## CHAT WITH THE BOXERS

Can Mitchell and Corbett Do Battle at Coney Island?

WANING GLORIES OF SPRING SHOOTING

Gusts from the Ball Field-The Byker's Column-Omaha Dogs at Denver-Fighting Squibs and General Sports.

Ever since the making of the match between America's plug-ugly champion, one Jimmy Corbett, and Charlie Mitchell, the Englishman, the readers of The Berknow that I have been firm in the belief that the battle would never come off. This belief was not engendered by the thought that either man would not fight if allowed the oppor-tunity, but by the generally unfavorable status of affairs puglistic. The manner in which Mitchell was hounded, badgered and threatened by Inspetor Byrnes and his mintons on his arrival in New York two months ago should have been sufficient to have con-vinced all reasonably minded men that Mitchell could never hope to meet America's premier buily in a prize fight within the province of the great state of New York.

Mitchell was informed by the virtuous inspector, it will be remembered, that if he even attempted to arrange such an affair with Brusier Corbett, or any other tough, that he would be arrested and given the full benefit of Gotham's corpulent laws. stopped all negotiations instanter and the representatives of the two fighters were compelled to cross the line into British doformulary of agreeing to fight.

This they finally consummated, however, by posting \$10,000 a side as a forfeit and signing articles—which never cut any figure in a fight—that they would face each other next December. Barring Inspector Byrnes, the posting of this alleged stake money was in itself an absolute barrier to a fight in in itself an absolute barrier to a fight in New York, for to pull off such an affair would mean nothing more nor less than heavy fines and penitentiary doses for a number of prominent parties, and the legislating of Police Chief John Y. McKane, and judges Newton-Sutherland and Tighe—all large stock, holders in the club—out of office. But there is little use in enumerating the numerous reasons why this fight can never take place at Coney Island, as the following paragraph. at Coney Island, as the following paragraph should convince even the most skeptical of the seeming impracticability of such an en-

On Monday last Governor Flower served notice on Shqriff John A. Hoxie of Onondaga county, that within eight days he must show cause why he should not be removed from office for permitting the recent prize fight between Joseph Dunfee and Daniel Dona-van, in which the latter received a blow that sent him to his grave. Although Dunfee was acquitted of any criminal intent in the young Clevelander's death, the minis-ters of Syracuse took up the matter and on their petition the governor promptly served the above notice on the sheriff.

I am forced to add, however, that the future of boxing contests, or more properly speaking, prize fights, in New York all hinges on the outcome of this Syracuse hinges on the outcome of this Syracuse affair. If it reaches its end in a nine days wonder, only, then I will be susceptible to a change in belief as to the possibility of Mitchell and Corbett meeting at Coney Island next December. If it ends in anything more serious, then the big fight can be pulled off in New Orleans only. Drive a railroad sulke here. railroad spike here.

Of all the fighting surprises of the agenot even excepting Sullivan's downfall at the hands of Corbett or Goddard's burlesque with Denver Smith-was that at the Coney Island club last Monday night between Herbert Boyle of Council Bluffs, alias Boston Billy Smith, and Tom Williams, the welterweight marvel of Australia. The good-looking youth from over the river put the phenom out in two hurricane rounds, and all sporty Gotham went broke on the achieve-

Williams came to this country heralded as a prodigy in fighting mould. He had beaten the Southern Cross one after another, like eating so much shortberry strawcake. After licking up everything, like a devastating conflagration, in the land of the unique pallot, the kangaroo and the mongoose, the redoubtable Thomas buckled on his armor, boarded a vessel and started forth, someafter the fashion of Alexander the for new worlds to conquer. He first struck Johnny Bulldom, but a two-months sojourn there, during which he must have shed a barrell or two of tears over his inability to induce any of the Queen's gladi-atorial subjects to don the cestus with him, he got into a big steam cance and came over to New York.

If there is any game you can't get in the land of freedom and the home of the brave—except Jim Corbett's—I'd like to see the color of it. Williams the Great and Williams the Invincible, didn't have to wait long here to have his beliicose aspirations In less than a week Mysterious Billy Smith came floating along and a match was made quicker'n scat. The same blood that trickles through the veins of Jim Burge, Jem Carney, Stanton Abbott and a large following of the union jack—no disparagement meant to the memory of Tom Cribb, Tom Sayers. Jim Mace or any of the heroes of the old times, nor to Charlie Mitchell of today — does not course and cavort upon and down the arteries of Billy Smith, the illustrious ex-Blufilte's corporality, as the doughty antipodean, when you meet him, will probably tell you.

"You see." Billy writes me, "that you can't down the Smith family. They are great people. You see there is my cousin Hoke in the president's cabinet, and Denver Ed Smith is the heavy weight champion of the world, Jamesy Corbett's claims to the contrary. And now I have upset Australia's calculations, and there you are. You see when the world was created every man living was named Smith, but as fast as they fell out of line, got licked or did anything crooked, they changed their names to Goddard, Dawson, Abbott, Dennis or Mud."

One of the best informed men on ancient and modern pugilism is a resident of North Platte, this state, and a whilom friend of mine. His interesting histories on old time fights and fighters, have often appeared in these columns, and been perused with ex-ceeding relish by all those interested in such matters, during the past six years. The following came to hand Wednesday:

North Platte, April 17.—To the Sporting Editor of The Bers: Thave just read your article on the high-toned gentleman (?) champion, Mr. James J. Corbett, and I want to say the despised Black Peter, whom he pretends to be so desperately auxious to meet again, is a perfect pearl of refinement and decency in comparison. Oh well, he is not gotten done with the much abused "wind bag and sprinter" yet, and I would like to ask him if, in his mocking trumpet pears for America, whether the cockles in his heart warms to Charlie Mitchell's Irish!

"Noticing that you had a partial record of Mitchell's in last Sunday's Ben, I take pleasure in supplying you with the record

He was born in Birmingham, England, November 24, 1861, and fought his first battle January 11, 1878, when just barely 16 years old. Afterwards he beat; 1. Cunning-ham in fifty minutes, January 4, 1878; 2. Smithers in seventeen minutes, November, 1879; 8. Billy Kennedy, for a purse, a draw, 1879; 4. Bailaf Gray, the black, in eleven minutes at Manchester (Gray weighed 178 pounds; Mitcheil, 182 pounds); 5. The Belgium Giant (224 pounds), at Antwerp, February, 1881, four rounds in sixteen minutes; 6. Tom Tully, Queensberry rules, in six rounds; 7. He fought a draw with Jack Burke, called the "Irish Lad" (when in the United States); in June, 1881, darkness came on, one hour and seventeen minutes. Charlie was then only 19 utes. Charlie was then only 19.

8. Carried off the first honors in the middle-weight competition at Chelsea, April, 1882.

9. Took part in Billy Madden's London competition December 1883. petition December, 1882; on March 25, 1883 arrived in America. 10. The following month he beat Mike Cleary in 4 rounds. 11. Boxed Jack Burke three times, the last time in Chicago, 10 rounds, and had the best of it. 13. Boxed John L. in Madison Square garden; Sullivan got his first square knockdown blow in the second round; the police stopped the contest. 13. Fought a draw with

Sherriff, "the Prussian." 14 Bested Joe Sherriff, "the Frussian." 14. Bested Joe Dunning in 4 rounds (Dunning frightfully punished); Dominick McCaffrey got a dead wrong decision against him. 15. Sparred Jem Mace for scientific points at Glasgow, Scotland, 4 rounds; Mitchell got the decision. "The accomplished Jem" is over thirty years older than Charlie. 10.
Fought John L. Sullivan 39 rounds in France with bare knuckles, lasting three hours and cieven minutes. Mitchell injured his hands. Sullivan the most punished. Charlie Mitchell's seconds received £350 from Harry Dilling Sullivan the control of the c S. Phillips, Sullivan's backer, to consent to a draw. Mitchell afterwards punched their heads. Corbett stated in a St. Paul, Minn., paper that there was not the slightest doubt in the world that Mitchell had Sullivan in the world that Alitchell had Sullivan whipped in France. On the other hand John L. stated publicly that he meant every word he said, and that he had fought both men, and he knew from experience that Mitchell was twice as hard a hitter as Corbett: "Fat yas twice as hard a litter as Coroct; "Fait Jack" is no longer a man that Slippery Jim admires and "the greatest pugilist the world has produced," Mitchell is no longer "an imposter and a windbag, but clever, a hard hitter, full of science, and the superior of Sullivan and Jackson.'

When Frank Slavin was asked what he had to say in reference to his offer of thou sands to Sullivan, Jackson, Corbett or God dard to stand before him for six rounds, he replied, "I deny everything." Some of the papers are trying to make the public believe that Jack and Jim never said what they did

"It will be seen from the much-abused Charlie's career, that he did most of his fighting when he was under age and before he had done growing. He increased in weight from a lightweight to a middle weight, just as Tom Sayers, Jem Mace, Joe Goss and Tom Allen did. All these men Goss and Tom Allen did. All these men were matched to contend at ten stone (140 pounds) at first. In fact, some of them trained down to 140 pounds when 24 and 26 years of age. Mace weighed 163 in his last fight with Goss. One would think from the tone of some of the press that Mitchell was the most vulgar, uncultured rufflan that ever stripped; yet if he were invited to a dimension and the content of the pressure of the pressu yet if he were invited to a dinner at a gentle-man's house, along with some of the present day newspaper puffed up champions, the ver-dict of the ladies, and cultured people, would probably be that Crarlie was the most gen demanly of the lot. It is a popular mistake that all puglists are dark complexioned. Bendigo had light hair and gray eyes, but a dark skin. Jem Ward, Toss Parker, Ham-mer Lane, Aleck Keene, Jerry Noon, Tom Paddock and many other pugilists were of a ruddy complexion, with brown hair and gray or blue. Black hair and fair skin is a sign of a delicate constitution." T. K. C.

Lust Days in the Marsh. RACTICALLY the Omaha Gun club, ·11, he oldest organization of the kind in the city, has been thoroughly rehabilitated, and takes its second lease on life under the most encouraging auspices. There was a large attendance of promiment sportsmen at 

nual meeting the other evening, and one and all manifested the livliest in terest in the proceedings. After an exhaustive discussion the old constitution and by-laws were repealed and a new set adopted. The election of officers resulted in the re-election of W. H. S. Hughes, president; John J. Hardin, vice president; W. E. Nason, secretary; Frank S. Parmalee, treasurer, and Goodly Brucker, H. E. Cray and Frank Fogg, board of directors.

Cicorge H. Hoagland and son Paul, put in a portion of last week in the marshes about Schuyler, yet bagged something like seventyfive jacks, only. Mr. H., who is a sportsman of extensive experience, says he thinks the Wilson snine is about played out in this section of the country. A few years ago a bag of seventy-five snipe was only an ordinary half day's shoot.

W. E. Nason, the efficient secretary of the Omaha Gun club, has also been made super-intendent of the shooting grounds and the club's official referee. Mr. Nason is now holding regular Saturday afternoon shoots, both live birds and targets, and this summer will devote considerable attention to the active affairs of the club. All those having live birds for sale, either residents of this city or the country, would do well to com-

Ex-Councilman Ed Leeder and Charles Fitchett put in Sunday last out on the mur-Fitchett put in Sunday last out on the mur-muring Elkhorn in rursuit of the erratic little jack, who succeeded in cluding the wary shootists most admirably. They didn't get a jack, so say the boys at headquarters, but I don't believe them. Catch this old pair of politicians out with their fine dogs and improved hammerless ejector's coming home empty handed, not much. They'd home a couple of spring chickens, if

The sporting editor of THE BEE was made an honorary member of the Omaha Gun club at the regular meeting last Wednesday evening, a courtesy highly appreciated.

C. P. Hubbard, proprietor of the Loup G. P. Hubbard, proprietor of the Loup farm kennels at Broken Bow, and one of Ne-braska's ablest authorities on the dog, has been the guest of R. C. Baughman for several days. Mr. Hubbard is also a sports-man of the highest standard, a newspaper worker, and a friend of THE BEE's.

The Bemis Park Gun club open up their regular season's shoots at their grounds across the river one week from next Thurs-day, May 3. The prizes this year will consist of the club medal, a diamond medal, shooting outfit and a number of special prizes donated by business men.

Billy Hoagland and Weston H. Wyman ship Hoagiand and Weston H. Wyman shot a day at Honey creek the past week. They bagged some twenty jack and yellow legs, and would have doubled this score, but the birds flew too crooked for 'em.

J. A. McDougal and Stockton Heth are the proud owners of one of the most thoroughly broken bird dogs, a Blue Belton, in the state. Any gunner who has had the delight of over "Spot" will recognize the

Harvey McGrew, the mute sleuth of the River Sloux swamps, is exterminating the straggling Canadas today. He is due for about a 16-pounder at this department of THE BEE, otherwise he will be charged up at regular rates for recent ads.

Fred Montmorency, John Patrick and Lieutenant Quay made a handsome bag of snipe and yellow legs at Wanbuncey one day this week.

F. C. Shephard put in yesterday at Caloun. He reports a return flight of the quackers, and chances good for considerable sport this week.

H. B. Kennedy took his game leg out for an airing Thursday. He was at Water and grassed thirty-one jacks. He was at Sweet

The Raymond Gun club opens up its regular shoots Saturday, May 6, at the Bemis Park Gun club's grounds across the river. The Omaha Gun club will revive the an-nual club hunt this fall.

Frank Fogg has been elected captain of

the Omaha Gun club. The club grounds across the river are as as any in the country. Too fast for some of the boys.

Ted Ackerman of Stanton was in town Thursday, also George Schroder and Speice

Don't forget the state shoot dates, May

Old Dan Bray of Syracuse and Uncle Denn of Brownville can be found in the Dellone hotel dining room from 7 o'clock May 22 to 9 o'clock the 26th, except when they are over to the shooting grounds.

Farmer Hinkley of Pender will be down with a corn crib full of corn and his old

"rainmaker." Will Kansas City send up a shooter this

year! Jim Elliott is the only one we ever heard of down at that town. There ought to be more, it's quite a nice little town.

The state sportsmen s tournament programs will be ready to mail in ten days. They can be had by addressing F. S. Parmelee, secretary, or William E. Nason, treasurer. The C. E. Mayne medal contest will be a big event, the biggest of the meeting. Heretofore the race for the championship of which the metal is emblematical has been at fifty targets, but the association changed it at the last con-vention, making the race fifteen give birds, 50 per cent of the money and the medal to first, 20 per cent to second and 20 per cent to third, first place to be shot off-in case of a tie. One hundred dollars will be added to this event, and with the entry fee added the

urse ought to reach at least \$500. The medal was donated to the association by C. E. Mayne when he was selling real oy C. E. Mayne when he was senting Poar estate in Omaha and cost \$250. John Petty won it first on 40 out of 50. Parmelee next on 48, Netheway the following year on 47. Nason at Grand Island in 1889 on 47, since which time Parmelee has won it at every shoot and is the present holder. The other state events are the two team medal, 10 targets to a man; the Western association padge, two men to a team, 6 single targets and 4 pairs and 5 live birds; the Plattsmouth up, four men to a team, 10 targets each. The races are all hotly contested, and as the clubs make the entries the boys have to do their best; there is no standing in or divid

J. E. Stanfer, ex-secretary of the State Sportmen's association, has left Grand Island and is in the implement business at Kearney

OMARIA GUN CLUB, April 21.—Sandy G. V. Griswold, Sporting Editor of THE BEE: I am pleased to notify you that you were unanimously elected an honorary member of the Omaha Gun club at our meeting last Monday evening. Yours truly, WILLIAM E. NASON, Secretary,

Judge B. E. B. Kennedy was also elected

The Omaha Gun club handicap, as introduced by Mr. Hughes, is a new one, and theoretically a good one, but, of course, shooters will know better how it works at the end of the season, after the club has had practical experience with it. Secretary Nason says that he has never seen the idea Mason says that he has never seen the mean in any of the shooting papers and thinks it is the best solution of the handicap difficulty he has yet seen. He will call it the Omaha Gun Club Handicap. Here is an outline of the business with actual handicaping of the club members: F. S. Parmelee, 24; George Loomis, 22; William E. Brewer, 29; F. W. Forg. 23; G. F. F. S. Parmelee, 24; George Loomis, 22; William E. Brewer, 22; F. W. Fogg, 22; G. F. Bruker, 21; W. W. Hughes, 21; James J. Hardin, 21; John Gwin, 21; W. D. Townsend, 21; H. B. Kennedy, 22; Fred Fuller, 20; H. E. Gray, 20; William E. Nason, 22; William Krug, 19; Jeff W. Bedford, 18; George Ketcham, 21; John W. Petty, 22. If Parmelee and each break their handicap, i. e., Parmelee 24 or more and Loomis 22 or more Parmelee 24 or more and Loomis 22 or more they tie for the medal or locket, and shoot off the tie at the same number of birds and in the same manner as in the original match. A shooter must break his handicap to be in the tie; if he breaks more than his handicap any one who only breaks the number of birds they are handicased to break is on an equal footing with one who possibly breaks them all. If Jeff Bedford breaks 18 and Mr. Hughes 21 they are tied for first place and must shoot off the tie until either one or the other fails to reach his handicap. In shooting for merchandise plunder that may be donated to second, third, fourth place, etc., the season averages will be considered to settle it. The shooter winning the locket the greatest number of times in a certain number of matches win it for keeps,

Here You Are, Mr. Baldwin. STANTON, Neb. April 21.—To the Sporting Editor of THE BEE: I notice an article in your morning issue of the 17th stating I shot a bird match with Baldwin of Creighton, Neb., for \$20 and got beat, made a match for \$50, and then backed out. Now this is all false. I never shot a match with Bald-win for any money and besides never offered to put up a cent to shoot him. It is all a scheme of Baldwin's to get a little advertis-ing. But I have an offer to make him, which you may publish if you like. I have a man who is a local shot, lives in north Nebraska, who will shoot Mr. Baldwin a match for any amount on any grounds in Nebraska, on live birds, and give him five dead birds out of fifty, or ten dead ones out of 100. Now, if he wants an advertisement he can have it. 1, myself, have no time to shoot and never have claimed to be a trap shot. S. A. CONLEY.

Mr. Cushing After Mr. Richmond NORTH PLATTS, Neb., April 20.—To the sporting Editor of The Bee: I hereby issue a challenge to wrestle Harry Richmond, the Greco-Roman wrestler, a catch-as-catch-can match, the best two in three falls, two points down, two shoulders to constitute a fall, for any part of \$100.00, to take place any time after signing articles. If he refuses to wrestle catch-us-catch-can I will agree to wrestle him mixed style, one Greco-Roman, one catch-as-catch-can and toss for choice for the last fall. If he refuses to wrestle for a side stake I will wrestle him for a reasonable purse and gate receipts. will meet him at O'Brieu's Athletic club rooms at North Platte or before the Omaha Athletic club. Hoping to hear from him soon. Puor. J. J. Cusuing.

Another Phenom Feet Runner. The sporting men of South Omaha are laboring under the impression that they have unearthed a phenomenal sprint-runner in fact, a world beater. They refuse to give up the man's identity, but declare that they are ready to back him against any professional in the country, barring Bethune, Quirk and Morris, for any sum from \$2,000 to \$5,000, and have authorized a challenge to be published to that effect. The distance to be seventy five or 100 yards, as may be mutually agreed upon. They have posted a forfeit of \$500 as an earnest of the faith they have in their new marvel, and seem anxious to hear from any or all ambitious sprinters.

Jack Gorman Wins a Fight. Jack Gorman, the man put out by Joe Mc Elroy before the Omaha Athletic club last December, met Jim Cushing of Crete in a finish fight at Wilber, this state, last Tues Gorman knocked his man out in the fourth round.

Referee Duffy Benefited. Referee John Duffy of the New Orleans Crescent and Olympic clubs was tendered a grand benefit by the two organizations last night in recognition of his efforts in favor of manly and gentlemanly sports. The sporting editor of The Bee acknowledges, although somewhat late, a cordial personal invitation from the genial professor.

Whisperings of the Wheel. Baltimore claims 12,500 riders. Jack Prince is booked to arrive May 5 G. D. Wertz slid back again one day last

T. W. Eck is managing a forty-eight-hour de race in Chicago Mr. Debaney, A. H. Perrigo's business partner, is in the city.

Zummerman has started a bicycle store near his home in New Jersey. Several of the Tourists enjoyed a pleasant ride to Council Bluffs last Sunday afternoon. Two Omaha Wheel club boys rode down to vue last Sunday against a strong head

Several members of the Omaha Wheel club took a pleasant spin over to Council Bluffs Bicycle thieves have struck the town in

dead carnest. Keep your eyes on your mount or you may be sorry. It is useless to say more about the road ace in this city, as it has evidently gone by the board, as many of its predecessors have

Billy Edmonds, the Iowa state champion was in the city several days last week with the Pacemaker, a wheel that is manufactured at Des Moines. Next Saturday night at 11:30, But Potter,

George Sancha, Jack Cully and Harry Mul-hall will pilot the North Omaha Pedestrian club on their long journey to Fremont. A. A. Zimmerman, America's crack racing man, sailed for England yesterday where he will put in a few weeks riding the silent steed for the amusement of the foreigners. W. D. Osgood of this city, the famous ex-half-back of Cornell, won the two-mile handicap bicycle race of the University of

Pennsylvania from the 100-yard mark. He will be placed on the scratch next race. Arthur J. Stackpole, who, among the six-day races held here two years ago took his first lesson as a trainer of wheelmen, will handle the speeders of the Lincoln and Chicago cycling clubs during the coming season.

Stackpole has the reputation of being one of the most expert trainers in this country.

Will the Omaha-Lincoln record be lowered this season? Everything is in its favor and some of our new and ambitious scorchers would do well to try their speed and endur-ance on this course before they begin to tell what they can do what they can do. The Tourists held at meeting at the club

house last Monday night at which several new members were admitted. The club now has over 100 active wheelmen and has the largest membership of any club in the state. largest membership of any club in the state.

This city has for the past few months been quite free from the dreaded bicycle thief, but he could not stay away for all time, so on Sunday night he swooped down on the unsuspecting, and get away with a new Columbia model 30, belonging to A. H. Perrigo & Co. Mr. Perrigo has hung up a reward of \$75 for some one to hunt the agile thief together with the wheel hack again. thief, together with the wheel, back again.

A Columbia and a Rambler were taken from in front of the club rooms of the Linoln wheelmen at Lincoln, but some of the members saw the parties in the act and gave chase which became too warm for the man with the Columbia and he dropped the wheel, jumped: a high board feace and made his escape. The thief with the Rambler was more fortunate and made his escape with the machine.

The committees appointed by the Council Bluffs wheelmen to hustle for members have een working hard for the past few days and have succeeded in securing thirty mem bers. The limit has been placed at forty and when that number has been secured a meeting will be called, at which the fina organization will be effected. The commit-tee on club house has also been at work and Thursday it was decided that the Sackett residence, near the corner of Willow avenue and Eighth street, would be secured as club

The Wheelmen's Gazette has the following to say of the female riders who are about to enter the six-day race at Chicago: The day is past when crowds would go to see a lot of scantily dressed women chase each other around the track to the jeers of the small boy and the insults of the bystander Professional racing for women is a disgrace to America, to cycling and to women, and we ope this country has about seen the last of When a woman gets low enough to ride six-day race before a public assemblage there are more appropriate places for her than the cycle track.

Gusts From the Ball Field. Phimdelphia has released George Darby, the ex-Omaha pitcher, and Chicago has laid off Big Sam Dungan.

Jeriy Denny, the famous old third base man, seems to have caught his second wind. He is playing phenomenai ball for Augusta. "Kid" Baldwin is doing some great back stopping for Campau's New Orleans Pelicans The fast boys are nipping but few bases on

It is hoped that Chadron and Hot Springs and the neighboring towns will organize so that a Black Hills league may be formed, which it is Mr. Hurley's intention to do, if

"Chippy" McGarr is making himself very much disliked in the south. In a game at Savannah the other day, because a decision of the umpire didn't suit him, he fired the bail over the grand stand.

Dan Shamon will captain the team and run the peanut stand for Macon, Ga., this season. It is a good bet that he will be in charge of the peanut stand solely before the nerry month of May is on the wanc Count Campau, the man with the aluminum lungs, is a dead ringer for Mephisto-pheles in New Orlean's red uniform. The Count has a new wrinkle this season. He stands on the lines and coaches the Pelicans

Sir Gilbert Vickery pitched his initial game for Nashville the other day, and the Memphis Yellow Fevers rapped the Holly Point lad so hard that at the end of the fifth inning he was limp as a dish rag and was compelled to retire to bench.

The Clippers open the season with the Nonparells today, and as there is plenty of good material in their ranks they ought to make it hot for Dan Shannahan's boys. Carmello is pitching in good form, and ought to puzzle some of the big south side sluggers. McHugh at short is another good man, and with C. Wearne at the head of the team they ought to make a good showing.

Another wild-eyed, hollow-chested fairs tale has emanated from Ralph Stout and Johnny Speasville to the effect that the Western Base Ball league is again as good as upon its legs. It declares further that a meeting will be held in Kanas City next hat delegates will be present from this city Denver, Pueblo, Topeka, St. Joseph and Wichita, Invitations to attend this conclave will also be sent to Des Moines, Sioux City. Leavenworth and Fort Scott, with the view of establishing, if deemed practical, a twelve club league. If the organization is effected a five months schedule, opening about May 15 and closing October 15, will be drawn up.

The dormant spirits of the base ball sports n Deadwood have been awakened by Barney Hurley, who has gathered around him all the base ball material in the city and is preparing to scoop all the neighboring towns. He promises to carry off the pennant and it behooves the neighbors to rustle if they de sire to be represented in the race. The personnel of the team which Mr. Hurley will manage and their positions is as follows: catcher, George Bailey; pitcher, B. Hurley and F. Beymer; first base, Billy O'Brien Keim; second base, "Kid" (E. F.) Mohler; third base, Bob Jarvis; shortstop, N. E. Franklin; left field, W. S. Charlton; right ield, Jack Cassels.

Omaha Dogs at Denver. The Continental Kennel club of Denver held their fourth annual bench show at Collseum hall, April 51, 12, 13 and 14. In numbers of exhibits this show was the largest ever held by the club. The catalogue showed 237 entries, of which a number were obsent and some were duplicates. It is safe to say that 250 dogs were on ex-

hibition, a few less than were shown at the Omaha show last October.

The club was liberal in its prize list and Omaha's canine representatives were in the front ranks when it came to the blue ribbons. The popular judge, "Honest John" Davidson whom Omaha dog men will remember as having judged so acceptably at their late show, handled all classes and little criticism could be found with his awards. Charles F. Frenzer, the well-known fox terrier fancier from this city, took a string of twenty-four entries with him and won third handlers prize of \$35 for number of ex-

hibits and some \$40 in cash individual prizes. His string consisted of the following dogs all wned in Omaha. Mr. R. C. Baughman's Irish setter dog, Omaha Patsy, won V. H. C. reserve, or third place in open class. This dog won first prize at the Omaha show and is a Nebraska bred dog, being from C. P. Hubbard's Loup Farm kennels of Bashar Roy. kennels of Broken Bow. He is probably the best trained dog in the city as well as being fit to win on the beach in any company. Mr. Baughman is justly proud of his dog. His dam is the celebrated Jessie Jones, the pri-

dam is the celebrated Jessie Jones, the private shooting dog of Mr. Hubbard.

G. H. Moore of 602-604 North Sixteenth street, entered a good string of twelve dogs, being the greyhounds Prince, Duke. Stella, Lady and Flash, the cocker Spaniel Not, the toy spaniel Topsy Bird (first prize), the Blenheim spaniels King of Diamonds (second prize) and Queen of Diamonds (first prize), and the Italian greyhounds Della (second prize) and Deppo (V. H. C.)

The Omaha Beagle kennels owned by Whinnery and Hausman, 2622 Farnam street, won second prize in open dog class with their

won second prize in open dog class with their Beagle dog Principe. The their Beagle bitch Gladys. They also showed

C. W. Waterman's bull terrier bitch, the White Wasp, won three letters in open class H. E. Chubbuck's pointer dog, Jumbo, won first prize in puppy class, and his English setter dog, Prince Rohan, got V. H. C. in

R. W. Dobyn's Easter Lily won second

open class dogs.

prize in English setter bitches open class. She is a nice little bitch and won first at the

She is a nice little bitch and won first at the Omaha show in the puppy class. She promises to be a good winner in the future.

M. J. Dowling showed his cocker bitch, Beauty. Charlie Frenzer had his celebrated imported fox terrier bitch, Rosa Canina, there and won first with her in the Champion class. He also won two letters in the open class fox terriers with Lizzie.

J. H. McTague's cocker spaniel dog, McTague's Cherry, won second in the open class dogs and three letters in puppy class dogs or bitches. The only other Nebraska dogs shown were from A. C. Shallenberger's Findern kennels of Alma. In St. Bernards Mr. Shellenberger with five entries won four first and one second prizes, the top notch, being the highest possible wins with notch, being the highest possible wins with the entries made. His second prize winner was beaten by a

kennel companion. With his Champion

Aristocrat, Saladin, Alta Berna, Columbia Venus and Fernwood Queen these kennels made a grand showing.

In the past six months Nebraska has demonstrated that in dogs as well as horses and cattle she makes herself known to the outside world. It only remains for a live field trial club and a coursing club to be formed to lead in kennel matters.

ormed to lead in kennel matters Questions and Answers Sioux Cirv. Ia., April 20.—To the Sporting Editor of Tax Ber: To decide a bet, please publish number of rounds Danny Daly and Tommy White fought.—Jack Keefe. Aus .- Ninety-one.

Council Bluffs, Ja., April 20.—To the Sporting Editor of The Bre: A and B are playing casino. A has 18, B has 17. Which is supposed to be out in a game of 21 points? A makes cards and three aces, B makes the big and little casino, spades and one ace.

Ans.—The same old question. You count out in old-fashioned casino, that is the man who goes out first, if he announces this fact, is out. Otherwise the game, you speak of is

is out. Otherwise the game you speak of it a draw and must be played over.

GLEENWOOD, In., April 14.—To the Sporting Editor of THE REE: In a game of double high five, A is 45, B is 45. B bids seven and makes trumps. A holds high and makes seven, Now who goes out, the bidder or the one who holds high:—A keader. Ans.-High.

SOUTH OMAHA, Neb., April 21.—To the Sporting Editor of The Bre: I send you a query on high five. I never knew of the game being played any other way than that the bidder goes out first if he makes what he bids. It changes the issue of the game when both parties bid, and in justice the bidder should go out first on above conditions, as there would be no object in his bidding otherwise. A small bet of \$1 is wagered on the subject, and we await your decision.—Otto Maurer.

Ans.—As the game is played here the bide. Ans. -As the game is played here the bid

er does not go out unlass he prevents hi pronent from making the necessary points opponent from making the necessary points opput him out. That is if A was 42 and B I, and B saves his jack, that wins the game, o matter had  $\Delta$  bid 13 and made that umber or not.

OMAHA, April 20.—To the Sporting Editor of THE BEE: Will you please decide a bet? A says a man from Dakota took a fine horse to the lowa State fair and took first premium, and after he got the premium he was arrested for obtaining money under false pretens? and was sentenced to imprisonment for five years. Is there such a law? B says no; which is right, and was there such a thing ever happened? This was at Des Moines three or four years ago.—F. W. S.

Ans.—(1) Don't know.

Ans,-(1) Don't know. (2) Have no record of such a case.

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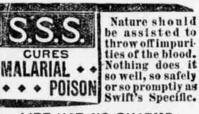
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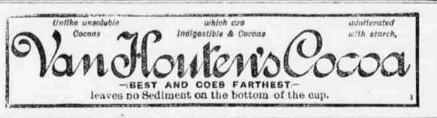
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