APRIL SHOWERS OF SPORT

A Healthful Revival of Interest in Matters Pertaining to the Turf.

FRESH BREEZES FROM THE BALL FIELD

The State Shoot-The Bykers' Budget-Movements of the Short-Haired-The Tug-of-War-Bench Show and Sports of All Kinds.



HE reorganization of the Gentleman's Rondster club and the glowing prospects of Omaha's new Driving Park association, the beautiful spring weather and other inspiring elements, are effecting a most gratifying anima-

tion among our local horse owners, and the prospects are prime for a good deal of healthy sport this season. So far in her history Omaha has been a laggard in racing affairs, There has been plenty of latent interest and a large number of fine animals owned here, yet but an insignificant figure has been cut in the affairs of the turf. Nat Brown, to be sure, has made repeated efforts to awaken the right sort of an interest, but alone and single-handed almost, not much of a general stir could be expected. Still he has given the two cities several fine racing meets, and is ready and anxious to again put his shoulder to the wheel and give Omaha what she is entitled to, a first class spring and fall running and trotting session. Mr. Garneau, president of the new Driving Park association, assures me that the new project is undoubtedly a go. He has been notified by the board to make another assessment of 10 per cent upon the stockholders, and to push the work forward with all possible vigor and expedition. Owing, however, to the enormous amount of work to be done, It is doubtful whether the association will be

tremendous success. It is the intention of the association to make the thing a big go from the very outset and the initial meeting, which will comprise both running and trotting, is to be one that will command national attention. The aggregate purses are to foot up not less than H0,000, and all the details of the meet are to be laid upon lines that will compare favorable with the most fa-mous courses in the country. Nothing is to be done by halves; everything is to be upand-up, and thoroughly legitimate and first-class. We are to have crack horses, runners, trotters and pacers; the crack jockeys and the crack drivers, in fact all the concomitants of a Brooklyn, a Coney Island or Wash ington Park.
It is a well-established fact that no city of

enabled to arrange for a meeting before June, 1893, when everything will be in snape for a

its class has more beautiful streets, boule-vards or drives than Omana, that is when they are in condition, and it is but natural to look for much handsome horseffesh here, and a very general interest in matters pertaining to the track. And such is really the case; a large number of our business men and cap-italists have possessed themselves with horses of the true American type, modern-bred, fleet, graceful and staunch, and any pleasant evening they are to be reviewed on pleasant evening they are to be reviewed on any of our popular drives, out the avenue or on the broad boulevard connecting this city with the Bluffs. Pole teams, single drivers and saddlers, there are by the dozens and the score, and when out for a general brush the spectacle is sufficient to accelerate the blood in the veins of the most conservative or commonlines admirture of the horse. monplace admirer of the horse.

J. A. Wood is the owner of a magnificent pole team in his brown horse Dandy and bay horse Frank. The latter has a private mark of 26 made on a half mile track. As a pole team their owner has driven them in 40. They make a remarkably handsome pair, are as gentle as plugs and can be driven anywhere with impunity. As a pole team they have een beaten in the state, and on the day of the late clam bake Jack is said to have made monkeys out at the park of some of the alleged fast ones in the city.

Tom Swobe of the Millard possesses a pair beautiful chestnut geidings ne can call on for an attractive exhibition.

J. H. Millard is proud of a pair of bay geld-ings, formerly owned by Bob Kneebs, while A. J. Poppleton, James Stephenson, W. A. Paxton, sr., J. H. McWhorter, Frank Ramge, the Patricks, W. H. McCord, John T. Clark, Will Millard, Dr. Lee, Joe Withrow, Dr. Peabody, Ben Wood, William Snyder, Frank Colpetzor, G. W. Hitchcock, Clint Briggs and many others ornament the drives and boulevards o'pleasant evenings with teams with style, speed and get-up suffiwith teams with style, speed and get-up sufficient to attract attention anywhere.

Billy Hughes, the druggist, claims that his little chestnut bute, Oklahoma, has a new pair of wings this spring, and he is deter-mined to get down into the 20's before fall. Dick Wilde still glories in May Clark, who, although a trifle aged, manages to skip along yet at a very merry clip.

Joe Garneau has a good one in Rose Cough

lin, and Colonel Sharp, Lou Hill and Frank Parmetee are all able to keep out of the dust. W. A. Redick has a black gelding who can get down to 30, while Fred Davis, W. W. Morse and H. B. Irey all possess fast and stylish animals.

G. D. Edwards, manager of the Columbu Buggy company's repository, has two horses, a trotter and a pacer, the former a chestnut elding by a son of Green's Bashaw, and or of magnificent presence, 18 hands high, perfectly balanced, and his way of going is about right. Mr. Edwards' pacer, Columbus Tom, is a bay gelding, with white legs and face, a free-and-easy sort of a fellow, but when straightened out on the road and asked to go along he can do it and without any mistakes.

Bob Wells knows a good one when he sees

him. His bay mare is very speedy and very stylish. Bob is one of the men who gets a wholesome enjoyment out of his horses. Billy Paxton ir., with his black gelding hooked to a nativ side-par, is ever ready to test quality and speed. If he is beaten down the road he invites them out to the Keystone farm to see how John Turner can move. He has a whole lot of 'em, and some day is destined to take a stand in local turf

Dr. Ramacciotti, Robert Wilson, C. F. Reed Raiph Stout, United States Marshal Slaughter, Drs. Hayes and Mason, James Ainscow R. O. Bochus, Dick Smith, Andy Murphy, W Pritchard and C. M. Buck are also owners of more than ordinary animals.

It is hoped that drying weather will soon come so that the tracks can be gotten in shape for the trotters to be put to work upon or else by the time of the earlier meetings but few will be in form to go miles right up

The bay geiding, Sarpy, by Zulu, owned by Mr. Burkett, is looking about right. He is in about as perfect racing form as you will often see them this early in the season, and by the time the bell taps for the matinees those who are competitors in dashes will have to be keyed up pretty well and possess speed to stay with him, for unless form and quality go for naught, he is a fast one as well as a race horse. Then himself and where seem to agree nicely, and they will be a hard combination to beat.

Frank Carmienael is the owner of the five-year-old geiding, John, 2:35, an ideal road acree and one that the boys will have to trot some to head. Mr. C. hopes to be able to make it interesting for some of the poople this season.

It is a good thing we have some in Omaha who realize that a trotter must possess speed and are willing to put up some money for it. The bay filly Mary, recently bought of R. I. Lee of Toneka, Kan., by Nat Brown is one that is welcome. The writer saw her deminstrate her ability in races, and to win them as she did, it took a trotter. She had to heat big fields which were composed of the vary clits of the west, bred as perfectly the very clite of the west. bred as perfectly and prepared as completely as was possible. She will be placed in Bob Kneep's stable this She will be placed in Bob Kneep's stable this season, and as she is nominated in the great \$10,000 stake for 2-year-olds at Columbia. Tenn., to be trotted in October, it is hoped all will go well with her. Whoever beats her will have to make better than 25. I trust that too much will not be asked of her prior to that event, and that she may come to the score perfectly fit.

There are three things that the attention of segislators should be called to: First is the barb wire fence. It is rare to find in the scat a mature horse that has ever been run

at pasture at all that is not marked or maimed in some way by this murderous wire. Second, the "overdraw" or Kimball Jackson Second, the "overdraw" or Kimball Jackson check, as it is more properly called, is another distressing appliance to subject a horse to while in barness. For the purpose it was originally designed by its inventor, the great trainer and driver, Hiram Woodruff, it is reasonably applicable still; but to be used in every case regardless it is a great evil. The one who will now one and leave a borse. The one who will use one and leave a horse hitched to a post full reined up is most thoughtless of the animal's comfort, or else is a fit subject for the society who aim to prevent crueity to animals, to look after.

Who is so callous as to enjoy on an excessively hot afternoon seeing a party of year-lings driven to the top of their speed for one, two, three and over four miles. It would seem much more as it should be were they allowed their freedom in a bine grass pasture at so tender an age. Give nature a chance to work its perfect development, with perbaps an occasional handling, so that in a measure they may be kept tractable. The colt trotters, as a rule, show at a mature age in the box stall. It is not very probable that Axtel, Allerton or Arion at ten years of age will be able to tret within five to eight seconds within their present marks; as miles near 2:10 at an immature age finds the weak parts, and decline necessarily comes to them early, unless the colt racing is abandoned in

It will not be long till only in the "non-standards" can a perfect individual be found, for in the craze for early speed they are dis-regarded, and nature has a chance consequently at a mature year a stout and capable horse is the result. If present practices are per-sisted in it will not be long or a the most sisted in it will not be long ere the most mensly and imperfect class of horses extant will be the fushionably bred trotters of

The sires of trotters living or dead are those who were allowed the proper years to perfectly mature, therefore they possess all the powers of prepotency and beget a class that are of hardy constitution and perfect conformation, which, coupled with modern appliances and brains, plenty of speed will

As perfectly a pred one as was the great As percectly a orce one as was the great colt race horse Phalias, he has never distin-guished himself in the stud, having only three in the :30 list at 15 years, while Red Wilkes, who never went a mile in a race better than 2:40, has sired more speed than

any other borse of his age.

There are stallions who are getting a service fee on account of their remarkable colt performances whose product will be rare that will possess speed that will make them

worth the service price.

The writer looked at two young herses at the Stillwater farm, Calhoun, Neb., one a son of the great Wilton by General Wilkes, the others son of Happy Medium. Both had dams as perfectly bred and as good individually as their sires. Anyone might patronize these and reasonably expect a trotter from the union as from those that are the top price, while their fee is but nominal and is within reach of the breeder of but moderate circum-

J. R. Getty has sent the M. G. Mollio Sprague, together with three 2-year-olds to Fairfield, Ia., to be trained, E. B. Woods, trainer. After preparation they will be campaigned through the Iowa circuit. Mr. Getty has quite a pole team in the b. m. Fannie and g. g. Joe. Be present at the matinee races during the season and see how they act.

J. McLaughlin, president of the Cedar Rapids, Ia., Driving Park association, has been stopping at the Merchants hotel the past few days. Mr. McLaughlin is an ad-mirer of the American trotter. At his farm in Iowa he has a very select band of standard mares from which he hopes to raise a E. J. Carnish expects to be "in it" the com

ing season with the road brigade, judging by the team he is getting together, which are the b g. Bay Frank, 2:284, and a bay mare by Saturn, that is a trotter. They ought to be able to lead the procession.
R. T. Kneebs arrived at the Union Ociving

park one day last week with his stable. They will be shaped for a season's campaigning. Among them are Jessie Games, 2:15%; Bethei, 2:23%; Mattie Stipp, pace, with a fast mark; also, several others of lesser renown, that will be candidates in different classes. The b. s. Ignis Fatuus, 2:21, and b. f. Marv, will be of the combine.

McEvoy will train his stable of trotters at

the old half mile track north of the city. The star actor of the string is the b. s. Salaam, by Onward, who ought to quit the season with a fast mark, as he is trotting-bred sure and stout looking. Mr. T H. Barron of New York state is in

the city. Mr. Barron is a trainer and driver of years of experience. He has an idea of It is hoped he may, as firs locating here. class men of the profession, are scarce this way. Animals that would make trotters if properly educated, are plenty enough, but a good many of the schools they are in are not what they should be.

Return of the Prodigal.

One more week and the championship season of the year 1892 will be inaugurated in Omaha, and I had a notion to add the voice of the umpire would be heard in the land. I have a faint remembrance, however, of having run across that expression once or twice before, and rather than be charged with plagiarism I will forego the pleasure of mak-

ing a hit. But next Saturday is the opening day, and in the afternoon thereof the excited populace will be enguised in a massirom of base hits, liners, curves and inshoots; flying black and white legs around the diamond, all to the melody that arises from the scores of healthy lungs crowded in the golden sunshine of the bleachers.

The Apostles will be our opponents, and what a wild, unbridled shrick of joyous delirium will swell up from thousands of burst ing throats as old Cy Sutcliffe's Adonis-like form ambies from the seclusion of the dress ing room and takes its spraddle behind the The memory of that symmetrical frame in the halovon days of last spring is a horror to all the old players of the Western association, but to the local fan it is a joy and a beauty forever. No faults can they se in that authropomorphous batch of skin, gristle and bone. Even the little rivulets of tobacco juice that erstwhile were went to rill and trickle adown his patent leather jowl in the heat of intersecine strife, are recalled with the same exquisite fervor that one feels in midwinter when the recollection of the sunny summer woodland, with his murmuring brook, winding in and out like a fabulous silver serpent among the luxuriant

herbage, unbidden steals o'er the mind.

But Cyrus, love, you deserted us in the time of our greatest need. After shooting off your drecrackers on the glorious Fourth and swelling your tank with John Whitzel's beer, you, with the remorselessness of a bar barian of the Runic sge, turned your back or us and fied to Washington. The plandits of a madly adoring people here were too much for the swelling propensities of your cranium! Its tumorosity be-came something frightful! Along with came something frightful! Along with Shannon you pined for new worlds to conquer; longed for faster company. And you found it—to your deep humiliation and regret. You didn't even make a good ostoelogical spectmen for the National museum, your throwing finger became petrified and your brain turned to glass, and at the end of your brain turned to glass, and at the end of the season that whilem massive head of yours wouldn't have made a good door knob! But you have soured on the big league, Cyrey; you will harry and go slow after this; you are back with us. a.d while it is tough, we forgive you. Welcome, Cycliffe Sutrus!

The Western association, which passed into history with the formation of the new Western league, had a checkered career. Its existence extended through out four years, and following are the teams which won the successive champiouships: The first flag fell to Des Moines in 1888, and the team at the close embraced

these players: Hutchinson, Cushman, Smith and Ken nedy, pitchers; Traffley and Sage, catchers; Stearus, Quinn and Alvord on the bases, Maculiar short, and Van Dyke, Holliday and George Shaffer, the Orator, in the outfield.
Of this strong aggregation all are in active service today with the exception of old pie-face, Teddy Kennedy, and the man with the perpetual jaw, George Shaffer. In 1889 Omaha tore of a strip of the bunt-

In 1889 Omaha tore of a strip of the bunting, the young men responsible for the achievement being Nichols, Knell and Clark, pitchers; Nagle and Cooney, catchers; Andrews, Crooks and Cieveland on the bases; Walsh shortstop, and Canavan, Willis and Strauss in the outfield.

All of these players are still cavorting gleefully over the diamond today, with the exception of Cleveland, who is arduously

struggling for a second nomination of the presidency of the United States at the hands of the democracy.

In 1891 the Cowboys made the grand

roundup, the chief punchers being Smith, Conway, Pears and Swartzel, pitchers; Gunson and Donobue, catchers; Stearns, Manning and Carpenter on the bases, Hol-land short, and Nicol, Burns and Hoover in the outfield

These ex-Kansas Cityans, barring Danny Stearns, are all still in it. Stearns won't sign because he can't get three or four times as much as he is worth, and just now is managing to the out three squares a day by sceping tab on the bangtails in a Kansas City pool room.

City pool room.

Last year, the finale of the old Western association, and the Corn Huskers captured the red edr. Baker and Ehret were the pitchers, Earle the catcher, O'Brien, Nicholson and Raymond on the bags, Shelbeck sbort, and Van Dyke, Genins and Strauss in the field.

the field. of these men have positions today, Shelbeck being the only one, however, with the new Western league, the Omaha team, and he will prove a populor man from the jump, as he is a ball player of pronounced ability.
Vale the Western association: requiescat

Omaha's New Era of Base Batt.

Sportsman's park presents today a more attractive appearance than ever before, When the new management assumed control two weeks ago, the place looked as if it had been on familiar terms with a cyclone. Hundreds of feet of the fence were prostrate, while great holes ornamented the standing sections, the grounds themselves were cut up and corrugated by the hoofs of numerous cattle, hogs and horses, and the grand stand looked like a dismantled ship in a storm. The interior was a sight to behold, while loose boards stapped grusomely in every passing breeze, the walks were displaced and upheaved, and the whole

place looked as if it had been neglected and uncared for years.

in peace.

But a great change has taken place, and today the park is as neat, clean and inviting as any ball park in the west. Material imas any ball park in the west. Material im-provements have been made upon the grand stand. A new broad entrance marks the site of the old pigeon hole, a commodious box office has been built; the stairway to the seats in the stand has been quadrupled in size, and a broad exit has been provided immediately at the foot of this, making ingress and egress a matter of perfect convenience, freedom and comfort. The old narrow stairway against the wall leading up to the seats has been en-tirely done away with and the change is a most admirable one. In addition to this the weatherboarding between the top floor of the grand stand and the roof, extending clear around the south side of the ampitheater has been torn away and a neatrailing substituted, thus enabling the invigorating breezes to have full play over the spec-tators in the stand. Formerly, on this account a seat in the grand stand with a crowd on a hot day was like occupying a shelf in a crematory. The ladies' depart-ment has also received much needed attention. All the folding chairs have been re-paired and many additional ones put in, while the department itself has been sepa-rated from the grand stand proper by a neat lattice-work. This year these seats will be maintained exclusively for ladies and their escorts, and no encroachments by parties who have no right or tusiness there will be suffered an instant. Ladies attending the games can rest assured of the same freedom from objectionable features and the same courtesy and attention that they are accus-tomed to in the theater. Uniformed attend-ants will be on hand for this purpose. Again, there will be no hawking of peanuts, gum or other refreshments during the pro-gress of the game. The intervals between innings is the time that will be allotted to these venders and the score card flends, and to this the musses will respond amen.

But the buildings and fences and walks are not all that has been improved, as much muscle and money has been lavished upon the grounds themselves, and it is no exag-ceration to state that they never were in geration to state that they never were in such fine condition at this time of the year before. Dave E. Rowe is a manager who possesses all the qualifications requisite to the position, an appreciation of the likes and districts of the patrons of the park, energy, ability, intelligence and discrimination, qualities the figurehead of last season was an absolute stranger to. Buck Keefe has keen appointed tranger to. Buck Keefe has been appo groundkeeper, and in the spiendid condition of the grounds and the cleanliness of the stands, the wisdom of the selection is fully exemplified. The stands, Buck says, will receive a thorough sweeping after every game. and on Saturday evening a complete scrub-

The arrangements for policing the para this season will also be a vast improvement over that of past seasons; for in addition to the club's private officers, three members of the regular metropolitan force will be on hand at every game, and on the occasion of holidays and big crowds this will be in

All of these many improvements and chances should be ample to convince the public that Omaha is about to enter into a new and unfamiliar era of base ball manage ment, and the generous spirit and enterprise displayed should be abundant inducement for the most generous, liberal and cordin support.

The State Shoot Next Month.

The sixteenth annual shooting tourna ment of the Nebraska State Sportsmen's association will be neld at Grand Island next month, May 10, 11, 12 and 13, during which the annual meeting of the association will also be held. THE BRETCHURDS thanks to W. H. Harrison, editor of the Grand Island Club Journal, for a copy of the same, which is a eat pamphlet embracing the program of the shoot, together with much incidental infor mation of interest. The tournament, jude ing from the energy displayed by the management, will exceed in magnitude and im-portance any similar event ever held in the state. It is distinctly for trap shooters and no one is barred. During the four days only four association matches will be shot, and these all for menals. These are the only races not open to the world. Experts will only be handicapped in two events and these conditions are imposed by the donors of two spiendid prizes which are hung up.

The State association races for the Platts mouth champion team cup, teams of four, and the old Western association team badge, teams of two, have been arranged with a view of reviving a more lively interest in the contests. Of late years but few entries in these contests have been made. Why this is the case it would be hard to state. Certain ly every gun club in the state should strive to carry off one of these trephies, and the winners may well feel proud of their victory. Heretofore, owing to limited entries, winner, have usually been a small sum out of pocket. The management has added a liberal sum of money in both cases, and hope every mem-ber of the State association will come to the tournament prepared to strive for these hon-

ever, that they will not be eligible to medal contests unless the club in which they have membership has remitted its annual dues to the secretary of the State association, J. E. Stoufer of Grand Island. Secretaries of gun clubs should attend to this at once, as competitors will want some considerable time for preparation. There will be from ten to tweive regular shoots daily, both at artificial targets and live birds, and as Grand Island adds \$1,000 to the various purses, it is reasonable to expect an assemblage of many of the cracker-jacks of the country. J. A. R. Elliott of Kansas City, champion wing shot of America, who has for two years held the American Field cup against all comers, will be on hand with a dozen Kansas City and St. Joe cracks behind him that will make life anything but a measure for the Chicago boys, the Denver and Cheyenne contingent, under the redephylable, lave, Sedam, and the Love the redoubtable Jose Sedam, and the Iowa pirates, who will be marshalled by Charlie Budd. Captain Frank S. Parmalee, who will have charge of the Nebraska forces, ex-pects to a little more than hold his own. The full programme will appear in a later issue of THE Bze.

The Omaha Kennel Club. "Timid dogs bark loudest."

For a little more than a year the Omah Cennel club has been emitting a series of barks which have recently become so numerous as to sound quite loud. We would not have the public believe, however, that the club is really a timid animal. The noise should be taken, rather, as an evidence of in-

creasing vitality.
It should be remembered that the clue is just emerging from puppyhood, and, during its period of growth, has been subject to all the life that frequently overtake high bred dogs. "It has had distemper" and has shown

some symptoms of chorea, yet we believe that with a good tonic and proper treatment it will develop into a fine specimen that will

be admired at home and abroad.

The club will appeal to the public for this treatment and especially the tonic. The club is incorporated under Nebtassa laws and was admitted to membership in the American Kenrel club September 24, 1891.

Its new constitution and by laws is now ready for any one interested, and will show that it is being conducted on strictly business principles. The new board is managing its affairs on safe lines, and merits the conti-

dence of ail. With a gradually increasing membership and encouragement from others, the club has decided to give a show this fall, and will soon fix a definite date.

The club believes that, owing to Omaha's central location, it should give a show that will crowd 500 entries. It certainly should not rank lower than other western cities in this respect. this respect.

this respect.

The prizes offered for the coming Denver show aggregate \$2,000. Can Omaha do as well! It requires a good premium list to attract the best dogs and make a successful show, and the present membership of the club is not large enough and wealthy enough to do this alone. They have brains and enthusians but want more members and a thusiasm, but want more members and a guaranteed promum list, and invite all in-terested in completing Omaha's list of at-tractions for 1892 to subscribe liberally. The quarterly meeting of the club will be

held Tuesday evening next at the Collins gun store. A full attendance of members is desired, as important business is to be transnoted, much of it pertaining to Omaha's first legitimate bench show.

A Demonstration for the Opening Day, Next Saturday and the ball will be set -rolling. It will be the first championship game of the season of '91 and the management is making claborate preparations for a memorable occasion. The St. Pauls, with Old Cy Sutcliff, Collins, Motz, Pop Smith, Bitly Alvord, Holland, Hogriever and the rest of this strong aggregation will be here the first to test the metal of Rowe's Rustiers

The opening day, it is the determination of the management, to make befitting of what is to presumably be a prosperous and successful season, and shortly after I o'clock the two teams in uniform headed by the barracks band will parade the principal thoroughfares, then repair inmediately to the grounds, Here from 2 till 3 the band will give an open air concert, rendering a se lect program which is being prepared for the occasion. The s ars and stripes will fleat from the apex of the grand stand, and ban-ners and bunting will be flung to the breezes from various points. With propitious weather a large attendance is an assured fact, and it is hoped that a game will be played as to render the occasion a notable one in the local history of the game. Haves and Vickery will occupy the points for the Rustlers.

Ladles' Day at Sportsman's Park, The voting on Ladies' day at Sportsman's park this season has been quite spirited and up to date Wednesday has the call by a maority of 39 votes. Monday has received 11, Tuesday 17, Wednesday 87. Thursday 19, Priday 3 and Saturday 3. This is a healthy showing and encourages the management in the hope that the fair sex are going to turnout in unusual numbers this season. The voting will continue up to Friday evening ext, when the day receiving the most pallots will be set aside and designated as Ladies' day, on which occasion no admission will be charged the rentle ones.

Fifty votes in a lump have been received from the lady employes of the Union Pacific headquarters, which was accompanied by the tallowing note.

following note:

Union Pacific Readquarters, April 7.—To the Sporting Editor of the Bee: We the undersigned Ladies, 9 ployed by the Union Predicted and Market that Saturday be the day selected as "addes" day" at the Sportsman's park. This sthe only day that would do us any good, because, as you are aware, we have to work uptil 5 p. m. all the week. Trusting that you will add these few votes to those that have probably accumulated by this time, we sign ogreeives, your most en thusiastic trans. Then follows the fifty names in the deli

cate calligraphy of each.

Al Reach's Best Volume. At Reach's official base ball guine for 1802 has been reviewed, and the decision is that it is one of the most complete and instructive of the old votern's whole series, comprising a period of ten years. It opens up with a review of the season of 'bl, with its vicissitudes and mutations, flually culminating in the grand consolidation of the two old bodies. It treats intelligently upon the present season, devotes considerable space to the innovation of the Western learne, goes over the past of this organization, gives the full score of many of its greatest games, along with other interesting matter. Of course it contains the national rules, agree-ment and the different schedules, and is in fact a valuable compendium of everything that is interesting connected with our glori-

cus national game. The Song of the Dickey Bird. Frank Leonard, Omaha's manager in '99, has caught on with Binghamton, N. Y. Georgie Shock has been given the run b Washington, and may be looked for out thi-way soon. Hope we get him.

Omaha will have more and stronger teur teams than ever this year, and in adance they are notified that score sheets can

e obtained free at this office. The Ohio State Journal will provide their newspoys with tickets to the first Columbus ame and march them out to Recreation park headed by a brass band.

Toledo has set uside Thursday for ladies day, but from the indications Wednesday be the day given up to the fair ones here. Thursday-well, I gaess not.

Elmer Foster is a candidate for the Min esota legislature, and, they say, with a good hance of getting there. This should be the signal for Spokano's eternal blacklisting. The Western league bids fair to give as good exhibition of ball playing this season, with their \$12,000 teams, as the various cities in the circuit have been witnessing

for three times that salary .-- Ban Johnson Sir Isaac Miner of theatrical fame is getting out the Omaha score card, which will be issued for the first time Saturday next, the lith. It is an elegant affair and will be a treat compared with the fliusy sheet of the past.

The Louisvilles jumped onto Dad Clarke in last Tuesday's game with the Milwankees, and made it seem just like old times. They only bit him for 11 runs and 13 safes in 4 innings. That's all!

It is Chawley, not Sammy Morton, who will manage Baron Hach's Minneapolis team this year. It was Charles who managed the Prohibitionists the year they won the West ern association penuant. Papa McCauley has jumped into the good graces of the cranks out at San Diego, Cal., notwithstanding he was one of the deserters. Papa is basting the sphere and playing first

like a veritable spring onion. It will be Captain Rowe of Omaha, Man ning of Kansasi City, Aivord of St. Paul Shinnick of Minneapolis, Twitched of Mil waukee, Newell of Toledo, Compau o Columbus and Hengle of Indianapolis.

The Toledo fans bave dubbed their team the Black Pirates, just for a Kid. Ren Mulford says. Be that as it may, we'll give 'em pic-rates at regular chop-house figures when they coze out this way week after next.

The umpires of the Western league will be compelled to wear blue fiannel uniforms on the field this season. The paraphernalia worn by George Strief last summer was the neans of bringing about this felicitous inno-

And Spokane, too, will cut a figure in the North Pacific race. She has Brennan, catcher; Sowders and Klopf, pitchers; Strauss, first; Reeder, second; Marr, third; Beard, short, and Cline, Wolf and one of her pitchers in the field. Jim Burns, the Poet, will limber up his crystalized arm for the benefit of the denizens of Quincy, Ill., his native village, this season. W. H. Watkins, manager of the Kansas Citys in 1888, paid the Omaha manage ment 900 big iron dollars for the Poet's release.

Bug Hoiliday tembled out forty-five in a shake for a \$100 waten down in Cincinnati the other day, and as that was the best throw walked off with the ticker. Bug can recall the day out in the wooly west here. n a homerun was good for a whole jewelry store. astic base ball fans in the city, and who runs the barber shop under the Union Pacific ticket office, will give the first member of

the Omahas making a home run on the local grounds in a championship, a card for his season's barbering. Columbus' Catcher Merritt is one of the best throwers in the profession. He trapped every one of the Reds who attempted to pur-toin second. Stevens, their pitcher, who

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played in Green Bay, Wis., last year, is also a cracker-jack. He has excellent speed and good control of the ball.—Cincinnati Comercial-Gazette

In Columbus' opening game with Cincin-nati a week ago, that rubescent son of Omaha, Joe Walsh, rather waltzed off with the laurels for his team, making two hits out of the five and one run out of the three they scored. As it was, Cincinnati only beat them 6 to 3, and on the day following, 4 to 2. Tacoma has gobbled up a number of first lass players as their roster, which is as follows, shows: Borchers, Griffith, Cross, pitchers; Cartwright, first base; Sippi, second base; Laurer, third base; Patton, stort stop; Routcliffe, left field, Work,center field; Goodenough, right field; Cody, Speers, catchers.

Monk Cline, the anthropomorphous indi-idual who used to set the bleachers howlng by his antics when at the bat, has drifted out to the north l'acific coast, but whether to play ball or catch scals I haven't learned yet, probably, however, the former, for Mock isn't in the state of sentility his enemies claim he is.

McGarr, who can play a great third whenthe can, will captain the Brewers, and the result is that he has got a heavire South Boston swagger on him than ever. 'Au. Tommy, me boy, you're not com-pectent," as he used to put it at Tommy Nagle when the two engaged in a wordy war over their respective powers as stellar attractions.

And so Jimmy Canavan has joined Anson's coits, has he? Ved, Grandpa will keep on until he gets a team made up entirely of old Western association material. Canavan. once he left Omaha, has developed into quite ball player. He hasn't been allowed to a ball player. He hasn't been allowed to loaf through the games in the two older podies, and the consequence is that be plays for all he's worth.

Abner Balrymple still resolutely declines to make his mark on a Western league con-tract, and declares he'll go to work before e'll play at any such hand-me-down prices Well, Abner, old gent, you're an awful nice fellow, and still a great ball player, and it pains me to think that you will even contem plate for a moment entering the piebian con-fines of a brick-yard.

A Columbus correspondent says: ager Schmelz has not made out his batting order yet, but it is very likely that Abbey will be given the McTamany end. Abbey is said to be a hard hitter and sure, and they say be is the quickest man to get to first in the whole Western league. These are the elements necessary for a man who is the first at bat." How much did that cost you, any-

way, Charlie! Captain Tim O'Rourke of Columbus has en talking through his glass mouth. said to a guileless Journal reporter the other day: "Yes, a consider Columbus the very strongest team in the league, and the best of is, there's not one of us who drinks a drop and we ought to be easy to get along with." Tack" O'Day and His Sewerpipelets Jant en are both members of Tim's gang.

Buck Keefe, the new ground keeper at the Omaka park, is putting the enclosure in great shape for the opening of the season lie has set out a bed of crocuses and Johany jump ups just back of the catcher's positi and has plats of geraniums, chrysanthe mums and jarcnices all along the base lines. Buck says that no difference how rotten the boys may play, the spectators will have the fragrance of flowers in their nostrils.

If the playing of the Columbus team car aken as a line for comparison the city has a ich better team all around than the on which represented the Buckeye Capital or the diamond last year. In Stevens and Clausen Manager Schmelz has two pitchers of the first water, and should Tank O'Day evelop his usual strength the club will b well fortified in the box. The team out-classes Toiodo to a marked degree and should take a strong bid for the pennant honors of nergial Gazette.

It is said Frank De H. Robinson of Cleve and, Wednesday night made application to President Williams of the Western association on, for admittance into that league of the Fort Wayne club. Being informed that the quota of clubs was full, he asked that in the event of any team being withdrawn Fort Wayne be regarded as the first applicant. He stands ready at any time to place a first lass club in that hustling Indiana city. The Western association has had its quanum suf, of dead rabbit teams, and the Fort Wayneans can go right on trapping muskrate

and be happy. Commodone Twitchell instead of Chippy McGarr, will captain the Brewers. Twitch ell, Twitchell, yes that name sounds familiar. Let me see, wasn't it Twitch who oc cupied the box for Omaha in their opening championship game with Milwaukee last season. Manager Shannon had heralded him as the greatest twirler of the age -that he had regained his old Detroit form, and would make a barrel of mokeys out of the Badgers. Biff! crack! smash! bang! that was the story of Larry's debut, and when the smoke cleared away the Brewers R. column show 13 and B H. 16, while Omaha contented herself with 6 and 7. But the Commodore had been out training the night before until about half past two in the morning, and, of course he couldn't be blamed Week after next we will try and take a fall out of him ouselves.

Tit-Tattle of the Ring Danny Daly has been matched to fight Sol Smith before the California club, San Fran-cisco, May 8, for a \$1,000 purse. In addition to this the club offers Danny his transporta-

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tion to 'Frisco and \$100 for expenses, but

is his ultimatum and he is waiting for the club's action on the same. His demands will probably be acceded to. Sol Smith, the opponent selected for the Omahan, was tried at the club last Thursday night, with Harry Daily the Australian, and made a most favorable impression by his shiftiness and hitting powers.

Daiy insists on a ticket for himself and Gal-lagher, his trainer, and \$150 expenses. This

Dick Moore left for Kansas City Friday evening, and on the 5th of May meets Joe Fielderling in a finish contest on the turf for a \$500 purse.

Jack Stanley, the man scientifically bested by Moore in this city Thursday night, is no less a personage than Tom Ryan, a brother of Jack Ryan, Jack Davis' old side sparring

"Fighting" Dobbs, well known in this city, and who was recently knocked out in 'Frisco by Tom O'Brien, will try it over again Thursday night. He claims it was a chance blow that did the business for him in the first mill and thinks he can reverse the result. O'Brien, too, is equally confident. He says he will whip the colored boy again, but probably in not as short a space of time as in the first battle.

If Danny Daly's match in 'Frisco fails to pan out, he will consummate arrangements for a little affair with Billy O'Donnell of

Jim Corbett and his sparring outfit are ne gotiating for a date here-April 23.

Whisperings of the Wheel, Your membership in the League of Ameri Wheelman expires this month; don' fail to renew.

"Birdio" Kastman is practising a new announcement which he will use with surpris Prof. Sutorius of the Mandolin

elected an honory member of the Omaba Wheel club last Tuesday evening. What has become of young Hattenhauer, the Council Bluffs "speeder" who showed so much promise at the Missouri Valley races? The celebrated Council Bluffs training course is likely to be little used this season by the racing men, as the pavement is becom

ing very rough in places. Several of the local wheelmen took advan tage of the lovely moonlight nights last week and pedaled over the bridge to the Bluffs and out Twenty-fourth street to South Omaha. The retiring officers of the Omana Whee slub tendered a banquet to the members o evening. A designtful time was had by all The roads are rapidly becoming rideaole under the smiling rays of the April sun, and soon the health seeking cyclist will be speed ing along the country lanes and over grass grown shallows far from the city's dust and

The Bearings of a recent date contained portrait of the plucky little rider, W. A. Pix-ley, an Omaha boy who has won more races than any one of the local racing men in the amateur ranks. "l'ix" will be a feature on

the track again this season. The new caps which will decorate the heads of the Tourists this season are the prottiest thing out-navy blue cloth with small gold wheel (the clubs emblem) worked on the crown, The boys will appear quite

The Tourist Wheelmen are requested hand in their renewals to the league to George F. Waldron, the club's secretary treasurer, as near April 30 as possible, s that he may be enabled to send them in Nebraska should not lose her league club this season. At the annual election of the Omaha Whee

club Tuesday evening, April 5, the following gentlemen were chosen to fill the responsible positions: James E. Ebersole, president; E. L. Lytle, vice president; Fred Pearce, secretary; E. B. Smith, treasurer; John M. Conradt, captain.

The Young Men's Christian association cyclers intend to "be in it" this season, and as the club is composed of some of the most enthusiastic of the local wheelmen, there is no apparent reason why they should not have anticipations realized. s a hustler and has his club's interest at heart.

The competition for the Tourist Wheelmer club mileage medal will commence this month, with the first called club run, and will continue throughout the summer until November 31. A new set of rules govern the contest, and the mileage will be published in The Brie every two weeks. The medal will be, if anything, of a much more handsome design than the '91 prize, and will be of gold suitably engraved. No member of the club is barred, every one will be placed on an equal foot, and thereafter will win only by his own efforts, so speaks the committee.

Wait Morris will be found at the head of the scorchers again this summer. How about that Florence record? Will it be lowered this season? Speaking of records, here are some that the boys can have a shy at as soon as the roads become rideable and in a condi-tion for record making and breaking. Morris and Denman hold the record to Believue, 44/2 minutes. Frank Mittaner holds the Florence record (round trip), having pedaled over the course in something like 54 minutes or less. E. R. Smith holds the Enk City record, 2 hours and 17 minutes (ordinary). The Tourists hold the record from Calboun to Omaha, having made the record on a club run last season, 68½ minutes. The Bellevuc record has stood the longest and will very Satisfactory - - -- - Dealings

likely be the first to fall, as several of the hills or knolls have been trimmed down, and as the "scorchers" are now all mounted on pneumatics the task is much easier to accom-

Chief Consul Perrigo, the senior member of the bicycle house of A. H. Perrigo & Co., with his usual enterprise and foresight has arranged a little surprise for the "boys" who occasionally drop in to see him and talk over league politics, pneumatic tires, etc. Only by a mere accident was the scheme which he by a mere accident was the scheme which he has nursed through the long and dreary winter come to light, a "Peeping Tom" here gives the whole snap away. In the first place, "Perry" will build a handsome steel-trussed oridge with polished brass hand rail and rubber cleats from the edge of the curb in front of his emporium to the pavement thus spanning the gutter, this will be appreciated by the "bcys" who have been obliged to lift their mounts to the sidewalk when calling. A beautiful little natural grove of shade trees will be set out in front and artistic rustic benches will be distributed about carelessly for the wheelmen, this will be ancarelessly for the wheelmen, this will be ap-preciated by the "boys" during the sultry hours of the summer's day. A soda fountain which produces "brown soda," a revolving fan, a delightful shower bath, a brass band, and a half mile track will be added as the season advances. The "doctor" and his as-sistant who have charge of the repairing department will be costumed in evening attire, and will wear a fresh boutoniere each time a

smile and nod to the breezes which will be trained to blow from the river and the club bugler will sound the "assembly" and "re call" each evening-perhaps! may be!

"session" is held. Frogrant flowers will

Miscellaneous Local Sports. Dr. Grim and Will Simeral spent a couple of days out at Rogers this week, bagging twenty-nine mixed geese and ducks. The big kill of gcese made out the

Platte this spring was that by Henry Ho-man and Robert Wells, some 330 birds, in a ten days' outing. The yellow legs, greater and lesser, have begun to drop in on the meadows and marshes, and several small wisps of Wilson

snipe have been seen. Harry McCormick, Clark Redick and one or two others spent several days out at Patrick's rauch recently. Five ducks were bagged, all falling to McCormick's gun. It is reported that some fine baskets of black bass and cropple are being taken at

Neshebotna lake, down near Langdon, Mo., these spring days. Fishing with the spoon will be at its prime in another month, and many local augiers are preparing for an out bankers, is going to get up a tug-of war at the world's fair. It will be given under a large tent that will seat 10,000 people. There will be twenty teams from twenty different states. The champion team of each state for the interstate and international cham-

pionship of America. There will also be \$10,000 in cash prizes. Jack says the winners of the coming tournament will represent No braska at the world's fair. The Bearings of last week contains an ex-cellent cut of Will Pixley, and in connection with the same says: Billy has ridden many a fast race and his friends will back him against anyone of his class, which is: Halfmile, safety, 1:14; mite, 2:30 4-5; haif-mile, ordinary, 1:16; mile, 2:34. Out of forty-one races in 1891 he won twenty-nine firsts, two seconds and two thirds. He believes in cash prizes, but not in "divvies." His friends claim that he rides to win. Pixley is a stocky built fellow of five feet seven inches and weighs 145 pounds. He was born in Angola,

Ind , in 1873. At a meeting held by the Lincoln, Neb., Gun club March 27, 1892, to elect new officers for 1892, George Rogers was elected presi-dent, C. E. Latshaw vice president, W. F. Coole secretary and treasurer. A motion was made by J. R. Brinker, late president of the club, that "section 3 article 6 of our by laws, relating to fish and game law, be en-forced as far as it is in the power of we, the members of the club, and that the president of the club shall notify the game warden or other proper officers of the law for the protection of game or fish that are brought to his notice, that we, as individual members of the club, abstain from violating the game laws of the state." Metion carried.

Questions and Answers.

DES MOINES, IA. April 3.—To the Sporting Editor of THE BEE: Please let me know by Sunday's BEE what the population of Norfolk. Neb. was by the 1830 census. Also, in a game of double high five, does the man who bids the highest and makes the trump have to lead trump first or not?—McK.

Ans .- Four thousand one hundred and twenty. No. Almion, April 1.—To the Sporting Editor of THE BEE: To decide a bet, in what time can a wild goose fly or how many miles per hour can it make?—Billy O'Brien.

Ans. -One hundred miles. GRETNA, Neb., April 4.—To the Sporting Editor of The Bez: Will you please znawer the following questions in Sunday's Bez and settle a dispute of a compile of friends. Ist. A. C. and B. G. were playing high five. A. C. having 67 points. B. G. 64 (in game of 65) A. C. bids 8 and makes II. B. G. saving lack. Who wins the game? 2nd. Must a person draw down to trumps in drawing cards in high five.—J. R. Wilson.

Ans-(1) B, and G, win. (2) Yos. Sioux City, Ia. April 5.—To the Sporting Editor of The Bee: In the vame of "high five" is it optional with the dealer, where it is mutually agreed that he shall rob the deck, whether he discards his surplustrumps or not, or can be hold the seven trumps and play them as he likes. Please answer in your next Sunday Bee, "C. S. J."

Ans. -He must discard all but six cards.