Fifteen Hundred Dollars Offered for a Fight Between Ryan and Wilkes.

WORK BEGUN AT MID-CITY PARK

A Fistic Tornado-Dobbs Matched-The Diamond, the Turf, the Wheel, Dog and Gun-Miscellaneous Comment and Oueries Answered.



ITH bilthsome song I the blue birds have returned and the frogs, in giad acclaim, are piping that apring is here. but the leary ball crank says be fails to see any actual signs of the game, and wants to know just when the fun will begin. In response to this anx

lous interrogatory, Manager Rowe says that "within three weeks after the first shovel full of dirt is turned on the new grounds across the river the buildings will all be up and everything in ship-shape for the opening contest."

From this declaration it is fair to presume that the management intends to have the park across the river as near complete as possible by the 1st of April, although there will be a full month before a game is played here, as advance information from the schedule committee puts the opening of the season as late as April 20, with the western clubs pitted against the eastern as follows Omaha in Columbus, Kansas City in Indianapolis, Minneapolis in Toledo and St. Paul in Milwaukee.

This first eastern series will occupy no less than three weeks time, and the cranks will necessarily be compelled to curb their impatience until as late as the 18th May, when Gus Schmeiz's band from the Buckeye state will clash with Rowe's aggreation on the new grounds over the river.
At first there was a small quantum of dis

satisfaction upon the announcement that the new grounds would be located on the other side of the big bridge, but since the innumerable advantages and conveniences over the old grounds on North Twentieth street have been enumerated, about the last vestige of this has disappeared, and everybody seems to think that a better move could not have been made. The old grounds on this side were almost absolutely out of the question as but a single year of the lease yet remains, and it is hardly probable to the seems of the lease yet remains. able that it could be extended, at any rate beyond another year. The new organization determined not to be hampered by this disa-greeable probability, and from the very first these grounds have been but casually con-Then again, outside of these unds where is another eligible or desira site! The city was carefully canvassed but vacant space available for such a pur pose was a missing quantity, and then a look was made over the river with the result already known. Manager Rowe, who is ever on the move, is deserving of all credit for this happy solution of the problem, and before the first series of games are over, and the patrons of the game on this side of the river become familiar with the attractiveness, the convenience and beauty of the new park, they will all be singing his

By motor the park can be reached from the center of this city in just six minutes tourteen minutes quicker than it requires to get to the old grounds. There will be a four-minute service, a motor with two open trailers, and the company guarantees to empty the park of the greatest crowd that may congregate there and transfer them all over the bridge in fifteen minutes from the time the last ball is pitched. This too, it should be remembered, is to cost no morthan was required to make the trip to the

The drive across the bridge will be even more attractive, as an unbroken stretch of paved streets run to the very entrance of the park, whose northern boundary fence is adjoining the boulevard. A drive adjoining the boulevard. A drive in the lovely May and June days over the majestic Missouri, thence through a stretch of beautiful bottom land, sweet with the odor of the crab apple and wild rose, over a boulevard smooth as a floor, will be something that even an anchorite could enjoy. Once within the new park with its breezy grand stand and every con venience, and a livery game of ball between two evenly matched teams, as a reward there will be but few left to regret that the

old quarters were vacated.

The plans and specifications for the new grund stand and accessory structures were all completed last Saturday and bids for the insterial and work were invited from every prominent lumber dealer in the city, so it will be but a few days until the song of the hammer and the saw will be making the air resonant at Mid-City park.

They Are Tired of Life.

There is a raft of applicants for positions on the Western league's umpire staff, and President Williams cannot use too much cau tion nor exercise too much judgment in mak ing his selections. Charlie Snyder, the vet eran catcher, is among the brigade that would like to adjudicate the close points in the game for the Western this year. He is an intelligent, capable gentieman, and will with out a doubt be upon the staff. Charlie Snyder is one of the best known

ail the oid-time ball players, having played with the best teams in the country, and in his prime was the peer of any catcher who ever donned the big mit. Beside this talent, he was a player of rare executive ability, and one of the best natural captains the game has ever known. In the days of the famous old Louisville club, probably the greatest aggregation of ball players ever banded together, Snyder was the receiving end of the star battery—Devlin and Snyder. That was in '77, the year that Devlin went wrong and was blacklisted and forever barred from participation in a professional game. Snyder, however, continued actively in the field up to two years sgo, when accumulating years and an upheaval of young blood forced him within the ranks of American association umpires. Snyder is a handsome fellow, way up in everything that pertains to base ball, and would add prestige, as an umpire, to the fame ff the Western league

Chartie Jones, or Charlie Ripley, for that is his true name, another old time passe player, is after a "sit" also. Jones is all right, only he won't do. He is nearsighted and not capable of judging close field plays. Billy Serad, the Kanuck pitcher, also ants a job, and as he is a competent man, is likely to get it.

Billy Harrington is another applicant, but for numerous reasons should not be considered. The Western league is moving on a plane of reform.
Guy Hecker, another old-time

pitcher, is another candidate and is favorably spoken of, as is also Billy Hooper and Frank McLaughlin. In addition to these named there is fully a

half score of more applicants, all more or less known, and from the mass of material to choose from it looks reasonable to suppose that President Williams will succeed in securing a pretty good corps.

A Little Sound Hoss Talk.

Scott McCoy, who only a few years since bore but a local reputation, as a driver is getting up among the top notchers, as it is reported that the coming season he will have charge of and train and drive the great colt Arion, by Electioneer, for whom Malcombe Forbes of Boston paid \$125,000.

At present there is some talk of a race being arranged to occur at some time during the coming season over an association track between the four greatest 3-year-olds ever known, namely, Arion, Monbars, Ralf Wilkes and Chimes Girl, each to put up \$10,000 and what some association will offer to be added, the winner to take all. Why cannot Omaha make a bid for this great meet. It will be the event of a lifetime in trotting circles and draw better than the national convention. Should they start, I would like a ticket on Chimes Girl, as her owner, C. J. Hamim of Buffslo, N. Y., is raising some that are about right. Being in the hands of the great pilot

A VERNAL BREEZE OF SPORT | Ed Geers, it would be expected the Gir would be near the front at the finish, not withstanding the great marks to the credit of the other contestants,
St. Joe, Mo., seems to be long on high bree

trotters, there being owned there ten stal-lions that \$150,000 would not buy, white \$500,-000 would be a low estimate of the value of the trotting stock owned thereabouts.
Rushville, Neb., has raised \$10,000 to build and equip a track. Pretty good for a small town way up on the north edge of the state
Jay Eye Sec, the once great trotter, record

2:10, who was retired for a long time with a faulty leg, will reappear the coming season in a new role (as a pacer.) It would seem but proper that after the amount of racing done and laurels won he should be relegated to the blue grass pastures of Hickory Grove and enjoy its quiet to his latest day.

D. T. Mount recently bought in Chicago and brought home with him the brown col-Wilkeros (3) by Anteros, he by Electioneer dam by Opai Wilkes, by a son of the grea George Wilkes. Wilkers is a trim type of the great Electioneer family. Mr. Mount's judgment is commendable on the selection. Omaha should congratulate berself that an

animal of such rich breeding and quality comes here. Doble is at Terra Haute, Splan at Cleveland, McHenry at Freeport, Ill., McKinney at Kansas City, all with big stables to be trained the coming spring. Why can't some of the star stables be induced to make Omaha their headquarters?

Winslow Wilkes, the phenomenal pacer 4-year-old, record 2:141-6, has tately been returned from Kentucky. He will do a short stud season and then be prepared for a serson's campaigning, it is hoped his owner will have the will have the wisdom to place him in the hands of a transer and driver who will give the horse a chance to exhibit the great speed he

The Omaha owners of speed horses should earn that the shaping, preparing and driving of their stock to fast records is a profession then the many horses that go out of Omah

would not be, as heretofore, "out of sight" (in the dust) in events in which they appear.

The blg, stout hearted pacer, "Prince T," owned by Messrs. Thompson & Mace of this city, will, if properly snaped and managed, go so fast the coming season as to cause the racing world to pay some attention to Omaha. him start at Kansas City last fall and am led to think be is a sure winner if he is got just right and learns what is wanted of Although it has not been heralded broad

cast, Omaha can justly boast of having with-in its limits more good pole teams and single drivers than any city of the west. The Gen-tlemen's Roadster club that was organized last year was the right idea, and was the means of getting together many that are gatted right and speedy besides. The many pacers and trotters that can pull a one man road wagon to a low down mark will be I hope to see a renewal of the interest the

coming season, as nothing speaks more of culture and progress than perfectly appointed equipages of the character referred to. At ne other time the most prominent will be

It seems as though Omaka ought to fall into line with at least two trotting meetings each season, with purses ample to bring here the best talent of the land. The location is such that justifies a claim on the attendance of the great stables of the Pacific stope They pass here twice each year on their way to and from their eastern engagements. The Union Driving park, lying just across the river, is a most perfect place, with a track that can easily be made as good and fast as there is in the whole land, and accessible to nearly 200,000 people,

When some one has the nerve to offer a \$10,000 purse for Allerton Nelson, Pale Alto,

Stamboul and Axtell to trot for, one would have to start early to get a seat. Who will be the first to distinguish himself in this

It looks as though Mr. Bonner would have to give up several \$5,000 drafts the coming year, as he has offered that amount to each and every trotter who will do the mile at 2:05 or better. There are so many so intensely trotting bred with culture beginning at babyhood, that at maturity they will be possessed of almost limitless speed. There are some comers right here in Omaha, but none who will troble Mr. Bonner yet awhile.

Changes in the Rules. A good many inquiries are made as to the character of the changes made at the late meeting of the big league in the playing rules, and as every patron of the game should be familiar with the rules, the amended ones are given herewith in full:

After the adoption of the new argeer the league took a recess for lunch. At 2:30 the body again went into session and took up consideration of the report of the playing rules committee. This consumed all of four hours, the rules being discussed and ap-proved section by section, after which the eague again adjourned until 8:30 in the evening. The changes in the playing rules fol-

Rule 21 was amended so that the players' benches shall not be nearer than twenty-five reet to the players' lines.

Rule 26, section 4 is new. It provides that a game shall be declared forfeited 'if a team resorts to dilatory practices in order to gain time for the purpose of having the game called on account of darkness or rain, or for my other reason whatsoever."
Rule 27, that "no game" shall be declared

by the umpire when he terminates play be-fore five innings have been completed, by darkness or rain, "except in a case when the game is called, the club second at bat shall have made more runs at the end of its fourth inning than the club first at bat has made in its five inning, then the umpire shall award the game to the club having made the great-est number of runs, and it shall be called a game and be so counted in the championship

Rule 30 was amended so that a "fair-pitched ball that touches the bat of the batsman in his position shall be considered a batted ball and in play.'

Rule 39, sec. 40, entitles the batsman to a home run on a fair-batted bail that goes over any fence distant not less than 225 feet from the home plate. When the fence distance is horter, two bases only shall be allowed on

Rule 43, section 5, gives the batsman out "if he attempts to hinder the catcher from catch-ing or throwing the ball by stepping outside the lines of his position, or otherwise ob structing or interfering with that player." Rule 44, section 4, permits a batsman to take his base "when his person or clothing is nit by a pitched ball except hands or fore-

arms, which makes it a dead ball." Rule 50 restricts the coaching to base-run ners alone, and then only in words of neces-sary direction; also "not more than two coachers (who may be one player participat-ing in the game and one player under contrast in the uniform of either club) shall be allowed

at any one time."
Rule 53, relating to the umpires' duties, is rewritten. It says: "The umpire is the sole and absolute indge of play. In no instance shall any player be allowed to question the correctness of any decision made by him on a play, and no player shall leave his rosition in the field, his place at the bat, on the tases or the players' bench to approach or addres the umpire except on an interpretation of the playing rules, and that shall only be done by the captains of the contending nines. No manager or any other officer of either club shall be permitted to go on the field or address the umpire under a penalty of a forfeiture of

Section 3 provides that where a base run-

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the succeeding base runners shall return to
the bases last held by them.
Rule 68, section 5, provides that in scoring
"an assist shall be given to each player who
handles the ball or assists in any manner in
handling the ball from the time it leaves the
bat until it reaches the player who makes
the put out."

the put out." tion 8 contains the following addition "If a runner advances a base on a fly out or gives to bases on a single base hit, or an in-field out, or attempted out, he shall be cred-ited with a stolen base, provide there is a possible chance and a palpable attempt made to retire him."

In rule 69 section 6 to stricken out, thus removing "number of runs batted in" from the

A Pugilistic Hurricans

A tremendous pugilistic wind storm is now raging over the country comprising all the area between the seapoards and the lakes the gulf. This mouthy tornado had its origin on the night of the Maher-Fitzsimmons battle at New Orleans, with that precious pair of blowhards, Frank Patricus Siavin and Charile Windmill Mitchell.

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The company they were thrown in at the Crescent City made a demonstration imperatively necessary, and as neither had the courage to offer on this occasion to stop any of the half hundred heavy weights in their immediate proximity for fear of a "call," the next best thing was to again shoot off their

double-barrelled charges at John L. The talk about Mitchell having stood the big fel-low off twice is rot of the rottenest description. Sullivan all but knocked him through the walls of Madison Square garden on the first of these occasions, and the second was his celebrated foot race in a plowed field, in the midst of a shivering ball storm, at Chantilly, France, a couple of years or so ago. There is not one man in ten thousand who even dreams that the Englishmsn would make a worthy opponent for the champion, even in a limited number of rounds. He crawled out of a meeting with Jim Corbett on the grounds that he would not engage in a finish contest again, yet he now comes out with a challenge to John L.

Slavin, too, failed most ingioriously, wher called by the champion, on the ground that his backer would not consent to tie up so much money for such a long time. More rot. Then, when he discovered that there was a likelihood of some of the big clubs hanging a purse of such dimensions as to leave no grounds for not accepting, he makes his match with Peter Jackson to take place in England in May. Slavin, however, in connection with Sullivan, isn't worthy of a sec end's consideration.

Last but not least, is Jim Corbett, whose career as a newspaper fighter for the passix months is unparalleled. He also avows a burning desire to see how quickly and how thoroughly John L. can punch him to sleep His challenges to Mitchell are worthy of cor superation, inasmuch as they bear the stamp of genuineness, but when it comes to Sullivan he only makes himself ridiculous. Corbett, while here last summer, told the writer that he still considered. Sullivan, the best man, under Queensbury rules, in the world, and that he would put his money on him, whom he might. While Corbett may be full capable of making it exceedingly interesting for any man of his avoirdupols now befor the public, it is difficult to figure out how he could make even a creditable go with Sulli

The result of all this bioviating, however, will be nothing. Mitchell won't fight any one, Stavin is booked and Corbett is in the advertising business.

Arrival of the Wild Fowl. The spring shooting has opened up unus ually early this year, ducks having bee killed on adjacent waters as long as ton days ago. So far, however, reports of bags of any considerable consequence have been fer and far between, and during the last sudden cold spap scarcely any birds at all were killed. The next ten days, though, will in augurate the sport in earnest. As usual, this spring many gunners were entired forth by the first slender issue of birds from the south, and as a consequence instead of find ing sport they met with only disappointment and discomfort. But few birds were found to be in, and most of them were high in the air as if bound for the furthermost recesse. of the arctic regions. It's a wonger, any way, in the early spring time where all these northbound birds go. They are seen flying over, and although intense weather, with its frozen waters, is reported from a north, they show no inclination to stop here, where then is considerable open water and endurable weather, but keep until lost in the cold gray of the distant north. This comes to an end in a few more days, when all the marshes and lakes and rivers in this latitude will be teeming with

During the blustering weather of ten days ago a good many geese tumbled in along the Platte and the Missouri, and some tolerable bags were made. Then they almost totally disappeartd again for the period of a week but have been returning in force during the past three or four days. It looks, however from this on as if there was going to be plenty of birds and the very best sort of shooting.

A Purse for Ryan and Witkes. The Magic City Athletic club has renewed its offer to Louis Houseman the manager of Welterweight Fommy Rvan of Chicago, to hang up a purse of \$1,200 for a finish contest between Ryan and Jack Wilkes, the winner to take all and the gate receipts besides, \$100 being allowed to each man for expenses The Magic City management has been de sirous of making this match for nearly a year now, and as good as had it made until the Metropolitan club of New Orleans offered a big purse for a fight between Neehan and Rvan, but as this failed to transpire, and there is nothing immediate "in sight" for Ryan, they are again confident the match will be made. If it is, it is the intention to get it off early in April. Wisses writes that will not want more that weeks to get fit in, and thinks that Ryan, considering the thorough course of training he went through in preparing for Neednam, ought to be willing to

ght in even less time Jack claims that Ryan is an overrated man, and says so confident is he in his own ability to defeat him, that he is willing that the winner take all, and that he will wager \$500 on the side that the winner is himself. If Ryan does not come to time, Wilkes is eager for a go with either Harry McCoy or Dick Moore, so in any event it looks as if there was a mill of some calibre on the tapis for the near future.

Good Thing for the Managers, President Williams has displayed great wisdom in the singing of players for the new Western league and has done more to relieve club managers of an ugly responsibility than they probably realized.

Many a manager has failed to get good work out of his team simply from a lack of will power to control and discipline unruly and insubordinate players. It is a well es-tablished fact that team work is the chief factor in a club's success, and without this individual strength goes for naught.

This season Western league managers will

not have a a lot of bums and lushers, who, if not allowed to do pretty much as they please, will threaten to jump to the older bodies, but will start out with a team of them who have been selected as much for their so-briety and respectibility as they have for their playing qualities. These men will do their duty, that can be relied on, and the manager can confine himself to the development of the younger members and the coach ing of the whole, both on and off the field.

Why He Broke His Engagement. Bub Dobbs, who was to have fought Aaron Sherroy recently in this city, is in California, and has been matched by the Pastime club for a finish fight with J. H. O'Brien, formerly of Minneapolis. O'Brien has made a number of the best fights ever seen in the northwest and is rated way up. among his numerous contests was a ten-round draw with Danny Needham and a sixround draw with Harris Martin, the Black Pearl. Dobbs is also a first-rater, as his fight with Sherroy at South Omaha a year ago unequivocally demonstrated. It was the best and most satisfactory fight eyer seen in this vicinity, being admirably managed by Prof. Hightower,now of the Omaha Athletic club. Dobbs and O'Brien meet next Friday night, the purse being \$1,000 to the winner and \$200 to the loser. It was the prospect of this purse that caused Dobbs to forego his second meet with Sherroy.

The state bicycle tournament will be held at Hastings this summer, on July 4, and as the Hastings branch of the League of American Wheelmen is one of the largest and most enterprising in the Nebraska division,

there is but little doubt but what it will be made a magnificent success. There are over 100 active members in this thriving and beau-tiful city, and as they have one of the best half-mile tracks in the country, their facilities for the tourney are first class. The fra ternity generally is much pleased that Has-tings drew the prize and Independence day will witness a large gathering of byker The Pie Eater Anchored.

DEADWOOD, S. D., March 4.-To the Sporting Editor of THE BEE: I reached Deadwood Thursday last and found a lively place. They are doing everything they can here to make base ball a go in the hills. They have a lot of men of push in Deadwood who are willing to put up their money to see good ball. They have good grounds almost in the center of the city, with street cars running up to the very entrance. They will have one of the finest parks in the west, and some of the best players in the country in

the Deadwood club.

WILLIAM TRAFFLET,

Manager Deadwood Base Ball club.

A Nuisance to be Abated. The officers of the Omsha club will hold their initial meeting some time during the next ten days for the purpose of a thorough

canvass of the situation and mapping out a line of action for the senson. One reform that will be halled with extreme pleasure by the patrons of the sport is assured in advance, and that is the absolute prohimilon of

hawkers of peanuts, cigars, gum and lemonade in the grand stand, or on the bleachers duying the progress of the game.

The brief interval occupied by the teams when changing sides is, the only time refreshment venders will be allowed to ply their vocation. This has atways been t insufferable nuisance here on the home grounds, notwithstanding frequent request was made the management to abate it.

State League Pickups.

The forming of a state league in Neoraska for the season of 1892 is now an assured fact, as Fremont, Beatrice, Lincoln Grand Island, Plattsmouth and Norfolk are getting in readiness to open the season with a stronteam in each city. The salary limit, although small, will insure good players from the minor leagues, if each city will agree to board and room their players, otherwise the limit will not be sufficient to engage good material for the different clubs.

Each club will need at least ten players and if the manager is not a ball player him self there will have to be eleven men unuer pay. To insure good playing and harmon in the teams each manager should be a ba player and play in the club, as he can then tell who among his players should be looked after and watched to prevent their disorganizing their team. As is well known many young players, especially those who are having their first season cut, are not to "fan" great deal and also to throw out hints as to the weaknesses of other players in their club, in fact to "knock" against players who have incurred their dislike. This personal camity has broken up more good teams throughout the country in the past few sea sons than any other cause. The nanagement of the different clubs should take active measures to prevent this great weakness among their young players and thus insure friendliness and good team work in their

cluos There is no fine too heavy for these people and the management should spare no pains to seek them out and fine them for every repe tion of the offense.

The season opens on May 1 and will con-tinue till about October 1. The schedule is not yet finished, but will be in readines; in a week's time. It is the intention to have each lub play four games a week or tweive games

week for the six teams. Minor league players and young players of good reputation who do not want the salary of the president of our national e pluribus nnum for a season's playing, should sent their terms and references to the manage ment of the different teams at once, as ther will be an opening for at least sixty men in the six cities composing the league. Those sending terms should not fail to remember

that the safary limit is but \$550 a month, and gauge themselves accordingly. Norfolk, although anxious to enter the league, is not yet decided upon, as the traveling expenses to that city will be \$40 extra Delegates have been sept to Hastings and Kearney for the purpose of provailing one of those towns to enter, but it they not, Norfolk will be taken in. It has the promise of being a good ball town and should not be overloosed for a few extra dollars With good management and economy the Nebraska State league should be a big suc cess and accedit to the enterprising citizen: of the state.

Gentle Annie's Breezy Gossip. Wallie Andrews is clerking in a rolling

nill at Indianapolis. Haven't heard whether Joe Walsh wil ay ball this summer or not. Pana McCauley will bethuse the bleacher

out at Los Angeles this year. Toledo's new team' will wear black unforms and so will the Omahas. Ren Mulford wants to know whether "th leserters" would draw in Omana.

Norman Baker ciclms to have led th Western association in datting last season. "Dummy" Ryn has drifted westward and and will guard first for Seattle this year. Cornic Murphy, Gus Alberts and John J McGlone have asked for places in the West

Ex-Manager W. H. Watkins has returned rom an extended trip through the north Up in Milwaukee they will sell transfera

ole season tickets at \$25, and non-transfer ble at \$20 What next! Milwaukee has put her foot lown and will prohibit the sale of beer in the grand stand,

Western's schedule me ng of teams will take place at Chicago in about two weeks. Umpire Tim Hurst says that Chicago ha nade another great pick-up in Con Murphy,

the Quincy catcher. The Brewers will disport this season of he field in white uniforms with black cap, belt and stockings. Hamburg and Corbett, two more Louis

ille players, have signed contracts with President Williams O'Conneil, who has signed with the West ern, is not P. O. of 1889 fame, but of last year's Baltimore outfit.

The contracts of pitchers Alex Ferson, . Bishop and George B. Stevens, with the Western have been promulgated. Billy Hart and Stein are both showing up finely in preliminary practice with the Bridegrooms at Charleston, S. C.

Omaha's new score cards will possess a cover with photo handsome illuminated graphic reproductions of the players, Clarence G. Baldwin has caught on at Portland—the same town that vill harbor

Jacob Stenzel, the gentle punisher of the Old Pop Smith, who put up a second base play in Omaha last fall that was never wit nessed here before, has come into the fold

John Irvine, with Lincoln last season, has organized an independent professional club in Boston, for the purpose of playing the college teams. Sam Larogue, who played second for Louisville last year, has signed with the western. He was on Omaha's pay roll once,

but never played a game for her. Charles E. Hoover is at Fairfield, Ia., with his gioves on already to catch a contract Hoover was a gentleman who generally man aged his manager. -- Ren Mulford.

Pugilist John S. Barnes will again handle the reins for Portland this year and has en gaged old Moxie Hengle of Minneapolis to play second and captain the team. Willie Mains is going away out to Portland

this year. Willie can tell the Oregonians some bear stories that will make their western hair do songs and dances.—Mulford. His gaspipolets, Willio Mains, Bobby Wheelock, John Doran and Harry Raymond is a late quartette to subscribe their auto graphs to a western association centract. Clark Armor, the young out fielder with Bradford last year, just signed with the Western is highly spoken of by the Pitts-burg papers. They say he is a star on the

What? Old Tom Dolan of St. Louis, wants to give up the fire department and return to the diamond. There surely ought to be an opening for him in You der Ahe's junk-

Jocko Halligan isn't in love with indoor training and will not enter the "gym." He says: "I believe in practical exercise and will take mine in the seld where I can throw the ball. - Times-Star. All the cold snaps that old Boreas

send down from this on out, will have but little effect upon the enthusiasm of the jubilant crank. He's got his eye upon the ball, and that settles it. President Williams reports that he has thus far under contract seventeen pitchers, nine catchers, nine first basemen, six second

basemen, five third basemen, four short stops and twenty-eight fielders. Dell Darling is among the late Western re-cruits. He caught great ball for Minneapolis last season, but feil down toward the close, probably on account of the uncertain condi-tion of the whole association.

Joe Ardner who returns to the western Euclid avenue opera bouse, Cleveland. Owney Patton also lives there, and is engaged in the Lake Shore ticket department. Jake Morse, of the Boston Herald, says the Western league can congratulate itself on having signed Joe Keller, who played a num-ber of games with Frank Selee's champions

last year. Jake says he is sure to rank way up "Clinkers" Fagan, who played a short en-gagement with the old Mets, when those In-dian braves drank firewater behind O. P. The death of the well known cyclist George Shumway, will be deeply regretted by the cycling fraternity of the west, and especially Caylor's back, and who was with Omaha un der Leonard's management, is wintering at Troy. it is claimed that Breckenridge, just signed by the Western league, was the best first

by his many friends in Omaha.

baseman in the Illinois-Iowa league last year. Payne, a left-handed pitcher and McQuaid, an outfielder, new Western men, are also

rated well. Shannon, the boss disorganizer, has as failed to "get in" anywhere. He had the majestic gall to write a week ago to Johnny Speas for the mismanagement of the Cow boys, but Mr. Speas as yet has not even an swered his letter.

King Gaff has assured the Brooklyn ple that Billy Hart was his choice of all the Western association's last year's pitchers, which shows that Gaff isn't any slower in judging a player than he is in getting a bal

Among the last batch of players signed by President Williams were Catcher Munyan ran, Jimmy Manning, James Graham, Jack Carroll, Pitcher Lew Johnson, Andy Knox, Pitchers Clausen and Gale, Bob Gilks, Catcher Jerry Hurley and Second Baseman The St. Lohis base ball sheet has the

despicable habit of clipping weekly every line of The Bee's base ball matter and using it in the shape of correspondence from this city. A paper, bearing the marks of evident prosperity that the News does, should be above such contemptible practices. It speaks a prosperous base ball season when state and miner leagues dot the

horizon. The year 1892 ought to be a good one, as many of these smaller organizations are getting in shape. There are already seven state leagues in progress of organiza-tion with many yet to bear from. Some of the old players now relegated to rear will be in demand in the big leagues before June, because the season will bring with it the inevitable crop of failures, accidents and break downs. So even players without engagements would do well to keep

themselves in condition all the time to accept immediately a call, says the Sporting Life. The fact that President Williams has signed a goodly number of old players dropped from the two major associations doe not signify that the Western league is to be come an almshouse for the worthloss and the played out. Just so many old veterans are needed for ballast in a new enterprise like this, and there is no cause for fear that the

roung blood will not largely predominate. The Western league's schodule committee is hard at work on this document and will have it completed by the middle of this week. Already it has been given out that the sea on will open April 20, just five weeks from next Wednesday, with Omaha pitted against Columbus at Columbus, Kansas City against Indianapolis at Indianapolis, Minneapolis against Toledo at Toledo, and St. Paul

against Milwaukee at Milwaukee. The local club has come to terms with Jimmy Manning, and the popular captain o the Blues will again play s cond base and manage the team for the season of 1892. The news that Manning is to be with us again was bailed with satisfaction by his great army of friends, who have learned to admir him as a player and a gentleman during his many years' service in Kansas City. It may he put down as certain that no club in the Western league will have a better manager

or a much better second baseman than K. C.-Kansas City Times. The following contracts were approved by President Williams vesterday: Harry O'Day, second baseman of the old Milwaukee club; John Wadsworth, pitcher of the San Francisco club; Ed Hayes, a catcher of Worcester, Mass., recommended by Umpire Gaffney, and James Haniboe, a pitcher, H. Merrit, last venr a catcher with Anson; James Wolf, fielder with Louisville team, F. Andrus, an outfielder, accepted terms. Joseph (Red) Mack wired that he had signed a contract to cover second has for New York President Williams vesterday : Harry O'Day a contract to cover second base for New York next season. There is some trouble about Breckieridge, Corbett and several players of the Illinois league who had reserved by that organization, but after wards signed with the Western league President Williams says the men will not b surrendered, as the reserve rule was knocked out by the Indianapolis combination

Miscellaneous Local Sports. Marve Beardsley is making his mark over a Little Rock as the secretary of the Arkan sas jockey club.

Billy O'Donnell was jobted out of his fight with young Magner at Covington, this state, ast Sunday night. June is the month named for the meeting Joe Goddard, the Barrier champion, and

oe McAuliffe, the Mission boy, Manager Billy Mardis is hard at work get ing up another six-day international tug-ofar to come off at the Coliseum commencing

Master Archie C. Goodrich, a boy 12 years he wing, 300 feet distant, on Tuesday last with a 22 caliber rifle. The Denver Cyclists' union has elected the following officers: President, A. G. Brocker

vice president, Henry Wilton; secretary George A. Warth; treasurer, G. E. Hannon Tom Eck, who is now in New York, ex-pects to take sixteen professional bicycle iders to England next month and enter the n all the big European events, Among Eck's American crowd will be Prince, Ashinger, Reading and Martin. Bat Masterson has withdrawn from the

race for city marshal at the now great min-ing camp, Creede, Col., and instead has opened an a big gambling and liquor house. Billy the Colorado champion heavyweigh s at the head of a similar institution at the same place. C. P. Hubbard, of the Loup kennals at Broken Bow, Neb., has purchased the imported Irish setter bitch, Stella IV., by Beaconsfield out of Alma, bred by Captain

Eccles, Dublin, Ireland. She visited pion Dick Swiveler before her journey west -Cincinnati Enquirer. The grand averages of the contestants in the late Brunswick-Balke-Collender billiard tournament were as subjoined: Keniston, 10 games, average 3.635; Arrasmith, 10 games, average 3.308; Symes, 10 games, verage 2,695; Cabn, 8 games, average Hays, 8 games, average 2.219. Best single averages: Keniston, 5.55; Arrasmith, 5.85; Symes, 3.29; Cahn, 3.58; Hays, 3.00. Best

runs: Kenisten, 35; Arrasmith, 39; Symes, 36; Cahn, 20; Hays, 24. There will be more tennis played this summer than ever before judging from the interest manife ted in the sport thus far in advance. All the clubs of this city are making elaborate preparations and the state tourns ment will undoubtedly be a good one. The Young Men's Christion association club has elected the following officers: President, J. W. Battin; secretary, Edward C. Wilbur, and treasurer, Frank W. Ober. The grounds will be open to ladies on mornings of each week day and Wednesday evenings, and the courts will be ready for playing about

April 1. A note from C. P. Hubbard, proprietor of the Loup kennels, Broken Bow, Neb., says the Loup kennels, Broken Bow, Neb. says:
I want to call your attention to an error in
your clipping from the Broken Bow Daily
Republican, which distorted "Champion
Elcho jr. stock" into "Champion Electric
stock." I have just received the dogs sired
by Champion Elcho jr., and I am greatly
pleased with them, especially their field
action. Champion Elcho jr. died last fail.
In his day he defeated all the Irish setters in
America including Champion Dick Swivel. America, including Champion Dick Swivel ler a half dozen times, and at a bench show he never falled to take the special for the best dog in the show of any breed. Now he is dead, his pupples are in great demand and

bring hig prices.

At the last regular monthly meeting of the Omaha kennel club the following committee: were appointed: Auditing and finance, E. L. Marston, J. L. Evans, C. W. Waterman These gentlemen are a committee on ways and means, also beach show: W. E. Nason, E. L. Marston, C. W. Waterman, J. Short, Charles Frenzer; printing, W. F. Cadagan, C. W. Waterman, H. B. Kennedy. The new constitution and by-laws are in the hands of the printer and will be issued in about two weeks. The beach show committee was instructed to proceed to make arrangements for an exhibition in the fall. The club has for an exhibition in the fail. The club has removed from its rooms on Fourteenth street and will meet at the Collins Gun company's store bereafter. The club will endeavor to have the next legislature rass a law making dogs property and taxable. Senator Switzler introduced such a bill at the last legislature. which passed the senate, but the Newberry bill consumed so much of the time of the house that file 176 was lost in the shuffle.

Whisperings of the Wheel. Hastings has secured the division meet for nitely decided upon. What has become of the Tourist Whee

men! They must be indulging in a Rip Van Winkle alumber. In order to inspire genuine enthusiasm and insure the attendance of firstclass riders at cycle tournaments give them glory and tin!

The mempership of the Nebraska division

of the league now numbers only 208. an exceedingly small membership, as Omaha alone claims to have 500 cyclists.

Plans are progressing rapidly for 'the Omaha Wheel club's new quarters. They will undoubtedly be as fine a structure, with

all modern improvements, as is to be seen anywhere. What has become of our friend Mockett The four hours' ride at the Coliseum recently must have lessened the abnormal develop-ment of his head and his chest measurement

at the same time. "Come to America quick, me boy; the fir est place in the wourld. All ye's have to do is to fill a bod wid bricks and mortar, carry it to the top of a four-story building, and they have a man up there who does all the

Yes, by all means let the League of American Wheelmen stick to its antiquated ods of dispensing tin, and as the McKinley bill has somewhat cheapened that article a first class rider will at the end of the season present the appearance of the mute in Han lon's Fantasma at the close of the Waterbury clock episode.

If there is to be an immense wigwam built this spring in the central part of the city would it not be advisable for the cyclists and lovers of eveling in Omaha to contribute lib erally to the enterprise, with the understanding that a fine bicycle track be built therein as not to interfers with the seating capacity of the building.

All the amateur has to do is to train in dustriously for a month, spend \$50 or \$100 for expenses, and the management of the meet will furnish the tin medals. And should this enterprising amateur be for-tunate enough to win one of these emblems of glory, its halo would equal that of a sun set in a Nebrassa blizzard,

It will soon be time for the strong and plucky amateur intending to add fame and tin medals to his last year's stock to invest rom \$150 to \$175 tn some improved that will carry him forward to glory and the poor house. What a fine prospect before him! It in nearly as brilliant as the Hibernian in America pictured to his brother Pat, back in Ironand:

The question of good roads is undoubtedly one of national importance, and the efforts of the League of American Wheelmen to secure them should receive the hearty co-operation of mil. I see the Bicycling World favor asphalt and wood for streets and roads Asphalt may be all right, but to all advocates of wood, and especially cedar blocks, I cheerfully refer them to the citizens along Park avenue, this city, for good, sound arguments

Talk Among the Amatuers. Hurley promises to line 'em out th

Look out Nonpareils, there's a team in th rity this season that will make you hard to

Jellen has retired permanently from th With a little more practice. Tom Flynn of the Nonparciis, would make a first classplumber.

The Haydens will have the nobbiest uni

orms in the city. Bowles will do most of the catching for the laydens this season. The Diamonds promise to make it warm for the best of them this summer. Great things ore expected of Snyder, wh s to do a good dear of the twirling for Mans

ger Keiley's new team this summer. The new uniforms for the Haydens are being furnished by Wright & Ditson of New York, through their Omaha agents, the Frank Cross Gun company.

Questions and Answers. RED OAK, In., March 5.—To the Sporting Edi-tor of The Bee: Will you please give me the address in next Sunday's Bee of some one keeping true blooded game cocks, and oblige

Ans. - Henry Hornberger, this city. UNION PACIFIC HEADQUARTERS, March 9.—
To the Sporting Editor of The Ber: Can you let me know in Sunday's Ber if possible, the name, and request if you don't know, of your readers of the party or parties, who made an effort last year to organize a boys' league in tuls city? I have information for them.—T. If Keen.

SOUTH OMAHA. March 6.—To the Editor of The Brig. To decide a bet made between two constant readers of your paper, you would confer a compliment by answering the following: The bet is who is the champion heavy weight thrower of America? Ans. - There is no bons fide champion, but

or belongs to either Peter Foley or J. S. Mitchell. GRAND ISLAND, Neb., March 7 .- To the Sportwazer but very large dispute, niease state in SUNDAY'S BEE which one of the Klienmans, Abe or George, was it who beat J. R. Elliott, the American Field champion of Kansas City, at Chicago, during the last year or so?

Ans.—Both. On the 19 of December 1890. George beat Elliott 91 to 83 out of 100 birds. and on the following day Abe repeated the dose 94 to 91. Neither of these matches, how ever, were for the American Field chanpion ship cup.

OMAHA, March 7.--To the Sporting Editor of The Right: Will you please state in Sunday's issue who was the first prize this champion of America? Your accounts of the old English fighters are good, but can't you give us some-thing on the old American fighters?--Phil Baker. Baker. Ans,-Tom Hyer was the first champion of

America. He was born January 1, 1819. He fought but two outles in the ring—with Country McCloskey and Yankee Sullivan. John Morrissey forfeited to him. The American fighters will probably receive proper at ention later. OMAHA, March 10...To the Sporting Editor of THE BRE: To settle an argument please pub-lish the standing of the Western association teams for 1890...T. L. M.

Ans.—Kansas City, per cent, .666; Minne-apolis, .634; Milwaukee, .631; Denver, .475; Sioux City, .466; Omaha, .425; Lincoln, .391; St. Paul, .311.

There are letters at the sporting department of this paper for John Quinu, the wrestler, John Paterson, ball player and James Daily, pugilist. HEMMAN, Neb., March 8.—To the Sporting Editor of The Bre: In a game of high five where no one bids how many does the dealer have to make not to be set?—Herman. Aus .- One little pearly point.

FLORENCE, March 8 —To the Sporting Editor of The Bee: The little animal we call a rabbit, the common cotton tall, has excited an animated discussion between several hunters of this neighborhood. Wifat are they, really, rabbits or hares? Ans.—They are hares. They are vulgariy

There are no rabbits indigenous to this country. BEATRICE, Neb., March 10.—To the Sporting Editor of Tar Bee: Please publish in Sunday's sporting department which horse has the best record, Harus or St. Julien' What was Maud S's best time, and what is a hand, horse meas-

re?-Regular Subscriber Ans.—St. Julien, 2:11½; Rarus, 2:13½; Mand S, 2:08½. Four inches. Homer Mc., Paxton & Vierting Iron works Your question is wholly unintelligible. Try it again and give names, numbers and dis-

tance, as well as the score.

Onavia. March 10.—To the Sporting Editor of
The Bre: Please inform me what would be a
good target at 35 yards. 39-inch circle, for a 12guage gun, 39-farans of Schultze powder' 1½
ounces No. 7 shot? Also, what improvement
would a 10-bore, under same conditions, show?

Do Chilly. tance, as well as the score. -Du Chilly.

Ans,-At least one-half the peliets in the

charge. A 10-bore would only show a slightly larger killing circle. The 12-bore pattern would be the closest of the two. OMAHA, March 8.—To the Sporting Editor of The Hee: To settle a dispute, will you picase answer the following question in your SUNDAY BEE? In a gane of cribbinge, "partners," A R. C and D. A has played all of his cards and B. C and D are left to finish the game. B plays a three-spot, C plays a live-spot and D plays a deuce (two-spot) and B corres in again with a four-spot and claims a run of four. Can this

four-spot and claims a run of four. Can this be counted?—C. A. Walker, Union Pacific

oundry. Ans.-It can. BLAIR, Nob., March 8.—To the Sporting Editor of The Bee: To settle a bet please answer in Sunday's sporting columns: In a game of casino can a player build two piles before taking either one? In the count, which points count last, little casino or the aces?—The Deuce.

Ans. -(1) He can. (2) Aces. Sioux Cirv. Ia., March 7.—To the Sporting Editor of Tue Ber: Will you please inform me whether E mer Foster, the ball player, is married man or not, and what his age is?— Anxious

Ans .- He is. Twenty-nine. OMARA, March a .- To the Sporting Editor of THE BEE: Has the rule governing foul tips been changed any for this year? -- Elyne.

Ans.-You will find the amended rules in T. C. K's Pugilistic Gabble. NEW YORK, March 8.-To the Sporting Editor of Tue Bee: The sporting men of

contests, a good man is sure to get a fair show there no matter where he comes from It is all owing to square honorable men having the management of these affairs. It is true the riff-raff, rag tag, and bobtall from the slums, broke up the fight between Deaf Burke the English champion and O'Rourke in 1837 and threatened to make minced meat of the "deaf un" for presuming to lick their man, but those contests are managed differently now. Tom Allen had quite a run of success in beating giants, both in England and this country, George Hes a six feet twoand a halfer, who had fought Wormald and O'Baldwin and Mike McCool were among his conquests. The accomplished Jem Mace when in his 40th year, fought and defeated Tom Allen near New Orleans, and it was a very well managed, peaceable "mill." Aaron Jones also found good friends and backers there. And Bob Fitzsimmons has had the best of treatment there too, besides winning lots of boodle and giery. The irreppressible Charlie Mitchell, notwithstanding the pep-pering he has been getting from penny-a-liner for years, got a most enthusiastic re-

cection at the late scrap.

There were many present at the Fitz and Maher contest, who saw Mitchell set-to in fighting costume for the first time, and judg-ing from the enthusiastic cheers he got they seemed to have been stuck on his shape and his swift and easy, gracefel sparring. Char-lie has evidently got friends down there with plenty of money behind them. It is impossibie to please everybody, although Sayers beat the Siasher without dropping or getting down in 1857.

The Tiptonians commented on Tom's re-treating tactics and contended that it was not fair fighting, but foot racing, but the reporter said, "as these remarks came from the enemy's camp they are worth but little." Of course, it would have been infinitely more pleasing to them had Tom stood and slogged away against an adversary of so much heavier metal until he was disabled by a chance blow, but such a course would have been perfect madness on his part. How his jumping or running away could be called unair so long as be confined himself within he ring we cannot conceive. The ring is always constructed of a certain size for the express purpose of restraining the combatants within certain bounds, and within these bounds a man has a perfect right to retreat and jump about as long as he likes, so that he does not decline to face his opponent; and that Tom Sayers for one moment declined to continue the battle cannot by any one be

maintained. How far his jumping about and exertions upon his legs were advisable for his own sake is another question, and I think that he might have kept out of harm's way with far less exertion, and reserved much of his strength against any unlocked for contingency, had he restrained his peristattic ener-gies within more reasonable bounds. If the Slasher had been younger and more active, it is not improbable that the gailant Tom would have been found out as the battle pro gressed, the benefit of such a mode of fight ng. -Notwithstanding Tom's victorious fights

with Poulson and Jones and the advanced age of the Tipton and the dissipated life the latter had led, his herculean frame and his previous performances, the old one was the favorite in the betting at six to four. The Tipton said in addition to his overwhelming advantages in height and weight, he would be found to be the cleverer man of the two. On the other hand Tom was so confident that he would win that he bet every cent he had and even pledged his gold watch on the result. The editor of Bell commencing on Say ers tactics after his victorious fight with Aaron Jones said: "The improvement he (Sigrs) displayed in every way since his last match, was extraordinary. His jaystem last match, was extraordinary. His system of leading off is almost perfect, said his quickness on his legs would have delighted the late Mr. John Jackson, whose opinion on the subject of this qualification is well known. He had little resource to stopping, trusting to his activity to keep him out of harm's way, and his success with which his manauvering was attended was proved by the fact that he had scarcely a black eye, and beyond exhaustion had nothing to complain

Tom owned a kicking mule and he used to amuse himself with jumping back and avoiding the kicks. It is well known that an expert in jumping back is difficult to burt, Tom used to practice falling, also, during his training, and kicking a football and fighting the bag. His plan seems to have been to be more of an India rubber man in the circus than the lifter or dumb bell performer. It is well known that too much muscle hampers a pugilist and makes him muscle or should cles and flexible ders are required for hard hitting. Madden made a mistage in matching his protego against "Red-Headed Bob." There are plenty of big slow fellows he would have done better with. Fitz was much quicker at avoiding and the better scienced man. He is a healthy, sinewy man and a tircless trainer. There are many more big ones who would find him a very ugly customer to tackle. He is also a very fair fighter and soldom indulges in clinching to save his bacon. None of the men with whom he has contended with so far in this country have had a ghost of a chance with him. How so many laid odds on the Galway man is a mystery. His previous performances did not justify it. Slavin would find him a harder nut to crack

than Kilrain. Johnny Broome fought a Glasgow Irishman in 1840 near Glasgow in Scotland, named McGinty, and beat him in 150 minutes. Johnny said he was more afraid of the mon than his man, he thought they were going to do him up. Some officers in the army had seats in the inner ring, and because they applauded Broome had their hats smasned over their eyes by the infuriated McGintv-ites. When the officers complained of their rough treatment in the papers, the editor expressed his sorrow, but said they were not responsible for the conduct of the scum of the population from the sums attending an unlawful sport. Perhaps the New Orleans and St. Louis citizens can say

likewise. T. C. K WEEPING WATER, Neb., Oct. 28, 1890. Dr. Moore. My Dear Sir: I have just bought the third bottle of your Tree of Life. It is indeed a "Tree of Life." you so kindly gave me that first bottle my right side was so lame and sore and my liver collarged so much that I could not lie upon my right side at ail. There was a soreness over my kidneys all of the time, but now that trouble is all over. I sleep just as well on one side as on the other, and my sleep rests and refreshes me and I feel the best I've felt in fifteen years, and I know that it is all due to your Tree of Life.

Yours very truly, D. F. Dudley.

A Parting Shot. Clothier and Furnisher: "This, then, Miss Grassneck," said the young man as he started for the door, "is your final decision? "It is, Mr. Wicklugge," said the young

girl firmly. "Then," he replied, his voice betraying an unnatural calmness, "there is but one thing more to add." "What is that?" she asked, toying abseatly with the lobe of her shell-like

ear. "It is this," he muttered-"shall I return, those black satin suspenders by mail, or will you have them now?"



Eaby's cheek is like a peach, Is it Madame Ruppert's bleach? No! but baby's mama's cheek Volumes to its praise doth speak! Call for Mme. Ruppert's book, "How to be Beauti-

ful" of Mrs. J. Benson, 210 S. 15th St., Omaha, Neb. LeDuc's Periodical Pills The French remedy acts directly upon the generative organs and cures suppression of the mense. For three for Fi and can be mailed. Should not be used during pre-maney. Jobbers, Oracs ists and the public supplied by Goodman Drug Co., Omaha t

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