players, and they will require a whole lot of attention. Here they are Campion first, Pettit second, Alberts third, Shock short, Dungan right, Burke middle, Fairymple third; Dungan, Shriver and Grim catchers; Vickey, Griffith, Buckley, Renwick, Daniels and Briggs pitchers. Of course all of these pitchers will not be retained.

And Denver too is looming up good and strong, with O'Brien first, Werrick second, McClone third, McGarr or White short, McClellan right, Messitt middle and Tabeau left. Ramsey, Fournier, Paine and young Keefe pitchers, Reynolds and Wilson, catchers.

The Cowboys have been more dilatory in filling their team, but Manager Manning will surely be on hand when the time comes with a gang of people who know how to play ball. It looks as if the team would be as follows: Stearns first, Manning second, Carpenter third, Pickett short, Hogriever right; Hoover middle and Smith left; Swartzel, Sowders, Smith, Conway and Pears pitchers and Ganson and Donahue catchers.

Dave Rowe of Lincoln, is doing some lively skirmishing, and will be in the thickest of the fray. So far it looks like Flanagan first, Raymond second, Irwin third, Tomney short; Patton right, Cline middle, Burkett left; Roache, Hart, Smith and Stafford pitchers and Trafley and Rogers catchers.

Sioux City with Al Buckenberger at the helm, will assuredly report in good trim. So far they have signed but eight men: Jantzen and Earle catchers; Siebel pitcher; Cochran third; Joe Miller short; Poorman right, Genius middle, Black left.

St. Paul has Philadelphia O'Brien for first, McLaughlin second, Ely short, Shugart third; Abbey right, Murphy left and Good-enough middle. Catcher Kid Baldwin and pitchers Dalton, Ford and five or six phenoms.

Minneapolis has Earle for first, Hengle second; third still open; Minnehan right, Ryan middle, Carroll left; Bartson, Duke, Mitchell pitchers; Dugdale and Honan, catchers.

The Sharrot Mystery.

After all the blow and bluster the Omaha team for this year is miserably weak in the box, with little hope of strengthening. The only pitchers signed are Norman Baker and young Eiteljorg, with Twitchell to lend an occasional helping hand. The Sharrott matter is a considerable mystery, and there is a Senegambian in the woodpile somewhere. Manager Shannon publishes a letter in the last Sporting Times in which he says he failed to make satisfactory arrangements with Sharrott and that he is at liberty to sign elsewhere. Manager Shannon has been kind enough to explain thus far, now let him tell us why President Nick Young officially promulgated Sharrott's acceptance of Omaha's terms. Either Manager Shannon or the management at this end of the string has seen proper to abrogate their agreement with Sharrott and let him go. It was certainly not by the reason of any action on that Young man's part. If Sharrott could have been had, it should have been done by all means, as he would be worth as much to the team as all the other pitchers put together, and Nick Young's official promulgation justifies the belief that he could have been kept here, that is if the management felt like paying the price for him Shannon had evidently agreed upon.

Walsh on the Batting Order.

"No, I haven't the slightest idea what Omaha's batting order will be this season," said Joe Walsh last night.

"There is more than most people imagine, however, in the arrangement of a team, though, isn't there, Joe?"

"Yes, indeed. Shannon, however, has had a whole lot of experience during the past two years, and I think he will place the men advantageously."

"What is your idea of a team's batting order?"

"Well, you know most of the cranks think the best man should be down second, third or fourth on the list, but they are seldom placed so. The very best man in the team should lead off. The good results of this have been thoroughly demonstrated. The topper should not only be a good, hard hitter, but a speedy man on the lines as well, and a waiter to boot. When Jack Crooks played his great game here two years ago, he was the man I would have had at the head of the list in every game. He generally reached first when he took his turn, as his eye was first-class, and if he failed to hit her out, he got there on balls. Then he was cool and collected, and very fast from home to first. I do not favor the plan of butchering all the weak hitters at the bottom, however, but think it best to sandwich them in one down through the list. Three poor batters in succession is generally equivalent to three straight outs, but if a good man follows a weak one, there is a chance for the latter, if he is fortunate enough to reach first, to make the circuit, with a smasher to assist him. Yes, I think there is a great deal more than is commonly supposed in a team's batting order."

A Big Contract.

If Secretary Brandt imagines he has a snap in the ante-championship series for the entire gate receipts with Lincoln next month, he had better disabuse himself of the idea as quick as possible. If he don't he will be years recovering from the fall. Dave Rowe, and he has accomplished it all in a month, has got a team together that looks every whit as strong on paper as Omaha, and in one or two respects a great deal stronger. For catchers he has Trafley, Rogers and Wilson; Omaha has Newman and Halligan; for pitchers Lincoln has Hoak O'Day, Hart, Roach, Stafford and a couple of young phenoms; Omaha has Norman Baker and Eiteljorg; Lincoln's infield is Flanagan, Raymond, Tomney and Irwin; Omaha's, McCauley, Shannon, Walsh and Donnelly; Lincoln's outfield, Burkett, Patton and Cline; Omaha's, Twitchell, Willis and Canavan. Mr. Brandt you have a colossal contract on hand.

Omaha's Exhibition Games.

Secretary Brandt has arranged two exhibition games with Sioux City to be played at McCormick park April 13 and 14, the winner of each game to take the entire gate receipts. Also two games with Kansas City, on the same terms, to be played here between the 5th and 10th. The Lincoln games are booked for April 3 and 4 in Lincoln, and the 11th and 12th here. The winner of the series to take the whole pot.

The Fan's Musical Chin.

Manager Shannon will reach Omaha one week from next Friday.

Little Johnny Jumpup Sowders will pitch and kick alternately for Kansas City again this season.

The very next man who says he is going to play the game of his life this year should be blacklisted.

Dell Darling has signed with Minneapolis, and Minneapolis has signed a darling in more ways than one.

Jim Powell is running a boose factory up in Minneapolis, and the say his best whisky will take rust off old iron.

Will Dave Rowe jump to the American association? Couldn't say, but it is dollars to dimes he's pulling his left that way.

The first exhibition game at McCormick park will take place just three weeks from next Saturday, April 4, with Lincoln.

Manager Shannon should not hesitate long between Bobby Black and Tit Willis, now that Jocko Fields is out of the question.

Will Brother Dave allow me to suggest a name for his Lincoln team? Yes. Well, how will the Farmers' Alliance suit you?

President McCormick received an offer of $300 yesterday for Pad Clarke's release, and another $300 for Elmer Cleveland's. Grabit.

"Git There Ely" says if St. Paul dont take the series from Minneapolis this year he'll jump over the falls of St. Croix next Autumn.

Ed Hengle will renounce the white apron and the beer faucet and once more assume his position on second sack for Minneapolis.

Haymarket Donohue of the Kansas Citys wants a deed for the First National bank down there to catch again for them this season.

Denver is still trying to trap "Chippey" McGarr, but the little bird is as coy as a school girl. Van Horn should try a little salt.

Pittsburg is still trying hard to get Elmer Smith from the Cowboys. They might as well try to make the Missouri river run up stream.

Patsy Tebeau concluded to shake Nero Johnson, and has signed with the Cleveland league club, and Patsy was one of Albert's pets too.

Farmer Joe Miller is booked for a let-out by Minneapolis. The fans up there claim that he lacks tobasco sauce, and isn't up to the times.

The selection of uniforms for the Omaha team has been left entirely with Manager Shannon. Black, with white trimmings will probably be the colors.

Will Campion will prove a vast improvement over big Merrissey for Milwaukee at first, yet he never can hope to imitate the Count's Miss Nancy walk.

Larry Twitchell can pitch two games a week with any twirler in the country, and it is very probable that he will be seen in the box this summer about that often.

Billy Earle, the globe trotter, has at last put his John Hancock to a Sioux City contract. Pitcher Hank O'Day may also be found with the pumpkin huskers.

Wasn't there once a ball player called Mike Kelley? Dead? Yes, his head got so big they had to kill 'im. His brother is now captain of the Cincinnati What-Is-Its.

Old Grandpa Ezra Sutton, the last living man who dandled George Washington on his knee, is raising pumpkins up in Connecticut, and selling the feathers to stuff bed ticks with.

Would a player who would break a contract for a comparatively small increase in salary sell a game?—Life. Give it up, you'd better ask some member of the gang you are training with.

Milwaukee has concluded to allow Joe Krieg to remain in Chillicothe this year and run his little bun shop unmolested, and Joe says the Milwaukee outfit is nothing but a gang of dough-heads any way.

Jimmy Macullar, Lincoln's last season's short-field, has been appointed on the American's umpire staff. Well, he ought to make a good, but its doubtful. Passe ball players generally make a sorry mess of it.

The trouble with the editor of the Philadelphia Rupture is that he knows every man's mind but his own. Sorry day it was for the National league that he wasn't made president of the American association.

"Sandy" McDermott has signed to umpire in the Northwestern league. Now if McDermott would only wander a few miles further west and drop himself into the Pacific everything would be well.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Elmer Foster has challenged any ball player in Minnesota to sprint him 100 yards for $100, and Jack Crooks has taken him up, providing that Foster runs him a 20 mile chase for $50,000. Jack ought to run as fast as Jui ce Latham anyway.

Von der Ahe wanted to know whether Joe Walsh would be in Omaha for the next four days, and Joe wrote back "Yes, and for the next four years, too, if they continue to arrive in carriages like they have been doing."

Does anybody want to wager that Mike Kelley has not signed a perfectly legal contract with the Boston association club?—Life. Yes, I'll take $20,000 worth of it. Now you know what you can do if you don't put up.

Frank Cole, a nephew of Old King Cole's, of the Kirby house, Milwaukee, has already bought a dozen hats and five suits of clothes that the Brewers win the pennant. Mr. Cole, you are a sucker. Next October you'll want to be betting somebody that you are alive.

Larry Twitchell, who will play right for the local team this season, was a lucky catch. He has the honor of having made the greatest individual batting record in a single game of any man in the profession, six times at the bat, with six hits and a total of seventeen bases.

Alonzo Knight has been added to the Western association umpire staff, which is now complete, as Sheridan, Emslie and Gaffney have all three accepted their appointments. The securement of these men is assurance enough that we will not see a repetition of last season's burn work.

Well! well! well! Jack Crooks is acting as Manager Watkins secretary up in St. Paul, and it might be that he will remain with him through the season. Jack drives down to his office every morning behind a white horse and a cottoned girl. Maybe Jack don't know how to put on the lug. 'Member that white overcoat?

Cal Broughton, the Apostle backstop, is coaching the Wisconsin university team. Cal must have had the operation of tracheotomy performed on himself, or his windpipe remodeled in some way, for when he used to play out here he went through a whole game without breathing more than twice.

Manager Shannon will report in Omaha on Friday, the 24th of this month, and McCauley, Donnelly, Cleveland, Newman, Halligan, Baker, Eiteljorg, Twitchell, Knell, Clarke, Walsh and Willis have been notified to show up on or before the 30th. Once here, and the weather permitting, they will be put to work at actual practice forthwith.

Manager Jim Gifford has already been bounced by Sioux City, and Al Buckenberger hired in his place. Gifford was suspected of surreptitious work in behalf of the renegade American association, and it didn't require the Corn Huskers long to make up their minds that they had no further use for him. Another case of Sir Thomas Loftus.

Russ McKelvey made $100 out in Omaha in 1890 in a game with St. Paul one day by smashing the ball over center-field fence with the bases full in the ninth inning, when the score stood 4 to 1 in favor of St. Paul. So excited was the crowd that they seized Russ and jolted him all over the ground on their shoulders, using him so roughly that he wasn't able to play again for a week.—Sporting Times.

Jimmy Donnelly, whom Manager Shannon has signed to guard Omaha's third angle this season, is a hard-working, earnest, hustling little player, but it is doubtful whether he is the superior or even equal of Elmer Cleveland. When with Kansas City Donnelly played erratic ball—one day good and the next bad. As a batter he is way below the ex-president's standard.

Dave Rowe is not allowing much of a hay crop to spring up under his galoshes this winter. He has just nabbed John Irwin, Emmet Rogers, Phil Tomney, Raymond and Burkett. Oh, my! Oh, me! How Brother David pines for that ante-championship series. He could then begin the season "on velvet." Manager Shannon, however, must not labor under the delusion that he is going to have a snap with Lincoln, for he isn't.

The sporting editor of THE BEE is in receipt of a letter from Bobby Black expressing a desire to play in Omaha this year. Black is now in the employ of George Common of Sioux City. He is on the Corn Huskers' reserved list, but says he can get away. Black is a strong hitter, a more than fair fielder, a run-getter, and can pitch a corking game in a pinch; and inasmuch as the Omaha management have decided to secure a man to take Willis' place, they might go further and do worse than by hooking onto Bobby. He is one of that sort of players who always become popular with the local fans—on the move from the call of play until the last man is out.

All About the Amateurs.

The state league seems to be in the soup.

The Blair team is looking for a manager.

Kid Mohler is in Rapid City disengaged.

Lunahan has about closed with the Blair team.

Toner will be released by the Nonpareil team.

Castor may play with this season's Peoria team.

Lacey will likely catch for the Nebraska City team.

Riley, the excellent first baseman of last season's Joliet team, is open for an engagement.

Lou Camp has not yet signed for the coming season.

Creighton will do the catching for the Musee team.

Van Arman will join a team in the Iowa-Illinois league.

"Spud" thinks he has a coming twirler in young Goodrich.

Tommy Quinlan, a Blair boy, may be given a trial by that team.

Billy Wilson, first baseman, is putting in his time at Kearney.

Eddinger, pitcher, has an offer from Joliet, Ill., also Appleton, Wis.

Tom Finnell will be one of the regular umpires at Blair this season.

Lucas is still in the city. He is undecided where to play this season.

Castone and Patterson have an offer from the Peoria (Ill.) management.

Parcell thinks of catching this season. Dick is as good as they make 'em.

Stockham denies the report that he has signed with the Crane company team.

Charles Gross was in Blair recently looking for an engagement with their team.

Nebraska City expects to have an A No. 1 team and one that will win the pennant.

Big Jake Thompson can be secured by a team wishing a first or second base man.

The West Omahas will have a trio of good pitchers in Hart, Grandjean and Petersen.

"Home Run" Butler thinks he will have a better batting average this season than last.

Grandjean thinks he can fool the boys in great shape this season. Here is luck to you.

Billy Moran of last season's Omaha will manage and catch for the Joliet team this season.

Blair did not secure Elmer Geist on account of the terms. Geist seems to want a slice of the earth.

There are several good players here in Omaha that can be secured by teams wanting players.

Osterlund's "hit me" sign at Blair will call for a suit of clothes. Mayle's for ten big dollars.

Plattsmouth will likely lose the services of Pitcher Patterson. He thinks of going to California.

Hansell led the Nebraska City team in base-running last season, with Gatewood a close second.

A number of the Blair team are practising in the skating rink and are fast getting in good condition.

What about the proposed league to consist of Blair, Missouri Valley, Plattsmouth, Omaha and Fremont?

Keyes, Blair's new third baseman is at work there. They think they have secured a good man in him.

"Spud" Farrish intends to do some pitching for his team this season. He's had his pictur took.

Newman's Grove, Neb.—There is a Conners, pitcher, working in the Union Pacific shops, this city.

The Nonpareil team is fully organized and Manager Shannahan expects to win the pennant this year, sure.

Moriarity can be secured by some city team wishing an infielder. He was with last season's Shamrocks.

Linahan will no doubt do the catching this season for the Blair team. They think up there that Dan is the only man.

'Twas whispered that Captain Anson was in town the past week endeavoring to sign "Jack Carrigan" for the coming season.

The Barnes brothers, catcher and pitcher, have not signed yet for this season. They can be addressed at Rapid City, S. D.

Matteson has signed to cover short field for the Gate City team. Better put him in the outfield, he is not a success as an infielder.

Win Camp has signed to pitch for the Seattle team the coming season. Win has the stuff in him for a good twirler and we wish him success.

Geist's terms for this year are said to be rather high. Elmer is a good man but should not ask for the earth with a fence around it.

Billy Wilson, first baseman of last season's Nebraska City team, had a batting average in thirty-two games of .330. As a first baseman he can't be beat.

Linahan's playing will be missed on the West Omaha team the coming season. But the management think they have the coming catcher in young Dolan.

Work on the new grounds at Blair will be commenced as soon as the weather will permit. The grounds are to be rolled and sown to blue grass seed. It is to be a dandy.

The Blair team will devote three hours each day to practicing. They will begin active work as soon as the weather permits, and will open the season with the West Omaha team.

O'Toole an Omaha boy who has been playing in the California and Northwestern league the past season is in the city on a visit. He expects to return in a couple of months and will join some team.

Hansell, Nebraska City's winning pitcher, is working in the telegraph office at Lincoln. He is ready for the opening of the season, and he thinks the Nebraska City team will be the strongest in the state.

Carrigan has secured but a few players yet for the Crane company team. Williams will do the pitching, Swartz the catching, Jack will cover second base, Wigwam center field. The other positions are yet to be filled.

Gatewood is working for Barkalow Brothers this winter. He is one of the few players that does not have to eat snow balls during the winter. Harry is auxious for the season to open and the team that secures him gets a corking good player.

Billy O'Rourke desires us to say that he has not signed with Grand Island for this season, but is open for an engagement. Billy would make a good playing manager for some minor league team. Third base is his position and as a batter and fielder he ranks high.

Nebraska City has about completed her ball team. Hansel is the only one of the old players retained. The ball park is to be improved by donations from the business men. Crawford, of last year's Joplin, Mo., club, will captain the team. Charlie Krehmeyer, catch; Sunie, pitch.

Gatewood, second baseman of last season's Nebraska City team, was among the leaders in batting, having an average of .320 and fielding .956. He also stole 43 bases in 32 games. He has a couple of offers for the coming season. We recommend him to any club needing a first-class man.

The Gate City team held a meeting last Sunday at the Goss hotel and the following players were decided on to represent them this season: Arnold pitcher and right field, Metz pitcher and right field, Dolan catcher and center field; Kuhn catcher and center field, Matteson short stop, Weidner first base, Daniels second base, Sawyer third base; Drexel left field. This team should be able to make a good showing.

The West Omaha management have at last succeeded in signing the coming battery in Petersen and Doian of last year's Shamrock team. Petersen's pitching during the season was simply immense. Dolan is the coming amateur catcher of Omaha, and the management is to be congratulated on securing them. Their team as now stands consists of Dolan, Grandjean, Petersen, Bowman, Hart, Patterson, Norgren, Burley, Nelson. They are also after Butler and Purcell.

The Nebraska Trotting Association.

The executive board of the Nebraska association of trotting horse breeders will meet at the Windsor hotel, Lincoln, April 10, for the purpose of receiving sealed bids for the location of the annual trotting meeting next October. This will probably be the largest and most important trotting meeting ever held in the state, as it is expected the nominations will exceed those of any former year. If this proves the case there will be over two hundred of Nebraska's best horses on the list. The meet will embrace four days with fourteen events, as follows: Stake No. 1, Nebraska foals of 1890, trotting, entrance $5, association adds $100; No. 2, free for all foals of 1889, open to the world, purse $350; No. 3, foals of 1888, entrance $25, association adds $100; No. 4, pacing for three-year-olds, entrance $25, association adds $100; No. 5, 2:30 class, entrance $25; association adds $100; No. 6, foals of 1887, 2:40 class, entrance $25, association adds $100; No. 7, 3:00 class, open to all, guaranteed purse, $500, entrance 10 per cent; No. 8, futurity of 1889, nominations closed; No. 9, foal of 1889, entrance $25, association adds $100; No. 10, free for all foals of 1888, open to the world, trotting, purse $350; No. 11, free for all foals of 1887, open to the world, purse $350; No. 12, free for all stallions, entrance $50, association adds $300; No. 13, 2:30 class, pacing, open to the world, entrance $30, association adds $100; No. 14, 3:40 class, trotting, entrance $25, association adds $100. For all detail information address Secretary Morris J. Jones, David City, Neb.

Bicycle Races Tomorrow Night.

The six-days' amateur wheel races open up under the most promising auspices at the Coliseum tomorrow evening. The exhibition of the handsome trophies in Max Meyer's window has increased the fervor among the prospective competitors, and more than ever is each one determined to snatch a laurel or two. In three years there hasn't been anything like the enthusiasm which now exists over a bicycle tournament. All the amateurs are in line and will leave no stone unturned to make the affair a glittering success. In deserved recognition of this lively interest Manager Mardis is determined to spare neither labor nor means to furnish a six nights' entertainment that will fully compensate all. The public feels confident that the races will be square and honest, and consequently will not be sparing of their patronage. Tomorrow evening the programme opens up, and it is safe to say that an immense audience will be on hand to witness the inaugural of the sport. Each night's programme will consist of eleven heats of two miles between different racers, and the winner of the most heats in the six nights' work will be awarded the first prize, a $100 diamond medal; the second best man will receive a $50 gold watch, the third best a $30 diamond ring, the fourth a $20 silver watch, and the fifth a $10 silk umbrella. The racing will be conducted under the management of a competent board of judges, and the trophies will be awarded without fear or favor. It will be the best man in each instance. The general manager, W. L. Mardis, is working industriously to score a triumph, and is enabled this morning to announce the following program for each evening:

Monday—Pixley and Gross, Search and Osborne, Walker and Mears, Holton and Flescher, Muntefering and Allen, Schnell and Wertz, Gross and Search, Osborne and Walker, Mears and Holton, Flescher and Muntefering, Allen and Schnell.

Tuesday—Search and Walker, Osborne and Mears, Holton and Muntefering, Flescher and Allen, Pixley and Wertz, Gross and Osborne, Walker and Holton, Muntefering and Schnell, Allen and Wertz, Pixley and Search, Mears and Flescher.

Wednesday—Holton and Allen, Flescher and Schnell, Muntefering and Wertz, Pixley and Osborne, Gross and Walker, Search and Mears, Osborne and Holton, Pixley and Schnell, Gross and Wertz, Mears and Muntefering, Walker and Flescher.

Thursday—Pixley and Walker, Search and Wertz, Gross and Mears, Osborne and Flescher, Walker and Muentefering, Pixley and Allen, Gross and Schnell, Search and Holton, Mears and Allen, Flescher and Wertz, Holton and Schnell.

Friday—Gross and Holton, Search and Flescher, Osborne and Muentefering, Pixley and Mears, Walker and Allen, Holton and Wertz, Search and Schnell, Pixley and Muentefering, Gross and Allen, Osborne and Wertz, Mears and Schnell.

Saturday—Pixley and Holton, Gross and Flescher, Search and Muentefering, Osborne and Allen, Walker and Schnell, Mears and Wertz, Pixley and Flescher, Gross and Muentefering, Search and Allen, Osborne and Schnell, Walker and Wertz.

Just before the close each evening an entertaining novelty performance of some kind or other will be added to the programme. On the first night a greased pig will be cut loose.

The Omaha Rifle Club.

The Omaha rifle club succeeded in reorganizing last night. Dr. C. D. Sprague was elected president; Fred Fuller, vice president; C. C. Peabody, secretary, and George Karl, treasurer. About twenty-five members were enrolled and the club will start off in good shape. It was decided to hold their weekly shoots every Tuesday afternoon, beginning with March 10. The range is located across the river on the old Dunnaire & Cross grounds.

Friday Afternoon's Score.

The Omaha Schoutzenverein held its weekly shoot at its Ruser park range yesterday afternoon, making the following scores: George Karl, 77, out of a possible 100; Fred Fuller, 74; H. A. Stockman, 71; M. Heft, 66; Charles Rasmussen, 65; H. Peterson, 53; C. Mathias, 52; H. Ruser, 50; W. F. Stocker, 50; F. Schroeder, 49; William Mack, 49, and Chris Wuetherich, 41.

Whisperings from the Wheel.

Coombe leaves for California tomorrow evening.

The League of American Wheelmen has 441 lady members.

Germany is said to have almost twenty thousand wheelmen.

Recent estimates place the number of cyclists in England at half a million.

Miss Brazee of Minneapolis was recently elected secretary of the Flour City bicycle club.

The annual election of officers of the Omaha wheel club will be held on Tuesday evening, April 7.

A Featherstone pneumatic tired safety was one of the curiosities on the streets of Omaha last week.

The Omaha wheel club elected nine new members at their business meeting last Monday evening.

Gross and Pixley have it in for each other, and they'll make a great chase at the Coliseum tomorrow evening.

W. A. Graudjean, an active wheelman and a prominent member of the Omaha wheel club has removed to Denver, Col.

The wheel club's ball club has sprouted wings and will probably be strong enough to soar by the time baseballs are ripe.

Kaufman, the trick rider, has a new trick. He rides inside of the wheel, but the wheel has no spokes. Placing his head and feet against opposite sides of the rim, he rides around the stage in that position.

The amateur races at the Coliseum this week will attract all lovers of honest racing, and if the manner in which the contestants have been riding in training is any indication, some very fast time will be made.

As election day approaches the men who hold the future of the club (in their minds) grow more numerous daily. What a chapter of fond hopes blasted there will be when it comes to the "survival of the fittest."

Progressive hearts will occupy the members of the wheel club tomorrow evening. The recent high-five tourney was so successful that another series of card games to last five weeks was decided on and tomorrow will be the opening night.

Buffalo (N. Y.) wheelmen promise prizes to aggregate $2,000 for their 1891 tournament. If the proposed law regulating the value of prizes in amateur contests is adopted, they will have a hard time to crowd the number of events that that amount will represent in a two days' meet.

The Omaha wheel club has decided to pay the initiation fees of all members who join the League of Amateur Wheelmen before April 1, 1891. The Nebraska division will pay all renewals this year, thus making the cost of initiation fee and dues to June 30, 1892, but 50 cents for those who join during the present month.

A student of Yale college, Theodore Douglas by name, will start on a three years' cycling tour on March 1, and will probably travel around the world before returning to this country. He intends to spend a large portion of the time in Asia studying several ancient languages. The trip is to be made purely for educational purposes.

The irrepressible Jack Prince is rapidly perfecting his arrangements for a grand series of six-day bicycle races for the larger cities of the country this spring and summer. The first, that of Detroit, begins tomorrow, thence he goes to Indianapolis, Cleveland, Buffalo, Pittsburg, Philadelphia, New York and Boston. In May the combination of professionals will be in Omaha.

There is quite a difference of opinion among wheelmen as to the advisability of changing the present prize rules. It can hardly be expected that racing men will do much training for prizes of small value. The adoption of the proposed rules will save bicycle manufacturers considerable expense, as there will be no further demands for bicycles for race meet monagers as heretofore.

The Grand Island wheelmen are about to band themselves together into a league. They will rent a club house and start out in ship shape. Among the projectors of the club are O. A. Killian, R. A. Powell, C. H. Menck, A. W. Buchheit, M. Nelson, C. W. Brininger, H. J. Bartenback, R. W. Birney, Carl Eggo, Albert Koss, W. J. Brown, Emmer McMeans, George Prentiss, Walter Appleston, W. R. King and A. Mayor.

The "time limit" has utterly failed in the prevention of loafing in amateur cycle races. The honor of winning a great contest is worth more to the racing amateur than any intrinsic value of the prizes offered, and the referee's declaration (oft repeated during the past season) has been powerless to cut down the time, or, what was much more to the point, to rob the winner of the satisfaction bred by the knowledge that, whether fast or slow, he beat his rivals out of first prize.

The west is gradually gaining a representation in the national offices of the league, and the appointment of C. E. Randall to the chairmanship of the racing board will be a step in the right direction that is bringing the management of national affairs nearer the center of the wheeling population, and will tend to materially increase the ranks of the League of Amateur Wheelmen, especially in the west and northwest, and the state officers can promise their members a more careful consideration of their wants and their rights in the future than they ever enjoyed in the past.

C. M. Williams, instructor at the M. A. A., Detroit, says this of Jack Prince: "He is a wonderful man. He is magnificently developed and has great endurance. In 1888 he raced six days on his Columbia against Ike Murphy, the jockey, who rode twenty horses. Murphy changed horses at the end of every mile, yet Prince won the race with the wonderful record of 1,016 miles. His staying powers are shown by the fact that in the six days he left his wheel for only three minutes. Out in Omaha he trained and brought out Reading of that city. Reading defeated Dingley, Knapp, Crocker and other flyers, and was finally pitted against Prince himself for a forty-eight hours race. In the race both men broke the world's record, Prince winning by one foot. In the six days' bicycle race to be held at the Detroit rink these two men will again meet and a hot race will be the outcome. Prince is the possessor of eighty-six medals and nineteen cups, besides wheels and other articles of value, won in many hard fought race. "From here he goes to New York to race in a six-days contest and from there to London, where, with another American rider, he will compete against the best pair of long distance riders that Europe can produce, namely, Battensby, the English champion, and Dubois, the champion of France. The combined score of each pair to be counted against the other."

Apollo Club Observanda.

How would Smith do for secretary?

Flescher is making another stagger at a moustache. Shoot it!

Signor Mardis' greased big chase tomorrow night promises a whole lot of fun.

With good weather the Apollo club will make its first run on All-Fool's day.

Little Willie Billie Searchie has a good show for the hog-skin medal.

Waldron failed to get his reinstatement, consequently will not ride this week.

Billy Pixley is apt to do a good deal of his riding this summer in a buggy, and he will not be alone either.

Moonlight runs will be a feature with the Apollo boys this season. They are delightful and always well attended.

The boys are all riding well, and the chances are great for the Apollo members to capture their share of the prizes.

The leather medal to be awarded the poorest rider at the races this week is a bird. There will be a half dozen or more after it.

Every Nebraska wheelman should avail himself of Chief Consul Perrigo's fine offer, and join the League of American Wheelmen.

George Sanshay has gone to Denver, and some day, if some one doesn't head him off, he'll be riding a wheel to the top of Pike's Peak.

Flescher swears that if he doesn't win first honors in the races at the Coliseum this week he'll soak his machine and retire from the racing path.

Several of the members watched that unknown chase his shadow around the circuit last Sunday, but the shadow had much the best of it.

It is very likely that there will be more hard riding done this week for second place than there will be for first. The boys prefer the gold watch to the diamond medal.

A faster gallaxy of flyers were never entered for a bicycle tournament than that which will compete in this week's races. About $300 in prizes will be awarded the winners.

Miscellaneous Local Sports.

Jack Prince will sail for Europe July 11.

Ike Weir is at Ogden headed for Omaha, per pedes apostolorum.

Omaha has a fencing academy, corner Farnam and Seventeenth street.

The Omaha rifle club will meet at Dunnire & Cross' store next Wednesday evening.

George E. Everett of Grand Island is the owner of a kennel of thoroughbred Irish setters.

The wild fowl season will soon be upon us, and the gunners everywhere are getting ready for the sport.

R. C. Pate has refused a $35,000 offer for Counsellor. He says $50,000 will buy the stallion—nothing less.

Bob Fitzsimmons has a contract on his hands to knock Jack McAuliffe out in four rounds. He can't do it.

Harry McCoy, recent professor at Hawley's athenaeum, has signed articles for a finish fight with Ed King of Dubuque.

W. A. Paxton, jr's., thoroughbred trotting stallion, John Turner, arrived Monday, and is in charge of Trainer Beardsley.

Billy Gibbs, the old-time Omaha hack driver, and Louis Bezenah are matched to meet at Dayton, O., on March 14.

The North Dakota legislature defeated a bill prohibiting glove fights on the ground that it "would deprive the people of a luxury and amusement."

Jack Davis is growing bigger and stronger every day, and expresses himself as confident as to the outcome of his coming contest with Billy woods, if it ever takes place.

Scotty Gordon and Larry O'Neil will battle to a finish with big gloves at the Athenaeum Monday evening. A well known gentlemanly sport has hung up a nice purse for them.

Jack Dempsey is now after "Dom" McCaffrey. It strikes the ordinary citizen that it's high time Dempsey tumbled to himself. He couldn't lick McCaffrey with a baseball bat.

The St. Louis schutzenverein will hold is spring shoot April 8 to 13 inclusive. The Omaha schutzenverein has been invited to send over a team of six men and has accepted the invitation. Captain Fred Fuller will select the team.

The amateur athletic club prospects seem to grow slimmer and slimmer. A handful of enthusiasts have made repeated efforts to hold a meeting in the interests of such an organization, but each time have been doomed to disappointment only.

Arthur Majesty, the fighter recently killed at Nelsonville, O., was with Prof. Hawley in his famous school of athletes some five years ago, and bested every man he met in his class in exhibitions. He was a graduate of the Toledo high school and an expert stenographer.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

LOUISVILLE, Neb., March 6.—To the Sporting Editor of THE BEE: A and B are partners in a game of seven-up. C and D are their opponents. D is dealing, wanting two points. A wants one. D turns up a trump and A says run them. D runs the cards and turns a different trump, does C have a right to look at his hand until the trump is satisfactorily made between A and D? Answer to decide a bet. LOUISVILLE SPORT.

Ans. He certainly has a right to look at his hand whenever he desires to.

OMAHA, March 7.—To the Sporting Editor of THE BEE: In a game of double high-five, single-handed hearts trumps, the bidder has the deuce, three and four—his opponent has five of diamonds. Which is high? Old Subscriber.

Ans.—The five of diamonds.

OMAHA, Feb. 28.—To the Sporting Editor of THE BEE: In a game of high five, spoiled trumps, both fives out, no card out lower, which card counts low?—Q. G.

Ans.—In answering this question last week the five of trumps was mentioned as low. That was erroneous. It should have been the five of clubs.

OMAHA, March 2.—To the Sporting Editor of THE BEE: Will you please state in next Sunday's BEE the result of the trial of Sullivan and Kilrain for the Richburg affair? Where is Kilrain now? With what company is Sullivan? and oblige—Sport.

Ans.—Kilrain served a nominal term in jail and paid a $500 fine, Sullivan $1,000. Sullivan is with the Duncan Harrison combination.

SUPERIOR, Neb., March 5.—To the Sporting Editor of THE BEE: Will you please decide the following question on high five. Which of the following hands is the best to bid on before the draw—in a four-handed game one man holds the king, queen, ten, three, tao, four of spades, the other man holds the ace, four of spades, two of hearts. Please inform me through THE SUNDAY BEE.—M. A. Ashley.

Ans.—If you will come down here some afternoon I'll open up a little $20 snap for you, and when you get through you'll know all about the game; but honestly, the latter hand is much the best to bid on.

OMAHA, Neb., March 7.—To the Sporting Editor of THE BEE: A party playing a game of high five wished me to send this to you to have it published and your answer to it. A is 45, B is 51. A bids and makes the trump. A leads with the ace and her partner puts in a five spot, but B puts on the low, does he win the game.—Nick Madgett.

Ans.—Were they all hers? Yes, Nick, B wins.

NEWMAN'S GROVE, Neb.—To the Sporting Editor of THE BEE: Would like to have you crack this. In a game of ball last season between Tallmage and Stella the batter struck out on the third strike; the ball bounded out of the catcher's hand and as the batter swung around the bat struck the ball, knocked it back to back stop. Was the batter entitled to the two bags he manager says he got on a foul? Where did old Hatfield go at last?

Ans.—It was no foul. He was entitled to as many bases as he could make on the play. Hatfield signed with Washington.

OMAHA, Neb., March 7.—To the Sporting Editor of THE BEE: Will you kindly publish in your SUNDAY BEE, to decide a bet; was Frank P. Slavin, the Australian pugilist, ever in America?—A Constant Reader.

Ans.—He was not.

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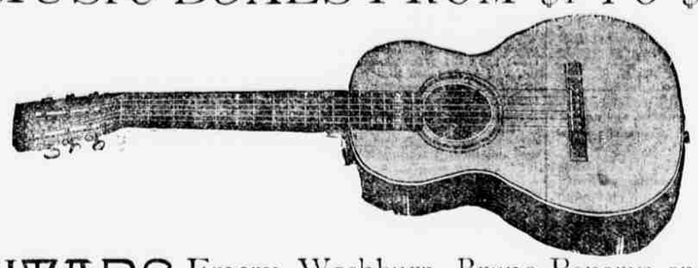

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