A Move to Get the Corbett-Jackson Fight for Omaha.

WHISPERINGS OF THE WHIRLING WHEEL

Interesting Western Turf Matters-Among the Shooters and the Fishers-Refreshing Breezes from the Ball Field and a General Sporting Compendium.

Inside of three weeks Dick Moore and Dan Creedon are to fight to a finish somewhere in Boston, and I might add that inside of three weeks the probabilities are that Dick Moore will receive a thorough licking. Creedon is the big, broad-shouldered, bulky pug who claims the middleweight championship of Australia, but of course unjustly, for that title belongs to one Robert Fitzsimmons indisputably. That he is an extra good man in his class, however, goes without saying. He defeated Alex Greggains, once the pride of the coast, without turning a hair, and for the past several months has been the sparring partner of Jim Corbett. That he has improved by his association with the champion there is but little room for doubt, and outside of Fitzsimmons I do not believe there is a middleweight in the country who

A funny thing about this proposed fight is that it is to be for the middleweight cham-plonship of the world. Bob Fitzsimmons, it is then presumed, is graciously staking Dick and Dan to this bauble, but this is difficult to credit when the lanky Kangaroo's penuriousness is taken into consideration. The truth of the matter is the fight is to be for no championship whatsoever, but simply for the glory and shekels there may be in it. For Dick Moore it means everything, that is if he can win, but for Creedon it means very little unless he gets licked, and, as I said before, this is highly improbable. While Dick Moore is a rattling good man, he has never displayed anything like championship form and will be going up against the old thing sure when he meets men of the Creedon calibre. The best man Dick ever whipped was "Shadow" Maber, who for the past year has been "going out" be-fore all comers with the regularity of a Sailor Brown or George La Blanche. It is remote from my desire to detract in the slightest degree from Dick's worth as a man and a fighter, but when his vaulting ambition leads him so far astray an honest confession is the only thing that fits. In any event I will pull for the St. Paul boy.

SOUTH OMAHA, Feb. 9.—To the Sporting Editor of The Bee: I hereby challenge Pat Ford, jr., to a finish fight for any amount of money he may want to put up. Or will meet Ike Parsons a limited number of romous (any under ten rounds) for any amount of money he wants to put up.

BILLY DALY.

The above challenge was unaccompanied with any deposit, but the entirely trustworthy and reliable character of the gentle-man who sent it, and who will back Daly, has been guaranty enough for its publication.

George Dixon has at last made another match. It was consummated last Saturday evening at Chicago, and is with Alfred Griffiths, better known as Young Griffo. They are to fight in June, along about the time Corbett and Jackson are planning to serap, for \$5,000 a side and the inevitable largest purse. If the affair ever eventuates it ought to be a great go. Dixon is the king of all featherweights, and Griffo is highly ided by the best connoisseurs of fight-

But what is the use of making these big matches? Pugilism is under a popular ban, and there isn't a single reputable club with professional prize fighting as its excuse for living in existence today. Who is then to give the "largest purse". Frisco, New Chicago and New Orleans have all put the bars up. Jacksonville is little bet-ter than a panel house, and so there you are. Small affairs between comparatively unknown pugs may yet be pulled off at various points, but there is but little hope for the celebrities. for the celebrities.

Fighters are not nearly so particular these days as they were a year back. With but few exceptions they are all ready and eager now to go anywhere and scrap for almost anything. Dan Creedon and Dick Moore are to get only \$1,500, which possibly means twoirds of that figure, and Alex Greggains George Godfrey, Tom Tracey, Tommy Mysterious Billy Smith, Solly Pulaski, John-ny Griffin, Ike War and a half hundred more went engagements at any price. And the outlook I take it most of them will continue to want. anything but roseate, yet most of the fight-

"I am down on my luck," is the one cry of the red hots, and many fighters who were conspicuously mentioned a twelvemonth ago have dropped out of sight entire-ly—gone to work, maybe, and more are dropping every day. Not only have the fighters disappeared, but their backers, too. Even genial Zeke Abrahams, who dreamed of the wealth of the Rockefellers, through the channel of one Solly Smith, is now wheeling grunts in a Sacramento packing ago. Zeke wore diamonds that would have turned Alvin Joslin green with envy. But they have all gone up the spout. George Dixon checked Ezekiel's mad onrush to but insign'ficant magnitude. Goodbye, Zeke;

An interesting question has been raised as what Mitchell lost by the interference of Corbett's seconds in restraining the cham-pion from committing a foul, and whether battle foul. or not the referee should have given the battle to Mitchell on a technical foul, says the Boston Herald. There is no doubt but that Corhelpless on the floor but for his seconds, who had no business in the ring. If so, the ref-erec would have had to give the Englishman the verdict. That would have meant \$20,000 to Mitchell, besides a chance to make a great deal more giving exhibitions, and also another match. The men who bet on Mitchell would have won their money, which must have been hundreds of thousands throughout ne country. While Corbett's seconds did of bother Mitchell, they certainly saved the battle and the money for their man. The comment of Mr. Spencer T. Williams, the well known referee of boxing in this city, on this point is as follows: "There can be no doubt as to the final result of a battle on its merits between these men, yet it was saible for Corbett to lose the contest or technicalities. First, it is a breach of Mar quis of Queensberry rules for a contestant to stand over his opponent after he has knocked him down, unless he has returned to his corner and waited ten seconds. did not do, but stood over Mitchell like 'hawk waiting for his prey.' Second, it was a breach of the rules for his seconds to rush into the ring and put hands on Cor-bett. To be sure, this technical foul was done to prevent Corbett committing a greater foul, yet mark what was possible under a strict observance of the rules: Had Corbett's seconds not restrained him from hitting Mitchell. Mitchell would have had every chance in the world of winning on a foul that could not have been overlooked by the referee. Yet I am satisfied that it was best of all concerned that the affair terminated as it did.

That Champion Jim Corbett ignored the challenge of "Denver" Ed Smith at Jacksonville is no reason why the association of sports should believe the doughty Brum does want to fight the obliterator of John L. and Charlie M. Ed is in c est and has the best of backing in J. J. Quinn of San Francisco, the man who had the necessary faith to stay with him in his battle with Goddard, the Australian giant. While I think Smith to good enough for alwalle I think Smith is good enough for al-most any of the heavy-weights, I do not cen-sider him good enough for Corbett. He is too short every way, in body, legs and reach, and although be would doubtless give the champion as hard a fight, if not harder, that any he has ever had. I cannot bring than any he has ever had, I cannot bring myself to believe that he would have any sort of a chance of victory. His fight with Joe Goddard was one of the hardest battles of the century and his success a little less than marvelous. But lightning, you know, take in the selection of a name, as the

CHAT WITH THE BOXERS | does not most always strike twice in the same place. However, as the advertising there is in it is about all there is to the fighting profession these latter days, all I have got to say is pitch in Edward and make the most of it, and if the gang wants to know where you smoke invite them to call 'round to the Champion's Rest, 1362 Larimer street, opposite the city hall, Denver, and oln 'em in a pipe.

> Among the host of thoroughbreds I met at Jacksonville I forgot to mention Eugene He's from Ottumwa, Ia., and is all right. He was for Corbett and had the nerve to put \$300 to win \$90, and he let the bulk of it go that night for fizz at the Everett bar.

"Willie Green" of the St. Louis Star Say ings, like a few others that might be men tioned, now takes off his cap to Jim Corbett and says: 'It is unfortunate for the sport that the battle should have been fought under rough-and-tumble rules, but in it Corbett demonstrated to the satisfaction of everybody that he is the greatest pugilist living today. He went at Mitchell as Sullivan went at Paddy Ryan when the only John L. was in his prime, and Corbett did Mitchell with the gloves about a minute quicker than it took Sullivan to defeat Ryan with the raw 'uns. Mitchell simply was not in it. He was out-classed. He would not stand a ghost of a show with Corbett at any stage. He disappointed everybody and did not come up to what had been predicted of him by his admirers. He was the quickest and worst whipped man that ever stepped into a ring, and is a living evidence of the fact that James J. Corbett has got beyond the stage of 'love taps' and knows how to deliver a knockout blow. Corbett is now the acknowledged champion beavyweight boxer of the

It may be looked upon as a colossal joke, but there is nothing jocular about it when the statement is made that reputable business parties of this city are quietly lay-ing the ropes to secure the Corbett-Jackson fight for Omaha. As yet nothing definite is know and there may be nothing come of it, which is most likely, but I know that a move is being made with this end in view. True it is that a finer arena for such an exhibition than the old Coliseum does not exist in the country today, and \$50,000 profit would not be an extravagant estimate could the battle be brought off here. SANDY GRISWOLD.

Shall We Have the Fight?

OMAHA, Feb. 7.-Sandy Griswold, Sporting Editor of The Bee: The newspapers of the country, especially the sporting press, are eeming with comments about the coming contest between Corbett and Jackson. It would therefore not be any too early to make strennous efforts to get the moneyed men of our live city interested and offer a suitable purse which would insure the fight coming off in Omaha. The advertisement our city would get cannot be overestimated. We have not, according to the commercial agencies, suffered as much financially as any other city of the same size, and there ought to be but little exertion required to raise an sum-say \$80,000-to get the fight. The sporting fraternity, which is always well represented as to numbers in our city, could be depended on to raise a goodly portion of the sum and do some tall hustling among busines men for the balance. I will therefore ask you to take hold and in next Sunday's Bee in the sporting columns give your views on the subject. I will do some talking on the outside, but this compared to your efforts would be as thunder to a small boy's yell in an empty barrel. The World-Herald will call the two great fighters brutes, tramps and bums, but in its account of the battle afterwards will not hesitate to crowd out church notices and Dr. Talmage's sermon; also to give a very full account of the bat-tle. It will no doubt call upon Governor Crounse to do his duty, and threaten Sheriff Drexel with impeachment if he loes not interfere.

lover of sporting matters any effect upon the lover of sporting matters any more than the sermons that will be preached against such a brutal exhibition of strength or the ill-will that the mention of a prize fight in Omaha will stir up amongst the church going people. Therefore go ahead.

As to the advantages accruing to the city As the battle will be, the same other previous heavyweight contests, greatest in modern times, so will the crowd attracted by it be the greatest Omaha has ever sen within its Chicago day at the World's fair will have to take a back seat. Our hotels will double, treble, aye, quadruple their bus-iness during the week of the battle, and each one coin a few thousands. Street rail in their history, and, incidentally, they must not be forgotten when the hat is passed. The Coliseum, where the fight will be pulled off, could be temporarily enlarged and thus give employment to idle carpenters. Business at the depots will be rushing, and every livery stable keeper must engage additional help to keep up. The above are only a few advantages we would derive. these can hold a candle to the advertisingworld wide and free at that-which Omaha would get out of the affair.

The advantages Cmaha offers. Our streets

are all paved and a network of railways covers them. No mile and a half of poor, soft, yellow sand intervenes between the center of the city and the scene of the con test. Passengers from other towns will be set down in front of the entrance within thirty minutes after landing in Omaha. A club composed of our most successful and solid business men should be formed

A Big Year for the National Game. Harry Weldon, the well known sporting racle of the Cincinnati Enquirer, has never cooled in his warmth for baseball, He is everly fond of pugilism, but his greed

for the pleasures of the diamond is some

thing inordinate and of perennial endurance Of the prospects for the current year h "You can always tell a workman by the chips under his bench," and by the same token you can get a fairly reliable forecas of the baseball season by the minor leagues in existence or in the process of organization. With this idea in view, it is worth of remark that, in spite of the hard time that have prevailed, the outlook for basebal never was as bright as it was for 1894 There are more minor leagues organize and listed under the protecting wings big body now than ever before in the his tory of the game. All sections of this great and glorious country are again in the threes of a malignant attack of baseball fever, and at last, after many trials and tribulation has taken a strong foothold in England, R. G. Knowles, the American come-dian, being responsible for its latest boom on English soil. Next season there will be two Western leagues, an Eastern league, a Southern league, a New England union will have some kind of a league. this does not give one an idea that

eague, the Two Eyed league, Pennsylvania eague, Ohio league, a California league, a Texas league, and nearly every state in the grand old game is once more upon its feet and good for years to come, nothing does. Every one of these minor leagues is but a training school for the mother league, and it is from these offshoots of the parent oody that our stars of the future will that it now gives promise of doing, it may come to pass that there will be a world' championship series played in the future that will be a world's champio in all the name implies. It would as all the great patriotic pride of this coun try it the day should come when the best team in all England would be pitted against America's best for the base ball supremacy of the world,"

The Two Western Outlits. "The new Western association," says the Sporting Life, "has a rather wide circuit, made up of Omaha and Lincoln in Nebraska, Des Moines and Moline in Iowa, Rock Island, Jacksonville, Pecria and Quincy in Illinois, but is excellently officered and seems to be based on economical principles, and has, therefore, an excellent chance of succear. The only mistake of the organizers to assume a title so very similar to that of the Western league as to surely lead to much confusion in the public mind and also among indifferent or badly posted press ajury of the inferior organization, which the new association undoubtedly is.

president, secretary and treasurer are all located there, and every team in the organization is made up almost wholly of old Porkopolis castoffs and native players. a majority of the umpires will also come from the Queen City is a good two to one bet. Don't you believe for a minute that Ban Johnson is going to allow any Cin-

cinnati man to escape.

What a Taxpayer Says. OMAHA, Feb. 10.-S. V. G. Griswold, Sporting Editor of The Bee: The coming ontest between James J. Corbett and Peter Jackson, concerning which there is now coniderable in the columns of the press, has set me to thinking whether it would be worth while to try and get the big fight for Omaha. Those of our citizens with whom have talked concerning this have shown great enthusiasm, and all seem to be of the opinion that if a few good men will take hold earnestly, it can be made a success. If clubs would be formed to consist of our moneyed and business men. committees would be appointed to interview officials of steam and street railways. The number of visitors the event would attract ought to be very great, and as the railroads would derive a great amount of extra passenger traffic, they should respond liberally. The street railways also come in for their share. The contest can be held in the Collseum, which would be right on the cable line, and easily reached from any depot or hotel in the city. Committees could interview our hotels, they deriving probably a greater amount of benefits from he event than any other business. balance of the purse offered, which should not be less than \$40,000, to be raised by subeription. opposition would have to be

countered both from the churches and the There ought, however, to be no obstacle so serious that it could not be overcome. The advertisement Omaha would get, not only in this country, but over the whole civilized world, is inducement enough to make the undertaking well worthy of consideration by every citizen who has the interest of Omaha at heart. Make the purse big enough to

make it an object. Then deposit a portion in the hands of some responsible party as an evidence of good faith. I should very nuch like to have you give your opinion in next Sunday's Bee, and if you consider the match coming off here possible endeavor to get a movement to that end started. A TAXPAYER.

Y. M. C. A. Diamond Affairs. Lysle Abbott, manager and captain of the Y. M. C. A. base ball team, has been in correspondence with the universities of Michigan, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Iowa and Nebraska, and the chances are flattering for games with all of them this summer. Of last year's team, Conner, Jeffries,

Stoney, McKelvey, Jellen and Lowery have been engaged, and Fred Rustin, on his return from Yale, will also play.

Prior to the opening of the championship season a series of games will be played with

he new Western association team. Two new men have joined the association for the purpose of playing on the team this season. One is Frank Crawford, who caught and captained the Michigan Univer-sity team last season, and the other is Lawler, one of last summmer's Convenions, and a good man he is.

Managers of professional clubs wanting exhibition games can get them by addressing Lysle Abbbott, this city.

The players have all been notified to get to work in the gymnasium at once, that they may be in condition for the first pleas-ant weather in April. The intention is to open the season at the earliest possible date, and to play at least one game a week throughout the season.

Will Race for the Poor. OMAHA, Feb. 9 .- To the Sporting Editor of The Bee: As a matter of course, I am deeply in sympathy with the poor of the city, but being unable myself to tender any financial aid. I thought I might be the means of raising quite a respectable sum to be do-nated to them through any reputable agent or committee. My idea is to ride a handi-cap bicycle race with Ed Reading. The Coliseum management would doubtless give building one evening for such a commendable purpose. To enhance the rram's attractiveness it would probably be better to give a mixed athletic entertainment, the participants in the performance all inderstanding that the entire receipts go t the poor. Please mention this in The Bee

and the affair may be brought to ful issue. Opening of a Boxing School.

William Swart of Chicago has opened up poxing school in The Bee building and starts off with a class of twenty-two prominen young business men. Mr. Swart is a pupil of William O'Connell, Tommy Ryan's old precepter, and the instructor in the Chicago gymnasium, and his style is strictly modern, the defensive course of warfare that is so popular today. Counter hitting is certainly he chief element in the boxing art of these enlightened times, the principle being to do effective work and avoid punishment in re-

A finish boxing contest has been arrange for Elkhorn on the evening of February 17. It is to be for 75 and 25 of the gate receipts, between Jim McCoy of South Omaha and Jack Burke of Kansas City, at catch

John Kelly will drive the DuBois Bros. string this year, in addition to the horses

ie brings from California. The fast pacer S R, that was in Bob

Kneeb's string last season, will be driven by George Starr this season. Bainum & Grigsby of Maryville, Mo., ad vertise a public sale of trotters and pacers to take place at Red Oak, Ia., February 24.

A report from the Keystone farm, Omaha, says that the great colt The Conqueror is The Horseman, Chicago, says: "No on

need be alarmed if the Keystone farm, Omaha, should send out a record-breaking -year-old by Director.' D. T. Mount of Omaha has sold to O. A

Herring & Co., Columbus, Neb., Wilkeros, by Anteros. This horse is a promising one and his new owners intend to give him an opportunity to race, it is said. C. E. Rawson of Des Moines has recently

bought of W. E. Hamilton, same place, two very fast pacing mares, one by Advance and one by Garnet Wilkes, both great young sires L. L. Bailey, Chicago, has recently purchased of Morris Jones, Red Oak, Ia. good Robert McGregor mare, Birthday. Jones has also sold to B. F. Heckert, Red Oak, the promising Shadeland Onward filly

There are one or two penny-wise spirits in the directory of the St. Joseph Fair asso-ciation, and if they can have their way the coming season it is hardly probable city will be among those holding big meetings.

There is a growing demand in England to the American light harness horse that will get still greater as they learn more of the horse. The time will surely come when our surplus will be used on the other side of the Atlantic. Bert Harmon, the most enterprising la.'s horsemen, has recently pur

chased of L. Banks Wilson the 2-year-old colt Grayson, by Greenway, 2:25, dam by Petoskey. This fellow is a pacer and shows a world of speed. It is certainly a pleasing announcemen that Elia Woodline, the great 2-year-old sold by the Woodline farm, is going to be raced on American soil this year instead of

going to Germany as was at first announced. This filly as a 2-year-old was a great performer and she is bred to train on Mambrino Park farm of Des Moines, Ia will make a consignment to the South Omaha sale that will bear the closest kind of inspection. This farm has some of the best bred material in the west, and is sending the choicest animals on the farm to this

E. D. Gould of the Woodline farm, Fuller ton, Neb., has recently consummated several good sales, among them being the transfer of that good colt, Shadeland Conveyor, to Messrs, Harris & Riley, Albion, Neb. This colt is by Usurper, dam by Harry Plummer,

nice winter days among the horsemen of the west. Everything now points to more prosperous times, and that the time is not far distant when there will again be a ready sale for well-bred trotters and pacers is evident from the way the business is picking up all over the west. Numerous sales at good figures have been made in the most few weeks. past few weeks.

Walter McHenry of Des Moines has recently purchased Patronage Jr., a grandly bred son of Patronage and Adinda. This is magnificent breeding, as Patronage is the sire of Alix, 2:07%, and Adinda is by Attor-ney, sire of the dam of Alix. Mr. Mc-Henry has also purchased Hermagic, by Herschel, dam by Hermes, another royally bred fellow. This is certainly starting the breeding business right.

Winthrode & Cornell, owners of the great oung sire Penrose, promise a new pacer in the colt classes this year that will attract some attention. These gentlemen have never done much in the way of developing their youngsters and very little to advertise their horse, an animal second to none, and if they have at last awakened to the fact that the public will advertise their horses for them it is to be hoped they will be successful.

It is authoritatively announced that the fee of Nutwood will be the same this year as heretofore-\$1,000. Nutwood is the greatest of living sires, as numbers go, but far from it as the race records and winnings of his produce go. The second generation of the Nutwoods is lots better than the first. At all events, all conditions considered, no horse in America should command a fee of \$1,000, and it is hardly probable that the Stouts will be flattered with the success of Nutwood in the stud this year.

A western circuit that will take in the folowing cities is a possibility: Mason City, LeMars, Sloux City and Council Bluffs, Ia., Omaha and Lyons, Neb., St. Joseph and Kansas City, Mo., Topeka and Wichita, Kan., and Dallas, Tex. This would make a strong circuit and one that western horsemen would feel bound to patronize and assist. With but a single exception it would be a circuit of short shipments, and every one of these cities have a good reputation for offering liberal purses and always paying

Among the consignments to the sale next month at South Omaha will be a filly owned by W. A. White, St. Joseph, Mo., that is worthy a place in the catalogue of any of the great farms. She is by Woodford Wilkes (sire of Jennie Wilkes, 2:121/2, and eleven other standard performers) one of the best bred sons of George Wilkes. The dam of the filly is by Lockheart, 2:13%, second dam by Baymont (sire of the fast pacer Jordan), third dam by Swigert, sire of Brilliant, 2:17½, and forty other standard performers. This filly shows a good gait and is destined to be a fast performer.

Turf papers are advocating all sorts of plans to protect the horsemen of the country from wild-cat associations that advertise rich purses and stakes and never pay them The best and only practical plan is that advocated by the writer some time since: Compel all associations holding a meeting to give a bond to the parent association guaranteeing the faithful fulfillment of all contracts. Let the parent association in-vestigate this bond, and when found to be all right give the member a certificate showing these facts. Compel the member to place a copy of this certificate on all its entry blanks, so that a horseman who receives one may know that the member is doing business with the sanction of the parent association. Some of the turf papers are taking the

Nebraska Breeders association to task for declaring off the Nebraska Futurity stake. The members of this association did exactly what they ought. They saw did exactly what they ought. They saw that they were going to be unable to com-plete their part of the contract called for in this stake, and rather than deceive the horsemen they at once returned to breeders their entrance money. Among those who had made entries in this stake there were some who had failed to comply with the requirements of the conditions, and they were ruled out of the distribution of en-trance money, but those, who had kept up the payments not only received the amount they had paid, but were paid the legal rate of interest for the time the association had had the money. This left the asso-ciation to hold the sack for considerable of And just why the turf paper should think that the association should refund money to those who had failed to keep up their payments is beyond under-Had the stake been continue standing. and in the end raced those who had de faulted in payments could start no colt Then why, if the association declares the race off and pays those entries still eligible interest on their money, should it also be compelled to pay back the money to those who have defaulted? It strikes me that it is much better for all concerned if associations, when they find they are going to be unable to bring off an event as advetised, will declare the race off and re turn to the eligible entries their money There is no other honorable course open t

Signs of the Sweet Springtime. Will White will probably play short for Peoria.

Toledo has made a ten-strike in securing Gill Hatfield. Sioux City has got a cracker-tack i

The Western league season will open of the 22d or 25th of April. teries in the country, and in Jack McGlonthey get a corking third baseman. Preparations are being made in Boston

for a big benefit for Charlie Bennett. The prospects are flattering for a boot in amateur circles in this city this year. The Omaha management have their line

ut for one of the best minor league bat Herman Long has signed a Boston contract, thus settling all talk that he is to transferred to New York. The question of Omaha's new ground

will probably be most satisfactorily settled within the next ten days. Patsy Tebeau, George Tebeau and Jack O'Connor graduated from the same amateur

team-the Shamrocks of North St. Louis. "Ptg" Ward is to play second base for Washington for a little while. He will soon convince His Whiskers that he isn't in i

Mox McQuery, the old first baseman, wishes to emerge from his retirement at Covington, Ky., and once more toss the ball for glory—and a salary. Bill Kreig, the old Western league catcher

would like a berth on the Omaha team He is a hard hitter and is good enough for any team in any of the minor bodies. Colonel James E. Peoples believes in play ing on many strings this winter. He has asked New York for a trial and wants to ac

as receiver for his old-time pitcher, Dad The Toledo, Milwaukee and Minneapoli teams all report at Cincinnati for practice in April. Another reason why the Western cague should be called the Cincinnat

Bobolink Lowe, the old Milwaukee player, has signed his Boston contract, and before the month is out he will double up with a Newcastle girl and do a little song and dance

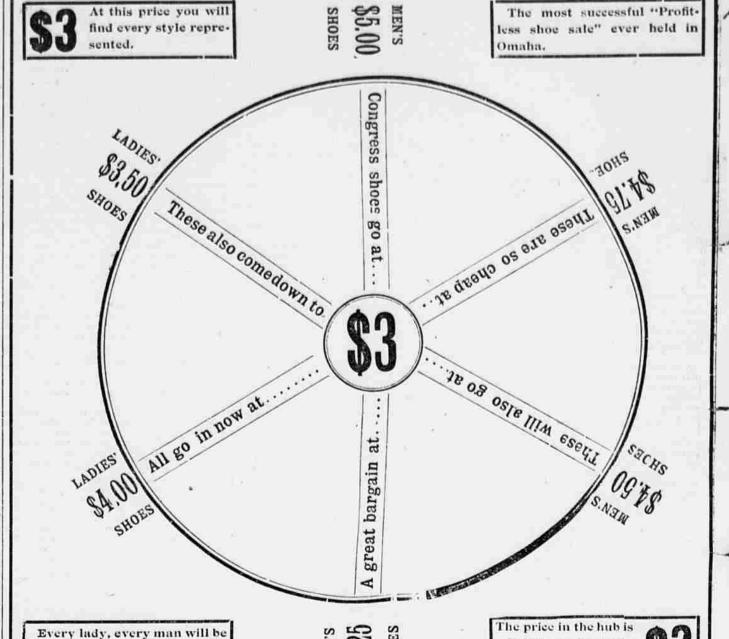
in a matrimonial way. Ex-Pitcher Billy Sowders, whose home in Indianapolis, has applied for a place the Indianapolis team, and is willing to put on trial without salary. Omaha wil take him on better terms than these.

The Western Association of Base Ball Clubs has applied to the league for classified membership (class B, without reservation) under the national agreement, and re-ceived the same. This prevents the oust ing of any of the cities agreed upon at the chicago meeting.

The Brooklyn cranks are tickled half to death over the fact that they have collared George Treadway, and this fact also tickles the western cranks most inordinately. It took a box of red pepper to cause Georgie show signs of life about half the time he was playing with Denver.

The spring meeting of the new Western association will be held at Des Moines one week from next Tuesday, and will be at-tended by President Rowe, Manager Mc-Vittle and S. G. V. Cr swold from th's city. Grand Rapids and Lincoln both have a claim on George Pinkney, the old Brooklyn third baseman.

Jimmie McAleer hasn't signed a Cieveland contract and he seems to be still dreaming of the possibility of transfer, for he says: "I have not signed a contract, and don't propose to be sold unless I know it." Colonel McAleer might have added with perfect proCPOKES THAT SPEAK FROM THE HIJB



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"Not unless I get my bit," says the sarcastic Mr. Mulford.

rapidly waited upon as we will

have plenty of extra salesmen.

At a recent meeting of the Convention Base Ball club Tom Bermingham was re-elected president, Joe Dolan secretary and Art Creighton team captain. Three new players were also engaged in Sam McAuliffe, Charlie Bradford (and Pitcher McElvain. club will hold a grand hop at Armory hall March 27, for the purpose of supplying

the team with new uniforms.

According to Ban Johnson, Charley According to Ban Johnson, Charley Bennett was the oldest catcher in point of length of service in the league. No back stop ever rivaled him for precision or excellence in his work. Last season was one of the best he ever played, and, although he did not have a good batting percentage, his hitting was very timely and more than once helped to win a game at the

Tim Hurst, the umpire, is a great believer enced trainers. He says the action of ball neral in certain things, ar scandalous. For instance, they never buy their shoes to fit them and to help their running. They don't pay any attention to their spikes. All these things, if looked after as they should be by all conscientious players, would help their batting averages and better running would result. Tim thinks a couple of lessons from an experienced sprinter on starting would also be beneficial to the batters, as fast starting would help them a couple of feet in a dash

to first base.

Johnnie Ward was Champion Corbett's "next man" during the last few days of his training for his fight with Charlie Mitchell. Corbett thought more of J. Montgomery than any one around his training quarters, and it was the ball player that rode on the seat with him from his room in Jacksonville to the ringside. Yes, Big Jim thought a great deal of Little Johnnie, and at the end gave the New Yorker a fine Irish setter. Owng to the peculiar actions of the animal he was dubbed "Mysterious Billy Smith" by the Californian. "Mysterious Billy" is Carolina, where he is being broken for field

work for next season.

There will be a regular mixup of the battle-royal order in the Western league the coming season, says the Cincinnati Enquirer. No league yet organized ever represented as many different factions as will be in-cluded in this body the coning season. It will be a regular sectional fight all around. Vanderbeck, manager of the Detroits, is from Los Angeles, Cal., and nearly his en tire team will be made up of California players. Sharzig, of the Indianapolis team, hails from Philadelphia and he thinks there is nothing like Pennsylvania players. He will draw heavily on the Pennsylvania league for his talent. Long, of the Toledos, belongs in Lowell, Mass., and nearly every one of his players will hail from Yankee-dom. Jimmle Manning, manager of the Kansas Citys, believes in Southern league kansas Citys, believes in Southern league talent and almost his entire team will be made up of players who were in the south last season. Manager Watkins, of the Sioux City team, has made a heavy raid on Cininnati and St. Louis talent for his team Managers Barnes, Cushman and Ellis, of the Minneapolis, Milwaukee and Grand Rapids teams, respectively, are more cos mopolitan in their views and have gathered trong teams from all quarters of th

Whisperings of the Wheel. Hy E. Fredricksen of the Tourists is in the city again shaking hands with his old

Max Wedeles and Ben V. Walters, two o

the "solid men" of the Tourists, are repre-senting their respective houses on the road Mr. and Mrs. Henry E. Taggar entertained a number of the wheelmen at their home on North Twentieth street last Thursday even

The annual election of officers for the Tourist Wheelmen occurs next menth and the members are donning their "convention caps" and holding caucuses every night The chief officer in this club this season wil be the captain, as the club intends to follow up its old-time methods of road riding. There are any number of good men in the club this year who are rustlers and will make good and efficient officers. Ed P. Walker, Hy E. Taggar, F. A. Heninger, Jack Culley, W. M. Barnum and John Hynes are mon whom the club, has its account for the men whom the club has its eye on for the captaincy. There is some little talk of Omaha wheel-

men making a bid for the state meet this year - While there are many reasons why Omaha should get it there are equally as many why she should not, chief among the latter being its location. Omaha is located in the extreme eastern part of the state. and therefore not handy for the league mem bers who reside in the western, western and northerly parts. The The bulk (the league members belonging to this di vision reside outside of Omaha and woul doubtless prefer to have the meet held in a more centrally located town. The most suc-cessful meets thus far have been held in places of smaller magnitude and there is but little doubt the majority of wheelmen would prefer to have the 1894 meet held in a smaller town. But if the meet comes to Omaha there are many advantages worth nentioning. Omaha has more wheelmen than any one town in the state has one of the finest and fastest half mile tracks in this part of the country—a track which can be, with little expense, placed in the best of condition as was exemplified on July 22 of last year, when one

a tournament which drew out a large crowd of spectators and netted the club a neat sum a tournament at which the state records went glimmering. Omaha is the home of most of the fastest racing men, a big city filled with many things of interest to out-siders who probably do not have the chance every day to visit the metropolis, has good hotels, three or four wheel clubs, and of easy access. Then, too, the meet will likely be run under the auspices of one of the wheeling organizations, very probably the Omaha Wheel club, and it could not be placed in better hands should it come to Omaha. The Omaha Wheel club could, with the facilities it possesses, make it a great and noted suc-In the event Omaha is chosen for the fourth annual state meet it is the duty of every wheelman and wheelwoman in the city to see that it is a meet which will be handed down in state cycling history as the king meet of them all.

"Setagec," on the Cycling West, has some sparkling reminiscence talk in the issue of February 1. Here are some extracts relative to the national meet, which no doubt will be read with interest: Newport captured the first League American Wheelmen meet in 1880; 150 wheel men were present. This meet was the idea of Kirk Munroe, the famous children's author. Boston got the meet in 1881; there

were about 1,000 wheelmen present. Chicago was the rendezvous in 1882, New York in 1883, Washington in 1884. The Buffalo meet in 1885 was the first really big meet. Racing was then only a side issue and a monster parade was the main feature.

Boston captured the meet in 1886, St. Louis Baltimore in 1888, Hagerstown in 1889. Old vets who attended the Hagerstown meet will never forget it, and the resi-dents of Hagerstown either, for that matter Niagara Falls was the scene of the neet. Here the badge craze, the lockstep movement and various other features o the national meets were given birth. Here it was that the first pneumatic racing whee

made its appearance on American tracks. Laurie, the English crack riding it. Detroit in 1891—how it rained and how the press roasted the Detroit wheelmen! Washington bid high and raked in the sand wheelmen and wheelwomen took part in the parade, which was viewed by president of the United States.

And Chicago in 1893—everybody was there it was great—so was "Zimmic." This "Zimmie." meet was known to the world.

A crank on statistics quotes Great Britain as possessing 500,000 wheelmen and wheelwomen, the United States and Canada at 350,000, France, 232,000; Austria, Germany and other European countries, 200,000 more and 25,000 scattered through Africa, Asia, Australia and the islands, an aggregate of 1,307,000 cyclists of both sexes. And there

Some of the queerest looking freaks in bicycles have come to light this season. One is a wheel built on the plan of the railroad velocipede, where you work hands and feet, getting double power and an increase of speed (7). Another is a regulation safety seared like an old fashioned "Star," with evers and straps. The fine weather of the past week has brought out scores of wheelmen, who were

not figuring on a spin before April. With the Legitimate Sportsmen.

Report has it that the grouse are being rapped by the car loads in South Dakota his winter. Attorney Will Simeral will enter his

Gordon setter Kennel in the Chicago bench

show this spring. Dr. Galbraith is in Florida, and writes that the jack shooting below St. Augustine ceats anything he ever experienced. The indications are good for an early

opening of the spring wild fowl shooting. Without considerable rain, however, poor sport will be the rule. Frank Parmelee will hold a series of big tive bird and target shoots on the grounds cross the river this year, probably as often

as once a month, commencing in May Colonel John R. Amesley, the genial Kan sas sportsman, has the sporting editor's acknowledgement for a bunch of magnifi-cent mallards. The birds, although the first crivals of the season, were in elegant con

game at this time, and some big bags have

been made recently up about Honey creek and Noble's lakes. The big snow fail of Thursday hight made excellent hunting Saturday and scores of hunters were out. J. C. Selden sent his handsome English setter, Robert Gladstone, to C. W. Tway of Tennessee last fall to be broken for the field, and is in receipt of a letter stating that the dog will be returned next week as therewells become thoroughly broken as any dog in the coun-

The local disciples of Izaak Walton have The local disciples of part during the past been having excellent sport during the past ten days fishing through the ice at Cut-Off and Manawa. Hilly Thompson spent last Tuesday on the former waters, and by dint of hard work succeeded in catching a fine.

arge cold. Harvey McGrew, business manager of the Mercury, and an enthusiastic lover and patron of field sports, has received four pairs of trained wild goese from North Dakota. They have been broken for decoy

of the local clubs held its annual tournament. | purposes, and are as intelligent in their

for shoes formerly

sold as high as \$5.

The officers of the State Sportsman's assotation, President G. A. Schroeder, Treasurer H. J. Arnold and Secretary G. B. Speice, all of Columbus, are determined to make the next state shoot, which comes off at Columbus, May 15, 16 and 17, the biggest and best get held by this honorable body.

Fish Commissioner Lew May informs me hat there are better prospects for Nebraska fishermen this year, than ever before in the history of the state. All the likely streams and lakes in the state have been stocked and restocked during the past ten years, and reports of results during the past year have een most gratifying to our industrious com-

sportsman, has invented and patented a most ingenious ducking outfit and wild fowl shooters are unanimous on its general utility and success. It consists of a coat and hat wrought from prairie grass in such a man-ner as to give the crouching hunter the appearance of a small hay cock or clump of It is certainly the greatest artificial blind ever introduced.

Jack McAuliffe has been challenged by Young Mitchell. Frank Slavin wants to met either Corbett Sullivan for \$10,000. Bet a half dollar he prefers Sullivan.

Neither Young Parsons or Pat Ford, jr., saw proper to reply to the defi recently promulgated by George Middleton, and the latter's forfeit of \$25 was drawn down by his backers yesterday.

Nearly every sportively-inclined citizen returned from Jacksonville with a pair of stuffed alligators in his valise. They were mounted just like boxers, and their front claws were covered with tiny gloves. They made a great souvenir of the battle.

Somebody in Philadelphia asked Corbett if he would accept another challenge from Sullivan, and he said: "Oh, John is a good hearted fellow. He doesn't want to fight. would do anything in my power for the big fellow, and I wouldn't permit him to go in the ring with me."

When John L. Sullivan was in Baltimore the other day he met his old antagonist, Jake Kilrain. To the man he had knocked out at Richburg the big fellow said: "I'll say this much for you, Jake, and I have never said it before. When I met Corbett the ring I felt more confident of being able to win the big purse than I did after I stayed with you a couple of rounds. They can say what they please about my having been able to knock you out in twenty rounds, but it is not so."

Questions and Answers. OMAHA, Feb. 9.—To the Sporting Editor of The Bee: Please answer the following mestion in Sunday's Bee to decide a bet; s Champion J. J. Corbett an Irishman or American?—O. N. E. Ans.—He is an Irish-American.

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OMAHA, Feb. 9.—To the Sporting Editor
of The Ree: Will you please state in Suniny's Ree when the Western association
championship will open? Has Omaha seured any players yet?—Old Timer.

Ans.—(1) May 5. (2) Billy Rourke has
been signed as first base and captain, and
agodiations are on with a number of good
men.

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KANSAS CITY, Feb. 8.—To the Sporting Editor of The Bee: Will you please give a brief sketch of Peter Jackson in your Sunday issue? It will be a favor to several of your admirers in this city, and good reading for all loyers of the ring.—R. T. Moore.

Moore,
Ans.—Jackson is a West Indian, but has lived in Australia nearly all his life. His parents were full-blooded negroes and he is a fine specimen of the race. His height is 6 feet and 1½ inches; he is all bone and muscle and weighs 200 pounds in perfect fighting fettle. He is 31 years of age. fighting fettle. He is il years of age.
COUNCIL HLUFFS.Feb 8.—To the Sporting Editor of The Bee: In a game of cribbage at my house last night a young lady
held twenty-nine. Is that the largest hand
that can be held, and how often has it been
held? Three fives and the lack of spades,
with the five of spades, turned up. Can
twenty-five be held at cribbage?—A Regular

Ans.—Twenty-nine is the most that can e held. It has been frequently held, but f course I have no means of telling how any times. No, twenty-five cannot be eld; nor twenty-six, twenty-seven or ninesen either.

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SOUTH OMAHA, Feb. 8.—To the Sporting
Editor of The lice; Will you please state
in your columns of the Sunday Bee how
many national holidays there are in the
United States, and what they are? Also
define the difference between a national
holiday and a legal holiday?—C. A. H.
Ans.—Technically there is no such thing
as a national holiday, but the Fourth of
July is generally considered a national holiday, because it is legal in all states. There
is no other holiday legal in every state. A
legal holiday is a holiday fixed by statute.

OMAHA, Feb. 7.—To the Sporting Editor OMAHA, Feb. 7.—To the Sporting Editor f The Bee: Please state what is a band," horse measure?—Palace Stables, Ans.—Four inches.

Ans. - That's what he can.

One word describes it, "perfection," We re-fer to De Witt's Witch Hazel Salve, cures,