

AUTUMN'S SPORTING BREEZES.

And Now the American Association Wants to Ally with the West.

TOM BIDDISON ON FIGHTERS.

The Billiard War—Byking Budget, Shooting Notes and Interesting Local Miscellany.

HIS spring, in order to put her in line with the American association, the National League formed a sort of a partnership with the Western association, and arbitrarily announced that the Western was the second base ball organization in the country, and a party of...

For putting the Western on the back the league levied a tax on her in the trifling sum of \$100,000, all of which was paid up to a few hundred dollars. This tax, so the league alleged, was to assist that august body in defraying its running expenses, and those of the Western, too, in a measure. For those of the Western, too, in a measure. For those of the Western, too, in a measure. For those of the Western, too, in a measure.

It would seem that this experience would have proven a salutary lesson, but it doesn't look as if it was going to, for now the American association is making overtures and professes a willingness to gather up the fragments of the Western association, and rehabilitate the structure for next season and take her in on a similar partnership basis to that established this spring, only this time the Western is to give up her name and her her stevedores for a pitched battle against her former foster parent, the National League.

While but little stock is, or ever has been, taken in the methods of the American association by the writer, he has no healthy in saying that the National League now in the promises of that body and her capacity to resuscitate the Western association, and to give up her name and her her stevedores for a pitched battle against her former foster parent, the National League.

But more of this anon. It looks now as if the American association in another year would be on the offensive in lieu of the defensive, as all the lines are being carefully laid with that end in view. There seems less probability than ever of a hitch-up between the old factions, and realizing this the American intends to seize time by the forelock and to reorganize for the final year next season. With this intention the friendship of all the minor bodies will be courted, and particular stress put upon that toward the trying days of the Western, the great west, Minneapolis, St. Paul, Omaha and Kansas City will receive special favors, even unto the offering of a large sum of money to the league, and by this widening and extending her line of battle, she hopes to carry a preponderance of sympathy and patronage, which time will multiply, and which she now occupies by the league. There is not a ball crank in any of the cities named by her who would not be glad to see her representative team in the American association. There is no hope, however, and they all want the next best thing and are willing to take their chances in an open arena of prominence and popularity with the older organization. The circuit now being discussed within association circles is that of the St. Louis, Philadelphia, Washington, Columbus, Louisville, St. Louis, Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul, Minneapolis, Omaha and Kansas City, and what a league it would be!

Bring Him Up, Mr. Johnson. F. T. Johnson, whoever he may be, of Bay St. Louis, Miss., offers to back Ed Simpson, another unknown quantity, for \$1,000 to fight Daney Dixon, of Chicago, or George Dixon of Boston, according to the London, New York or Police Gazette rules. Johnson states Simpson as the 115-pound champion of the middle states and says he believes he can stop Dily or Dixon inside of five rounds. If Mr. Dixon has omitted his belief some stock might have been taken in his proposition, but the idea of an American champion weight stopping Dixon or even Daly, in five rounds, is preposterous.

In regard to the matter, however, Ed Rothery, Daly's backer and manager, was seen at his place last night, and he laughed at the proposition, adding, however, in the event that the proposition might be genuine, that he was willing and ready then and there to deposit with the Bazaar the whole of the \$1,000 stakes in behalf of Daly, and which will be forthcoming on a moment's notice from Mr. Johnson at any time in the future. "If I am asked to put up \$1,000 to back Dixon, the unwelcome Boston boy, don't you think I would jump at the chance to back him for a new season against any one known 115 pound man in the world? If you don't get somebody to try me real quick, and as regards my proposition, I will go further. If he will bring his man here, and we can get the contest off at South Omaha, I will guarantee a good purse in addition to the stake money, and allow Johnson a liberal apportionment for expenses. I want to hear from him bad."

For the World's Championship. It has finally been settled, since the Chicago club wins the league pennant, that a series of six games will be played with the Sioux City, champions of the Western association, commencing at Sioux City one week from Tuesday next, October 6. Manager Buckenberger has guaranteed President Hart of the Chicago club \$2,000 for the series in the Corn Palace, and is waiting like a beaver to obviate the likelihood of loss to his own club. Of this, however, there is but little possibility, with anything like the favorable weather. The Corn Palace is likely to be full of people, and it goes without saying that the average western base ball team is actually starting to witness a good time of it.

Gatewood, an Omaha boy, in their ranks, and they are putting up great ball. The positions are: Nonpareils—J. Mahoney, 3rd base; Shanahan, short stop; J. Mahoney, pitcher; Bradford, middle field; J. Mahoney, 1st base; J. Mahoney, 2nd base; Dolan, right field; J. Mahoney, left field; Flynn, first base; Beatrice—Kendall, 3rd base; J. Mahoney, pitcher; Jones, catcher; Mohler, second base; Carrey, right field; Adams, left field; Taylor, first base.

The Maggiori-Atty Controversy. It will be a great disappointment to the lovers of billiards everywhere, but more especially in the west and northwest, that the proposed series of matches (two) between W. F. Hatley of St. Louis and Francois Maggiori of Omaha have fallen through, owing to the eccentricity of the latter.

Le Mar's Fine Record. Le Mar, Ia, Sept. 25.—To the Sporting Editor of The Bee: Last Friday was the close of a very successful ball season in Le Mar. The team has played a series of games with very good local talent which only needed practice to make a very strong team, and last spring it was decided to fit up grounds and organize a stock company with sufficient stock subscriptions to warrant the organization of a team of such talent as could be got with any and all amateur clubs in this and adjoining states.

The Champion Croquet Player. The statement was made in The Bee last week that Secretary Foster of the United States treasury was an expert in croquet and had culled all records in playing three circuits of the field before making an error. Omaha also has a few lovers of the old game, and one of them is a very good player.

Dave Rowe Still Afloat. Dave Rowe, ex-owner of the capital of Nebraska, has lost his grip on the Minneapolis park, and is now scheming for a club in St. Paul. Minneapolis ball cranks did not hanker so Dave control their base ball interests, and made a grand haul in getting the park, sensible ball cranks in St. Paul still controls the Minneapolis park, and will in all probability be interested in the club, if one is put in there next year. Hy, in conversation with a reporter, on Saturday last, said: "There is still money to be made here, but the association must be managed right. Bad management of the association will not be a success any more than any other business if the men who are running it do not know how to manage it."

Tom Eddison's Talk on Fighters. The defeat of Jack Davis, Omaha's champion boxer, by Billy Woods in the Pacific club at San Francisco last Monday night was a serious disappointment to Jack's many friends here. There were but few among the sporting fraternity here but thought that Davis would be the winner, although Tom Biddison did pull out \$100 and a new Danip on the Denver man. Tom said: "I thought Woods would win for a number of reasons. First place he is ten years younger and many pounds heavier than Davis, and Jack cannot be expected to figure much longer in the ring. He has a magnificent young man. I have seen both men box, repeatedly and cannot speak in other than complimentary terms of Woods' cleverness, and I never had any doubt as to his winning. He is nearly six feet tall and big enough to fight Sullivan. He is a harder hitter than any man I have seen. He has had a schooling in the last year that Jack Davis never had. He has sparred continuously with Sullivan, and has beaten him. He has acquired much valuable knowledge from these sparring partners of the ring. Davis has been content to hunt out the amateurs in his boxing rooms. Still I do not mean to disparage Davis. He has a generous right and can drop any man he likes. But he is no ring tactician, rather a puncher. He does not map out his plan of battle like most first class fighters, but when he gets into the ring he depends upon the rapidity of his sledge hammer blows and can take his medicine like a champion. I think for any man who is not a tactician, himself. He is one of those prize fighters who do not surprise you at any time, that is, they do not surprise you when they are fully gone man or he kicked himself by an inferior one. He fights on the give-and-take basis, and is cool and clever man. This is the least effective of all. It will not win against a good general. But Jack has such great strength and can deliver such a swift and accurate right hand that he will be able to drop a first-rater in a close rally."

Whisperings of the Wheel. The club is making arrangements for its fall and winter high school tournament. The club run today is to Emerson's ranch, distance ten miles, start to be made at 7:30. Hours K. Smith, one of the active bikers of this city, is convalescing from a serious illness.

Whisperings of the Wheel. Fred Craig, a Omaha wheelman, was the guest of the Omaha Wheel club a few days last week. Messrs. Holton, Paxley, Kastin and Denman returned Wednesday from the Peoria tournament. It required an Oliver Maggard furniture van to transfer the prizes they won from the depot to their respective homes.

Whisperings of the Wheel. Thomas Eck has engaged Dan Canary, the champion truck rider, to appear Friday afternoon at a great parade in the Madison square international races. One of Canary's driving feats will be the riding down a plank run, one foot wide, for a distance of 100 feet. It is a feat never before attempted, and is called "the dash for life."

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Miscellaneous Local Sports. Frank Parmelee, Omaha's crack trap shot, all but won the town down at the Hastings tournament last week. Dr. Galbraith and Mr. McCone of the Union Pacific railroad, are hunting bear and elk in the mountains of Wyoming.

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