

IN THE REALM OF SPORT.

The Latest Echoes From the Diamond Field.

WHISPERINGS FROM THE WHEEL.

The Trotters and the Bang Tugs—The Crank's Lament—The Pigs, Shooters, and General Miscellany.

A Crank's Lament.

'Twas July twelfth, a Sunday in 1891, We had gathered at the ball park in crowds to see the fun:

For our own gilt edged ball team with Howe's famous nine to play Two games, and we were anxious for the coming of the fray.

More anxious too, because we'd heard the papers all proclaim That the club might be disbanded at the close of the second game.

You see, we were proud of our ball team, of each and every man, From Trebley who played hardly once a week, to our paragon, Manager Dan.

So that day when they came out for practice in respectful silence we bowed, To think that they would never do it again for a loyal Omaha crowd.

But we watched them all closely and fondly for each wanted to play, Some money of each of the players, in case we should find them that part.

"There they come! O, aren't they lovely!" One maiden was heard to say, As the men walked out to their places that fair sunny day.

Donnelly stood at third base, our handsome "Professor" from Yale, To convince one that he's a conformationist his position can hardly play.

Next come our bright haired short stop, a player equalled by few, He's not like the other fellows, he'll sweep clean although he is not new.

As I once said, he is our favorite whom we fondly call Manager Dan; The place which he fills in our base ball sports the inverse hardly can.

But who is this fellow who throws with his left hand? That's first baseman "Papa" McCauly, the giant of first class men.

Those four constitute our infield, O long will live their fame, As long as Omaha ball cranks live to deserve that name.

Halligan is the right bower of the out field; When a ball comes any place near him, for escape it has no chance.

Twitcheil plays in left field, and fills his position well, How much we like him his nickname, which is simply "Larry," will tell.

Deacon Graham who plays in center, is straight and dignified; Hear him coach—"Get up on your toes, my boy! Play ball all the time! Quick, side!"

Our pitchers? Well, we have some, the kind that make you root, If I were to choose among them I wouldn't know which is my choice.

Eddie Eitelberg is young and strong, skilful and willful, He isn't well paid, so we think he must pitch for the good that he can do.

Baker is steady and sober and ever ready to joke, He starts his balls with a figure eight, like a fancy skater's stroke.

Clark is a first-class twirler, but his temper is rather bad; Still, there are worse men than this one, whom every one knows as "Dad."

Our catcher, "Old Cy" Sutcliffe, who plays ball and carries a cane, And Trebley, who hardly ever plays, a circumstance, I can't explain.

Are both above the average, or rather their average score is higher than that of many a man who is lauded a great deal more.

The games begin, Eddie pitches first, and the people merely shout, In the eighth, the runners stand 1 to 0, and we think we ought to abuse them out.

But he doesn't care to abuse his arm, so he doesn't try to more, In the ninth, they order a harvest, but we beat them 12 to 4.

We've earned ten runs, fanned three men out, gave the crowd a fine show, Why say any more, disband a team which makes such splendid hauls!

The second game, Clarke goes in to win, with Old Cy behind the bat, For eight innings ago, are the Rowses that our hearts are glad to see.

McCauly, Shannon and Sutcliffe made a brilliant triple play, And Lincoln's cake was eaten—tired dough until Burckett saved them the day.

He knelt on the plate in thankfulness, in the eighth, the runners stand 1 to 0, and we think we ought to abuse them out.

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This was our own great ball team, at all times a welcome sight, A lack-a-day! Ah, who is next! For once the papers were wrong.

That night the club was disbanded—where blame belongs, I don't know, But I know that they were scattered, gone wherever they could go.

"Immortal, though no more," we sigh as we bemoan their fate, "Immortal, still immortal, though no more, though fallen great!"

Manager Bob Leadley.

The new Omaha club can congratulate itself on one thing without fear of disappointment, and that is the securing of Bob Leadley as manager.

He is a very efficient man and has been very successful in handling ball players. He is thoroughly posted in every detail of the game, and has as great a fund of information about players as any man in the business.

It won't take Leadley long to congregate a crowd of first class men about him. His prestige as a winner will have much to do with Omaha's prospects for the balance of the season.

His retirement from the management of the Cleveland club was a big surprise to the whole baseball world, with which he was being prominently identified since the early days of the famous Detroit team.

The reason given for this discontinuance at the head of the Cleveland team was based upon economic grounds—a reason that strikes a majority of people who keep the run of baseball affairs as being decidedly flimsy, considering the way in which the Cleveland club was managed under his management.

He that as it may, it was a lucky thing for Omaha, for a better manager than Leadley to take hold of an experimental team like ours, is could not have been found the country over.

league to play with the association, but the general public, which is not so adept at law-suiting as the baseball world, will conclude that their contracts terminated with the dissolution of the Omaha club.

At any event, there is no danger of the extreme penalty being inflicted. The club raised over Raymond's bookkeeping and the board's subsequent passionless bidding have disconcerted even crank partisans, and under the circumstances it would hardly be profitable to repeat the bid. It will be a great pity, however, if such men as Dan Shannon are allowed to continue playing ball, which will only give them another chance to do some other town later on. If the blacklist can be resorted to, be it anyway, should have it.

Good News from Washington.

Eddie Eitelberg and your Uncle Cyrus Sutcliffe formed the battery for the Washington, D. C., American association club at Washington, D. C., on Monday morning, and, Griffin and Donnelly third, and the best part of the whole affair was, they were shut out. Boston made eleven hits off of Eddie and experienced no difficulty in winning hands down. Thursday they played again and managed to get one run, two hits and one error. This is not a very good record, but it shows that the players, while connected with the Omaha team, were playing stronger before they left.

A Feast for the Cranks.

Dan Shannon's Washington outfit did not lose Friday because they didn't play. The Cincinnati papers call Willie Gaspepe Main the Scourge of Wonders.

Larry Twitcheil has been signed to succeed McManly in center field for Columbus.

Captain Ned Hanton is to be disposed. That will be the first act in the new administration of Manager W. H. McGuinnigle of the Pittsburgs.

The Clevelanders rave over Curtis and intimated that they would demand a salary of \$10,000 a year. He has fairly outclassed himself since joining Cincinnati.

The league race is the grandest on record. The totals today are just 100 points and the Cincinnati are leading. As the season wears older the fight is growing fiercer.

Lobson has squeezed Al Bushong. "Dimples" Tate and John Coleman are heart for the last time and has gently dropped them outside the storm door.

Anybody who has the nerve to talk about putting another baseball team into Pittsburg is worth a good whipping. "Old Dan" Dwyer, Pittsburg Dispatch.

Fox, the Pittsburg essence of gall, didn't last long as a Cyclone. He has been taken John Irwin in out of the damp.

The Boston association club have decided to charge only 25 cents admission to their games hereafter. With a salary list of \$10,000 or more it is only a question of time—Chicago Inter-Ocean.

The Giants have nine postponed games on their list—the greatest number in the league—and Cleveland only one—the lowest. The Reds rank second on the list of fortunate misdeeds.

Pauline Hall, like the good, loyal Old girl that she is, "rooted" for Columbus against the Wagnerian butchers on Monday and that night Gus Schmidt wore himself out in his whistles. How could Columbus lose!

"Dad" Clarke, the Omaha pitcher, has been carried by Columbus. That club now has five pitchers—Kneil, Craig, Easton, and DeLoan are the others. Some one will hear the order: "Now you corraed, march."

John B. Foster says: "Confidence in the batting ability of a baseball club is a source of more gratification to the excited citizen who delights to go to a game and yell like a Comanche Indian than any other one feature of the game."

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The national meet at Detroit this year was one of the best that the league has yet held. The races were all well run and the grand parade exceeded all expectations, several thousand wheels being present.

O. T. Colby, one of Omaha's prominent riders and a member of the Young Men's Christian association wheel club, started for Chicago to enter the free-for-all race.

Lieutenant Morris of the Tourist wheelmen, who has been camping on the banks of classic Honey Creek for several days, returned to Omaha last Tuesday and is again a familiar figure on club runs. Gus Epeneter of the Omaha Wheel club was also of the camping party.

Jack Conrad, who started for his home in Fort Madison, Ia., last Sunday week has just been heard from. He rode over the road and saved a few miles upon his wheel and reached his destination Wednesday evening at 7 o'clock. The distance was 1,000 miles and Ottawa was made by railroad.

A. Fosterstone, the "balloon" tire manufacturer, has commenced suit in a New York court against the George R. Baldwin cycle company for infringement of his patent. It was sued in turn by the Thomas inflatable tire company in the Illinois courts for infringement of the patent.

The Tourist wheelmen are piling up the mileage like good fellows these moonlight evenings. Tuesday night five of them took a "Scotch" party to the city of Detroit. Wednesday evening a team made the round trip to Fairmont, Ark., and Thursday evening six or seven, showed up for the Florence run. This club is increasing its membership rapidly, and from the outlook at present will soon be the reorganized riding club of Omaha, among the members of which are the city's best and oldest cyclists. A century run is now on the tapis and will be called just as soon as the weather and roads will permit.

Featherfield, Spoford, E. R. Smith, and H. K. Smith rode to Bennington last Sunday morning. The distance is fifteen miles over hilly, yet smooth surfaced roads. The remainder of the day was spent in fishing for sunfish in the Pacific. Fish didn't bite well and Sieffin discarded his hook and tied a piece of meat on the end of his line and cautiously lowered it into the water. The result was electrical. He secured the only fish taken out of the water. It was a small one, but it was a quarter. The first seven miles were roared off in thirty-five minutes, thus averaging a five-minute pace.

Upon the heels of the Apollo Cycling club's disbandment springs a brand new active wheeling organization, which will hereafter be known as the Young Men's Christian association Wheel club. This club was organized Monday evening, July 20, by the riding members of the Young Men's Christian association. Prof. Sheldon was elected permanent chairman and M. A. Grant captain.

The club starts out under all favorable prospects for success with its membership. Then, every man of whom is an active wheelman, Monday evening of each week was decided upon as regular meeting time. The evening did not interfere with other club's runs. A committee consisting of Grant, Sheldon and Waldron were appointed to draft a short constitution and a by-law. A committee composed of Holton, Grant and Smith was also appointed to draw up a schedule of runs.

Miscellaneous Sporting Gossip. Jim Corbett will appear in "After Dark" next season.

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The Detroit driving club Magie R. won the 2:16 pace and Temple Bar the 2:24 class race for the Merchants and Manufacturers' stakes worth \$10,000. Temple Bar came in eleventh in the first heat and then took the succeeding three. Magie R. landed fourth three times while Money Rona and Pickaway divided the rest of the getting in the next three straight heats.

Questions and Answers. HAMBURG, Ia., July 24.—To the Sporting Editor of The Bee: Please answer the following queries in the next issue of your Sunday Bee: What is the best record for 100 yards in the world? (Also, Pulley's best time?)—C. W. Ans.—(1) Nine and four-fifths seconds. H. M. Johnson, Cleveland, O., July 31, 1890. (2) Don't know.

BETHE, Mo., July 25.—To the Sporting Editor of The Bee: Will you kindly inform me in your first issue of the next issue of the United States colts is known as leads.—G. T. S. Ans.—The side with the date on.

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