CHAT WITH THE BOXERS

The Birds that Fly in the Budding Spring

THE AFFAIRS OF WESTERN HORSEMEN

Time.

The Carol of the Dickey Bird-Jensen's Big Wolf-The Premium Goose-Kennel Club and Miscellaneous Local Sporting Grist,

The proverbial calm has again followed the storm. About all of the fighting lads are out of a job, the winter is hard and the world is cold. Snowballs are a favorite diet with the boys who for a year or so have been feasting on the best in the land. It is a sure case of not knowing a good thing when you see it. The ordeal through which base pall passed proved a purifying one, but it is doubtful whether as much can be said for Fistiana. There may be ome sort of a revival of the game, but it is exceedingly problematical. The popular demand is for its suppression, and while there is a good deal of fraud mixed up in the general sentiment in opposition, I am forced to confess that I think a protracted rest will prove beneficial all round.

There is absolutely no interest being taken in the proposed Corbett and Jackson fight, excepting within the narrow confines of the red-hot's association. Of course, prize fighters themselves and the men who derive a questionable livelihood out of the trade is as much of a trade as cobbling or laying brick-will always be interested. and they will continue to talk as long as there is anyone to listen. Fighting is all there is worth living for in the sphere in which they move, and you might as well expect a banker to lose interest in his money to expect a prize fighter to become in fatuated with Sunday school affairs.

The reason there isn't more interest mani-

fest in the coming big mill is that many have failed to make up their minds that it is on the level. Even the smooth and glossy Parson Davies, who is behind Peter, has failed to make sure to his many newspaper friends that the money he and Mr. Brady have posted is to be fought for in the ring. I received a letter from him no longer than four days ago, and, while he is enthusiastic over the prosperity of his "Uncle Tom's Cabin" snap, and says that Peter is strong and well, and little Eva cuter than ever, he is as mum as a biyou oyster on the question of the big fight. It strikes me that the Parson, with all his powers of perspicacity and acumen, would be working the fight in an advertising way for all it is worth, but he seems totally indifferent to the auriferous opportunity. Still, I am loth to believe that the Parson has "gone back." When I saw him at Jacksonville there were no additional lines detectable in his handsome face; his eyes were as bright as of yore and physic ally, all over, he looked about right for the biggest kind of a money making scheme. You see, a man has to be in condition for a struggle in this matter-of-fact commercia world, as well as for one in the exciting realm of the ring. "But looks are de-celvin"," as the Indiana groom observed when his wife took off her faise hair and pulled out her teeth. It may be the Parson and Peter are really in the same boat, and that the Parson has gone back mentally while Peter has kept pace physically. chances are against this, however, and you can all expect to hear in some novel and unique way from Mr. Davies before the

The sporting fraternity is getting exceed-ngly weary of Tom O'Rourke's underhanded hounding of Billy Plimmer. His senseless challenges which fill the papers of the city where the little Englishman appears with his show don't go. Plimmer sued his ultimatum months ago, shortly after besting the Haligonian in their famous four-round setto, and has been wise and sensible enough to stick to it unswervingly. He is in a position to dictate his own terms and has had the brain to appreciate this pre rogative. - He said, and still says, that he is ready to fight the darkey for a whole journey for \$10,000 a side and the bantamweight championship of the world at 114 pounds, weigh in at the ring side. That is fair, inasmuch as Dixon claims both the feather and bantam-weight belts. But O'Rourke, who has grown fat and sassy on his whack from the black boy, won't have it that way. He wants ten or a dozen hours before the gong sounds for George to build up to the featherweight standard. words, he wants six or eight pounds the best Plimmer will surrender his claims to sanity when he concedes a half dozen

There are a good many of Dick Moore's friends in Omaha who do not tally with me on the outcome of Dick's cellision with Dan Creedon next Saturday night. Well, that is their right. This would be a nice abiding place, indeed, if we all thought alike. I know as well as any one that Moore is much better than what is called a good man. I have seen him fight a good many times, and know like a book. He has been a staunch friend of mine ever since I made his first fight here, in which, by the way of anomaly, he got badly beaten. That was simply because he got fooled, however. He thought a hair cut and a shampoo was all the training he needed to punch young Niland into a of somnolency. But after having his face pounded into a marmalade the stockyards youth suddenly developed a whiriwind of strength, and on the spot Dick had jocularly picked out to fall on when he stepped into the ring, proved his reclining place when he

Now I honestly hope that Dick will heat friend Benny Benton's say-so to the corary. Benny is the sporting editor of the Boston Globe, and he generally knows what he is talking about. This time, though, smells a trifle like the long whiff. If Di wins from big Dan I will be among the first

There are many uncertainties in the game as all have noticed in the past year or two, but from the time of the flood it has always been the same, and will continue so on to the grand finale. Personally, I believe that Cree don will triumph after a hard and desper ately fought battle. Moore knows nothing but fight, but in Creedon he meets a man who is superior in almost every way to any strong and as game as the gamest. He has also had barrels of experience. But Cree-don's greater weight and speed will prove a powerful factor in the result. That he is also a superior general inside the ropes I also firmly believe, and to this more than anything else I look to see him clinch the fight, if he is able to clinch it at all. In the meantime the Apostolic youth give the big Antipodean a r punching, and if he gets a may land on Daniel in a that will induce him to quit. ing the men physically, and that is what I there isn't much question as to who has best of it, and betting men will assuredly make Creedon the favorite.

Friends most always go it blind when it comes to their man and the result. If the favorite loses then the blokes who backed him all of a sudden discover that he "ha gone back" and was always "overrated," but if the second choice goes out "he went against too stiff a proposition, atelassed every way" and "was far from

It inadvertently crept into The Bee last Thursday morning that Jack Gorman got the best of it in his setto with Jimmy Lind-Shorty's" the night before. And so he did, that is, he got the 85 cents the dead games tossed into the ring, and Jimmy allowed him to escape with his life.

It is high time III Andrews-no pun intended—was being convinced that he is a good deal better steam-fitter than he is a prize fighter. Jim McCoy of South Omala whipped him in a jog last Wednesday night first came here several years ago to gangling, cadaverous cove who looked as if good stiff breeze would blow him into the surprised

round. Jack was making one of his grand stand convolutions, when suddenly one of Hiram's long arms shot out like a pistonrod, and his big dun glove went into Jack's mug like a battering ram. Then we all thought we were going to see a fight, but in the next round Davis killed him. But he was like the hog that didn't know when he had enough, so he tackles Jack once more, and Jack kills him over again. He shuffles up the cards again, and he and Jimmy Pants Hightower have a chase. High over was in a particularly happy mood that night, and in the second round he caught Mr. Andrews in the pomona adami with a swinging right hand smash, and Mr. Andrews didn't recover his voice for a full six months. In fact, that came nearly being a fatal blow But I remember seven or eight years ago when Andrews was meeting all-comers at the Theater Comique, Philadelphia, under the nom de guerre of "Rock's Unknown," and nom de guerre of "Rook's Unknown," and he pounded 'em all out big and little, white black and yellow. But Hiram is a "harbeen," and he should now confine himself ex clusively to the plumbing business. Think of it, any way, a plumber in the ring!

SANDY GRISWOLD.

SPRING DAYS IN THE MARSH.

Prospects Bright for the Most Enchanting

of All Outdoor Sport. The widespread and heavy snowfall of the past week has filled the duck shooter's heart with enthusiasm. Prior to this event the prospects for the spring sport were meager, indeed, on account of a lack of water. Such another dry spell as this section of the country is but fairly emerging from has not been experienced in a decade. It set in early in May last, reigned uninterruptedly throughout the summer and fall, and but light and inconsequential rains broke the arid monotony during the present winter. The result was an absolute drying up of all the small lakes and streams before autumn had properly begun, and by the time the duck season was on even the larger bodies of water and rivers were so low that inducement for the birds to remain long on any of their former favorite feeding grounds was so slender that the poorest kind of sport was the rule. For good wild fowl shooting there must be plenty of water. With the lakes at their lowest water mark and the marshes dried up and baked as hard as a cement floor there is little opportunity for the palmiped beauties to eke out a subsistence, and no matter how delightful the weather or favorable the other general conditions, they will tarry but a short time ere they wing their way on to more advantageous haunts. But the late fall of the flocculent crystals has dissipated the sportsman's fear of a con tinuation of this unfavorable condition There has been an immense descent of the beautiful all over the west, on the plains and in the mountains, and when the thaw omes it means such a freshet as will send the rivers and streams gushing on to the sea fill up the lakes and inundate all the narshes and lowlands. This means capital sport with the lordly canvasback, the mallard, the ashen redhead, the pintail, teal and bluebill, to say nothing of the excite-ment an influx of the Canadas and the

Hutchins geese will create. Notwithstanding the prolonged period of fryness there was a most beautiful crop of native food last fall, but the birds being unable to get at it means that the bulk of it remains to be fattened upon in the sweet spring time. The wild rice stalks in all north and western marshes bent low with the weight of their tiny kernels, all of the nutritious seeds were more than luxuriant, and the nut grass and smart weed were abundant everywhere. Of course wild celery (spiralis vallisneria) and all of the much ought for auquatic plants suffered gre and while the birds may wax fat upon far naceous deposits this spring, they must deny themselves these subacqueous delicacles until the golden days of October roll round once again. Such a rare climate is this in which we live that vegetation flourishes with bu the nourishing influences of the dews, which descend like rain during the shor descend nights of the hottest summer. These lie like a moist blanket over the emerald world until the growing life absorbs or the sun rays suck heavenward again.

But once again let me speak on a favorite theme—the ducks. I am a lover of nature in all its aspects, and ascribe to indulgence in its delights the quickness of sight, the steadiness of nerve and the soundness of mind and body I enjoy today. I have lived lieve the lesson has just begun. birds that come up from the tropical Mexicos in the spring the pintail (anas acuta), called sprigtail in the east, are about the first hen follow speedily in order the canvasback the redhead, bluebill, widgeon, mallard an teal. The Canada goose and his congeners even precede the pintail, many of them, as remarkable as it may seem, lingering here all through the winter. Just two weeks ago Billy Hongland killed four big Canadas justwelve miles west of the city in a field bordering the Elkhorn.

But as the pintail is the first of the duck family to tempt the sportsman hence in the spring, he is entitled to the sendoff. The period of his arrival depends largely on the state of the weather, and he generally comes in with a storm of rain and snow and sleet and later, when his cousins arrive, is found much in the company of the mallard, widgeor and teal. Their plumage is soft and blended beautifully with greenish browns, grays and dull, yellowish lines. They fly high, mi-grate in tremendous flocks and frequent the open prairies and broad expanses of water lowing rivers, from which they will wad far into the timber for favorite food. They are usually a dull bird, decoy readily, and are easiest killed of any of the wild fowl family They are generally in poor form, owing to their penchant for long journeys withou and consequently not overly desirable

for the table. The canvasback is universally acknowledged to be the king of his kind. He the largest of all the ducks and is to posed to possess edible qualities eminently superior to any of his relatives, althoug I have had mallards served that in over way came up to, if not surpassed, his high standard. They are magnificent looker the drakes especially, with their shapely cinnamon heads, ashen wings and snow white bodies. In flight they are the swiftes of all the wild fowl, being capable of ove 100 miles an hour. They are extremely shy, remarkably hardy and the most dif ficult bird to kill that files. Years as these princely birds halted here in countles millions on their semi-annual migration

but latterly they are rare, and, lackaday growing rarer with each recurring season. The redhead is known as the canvasback's first cousin, which bird they closely semble, but are destinctly different. P erly placed upon the table, it would take the most expert gastronomic to separate him from the canvasback. are rapid, strong flyers, but decoy beauti-fully and furnish the most exhibarating sport from a blind. They are good feeders with an insatiable appetite for wild celery tender twigs and grasses, aquatic bulbs an smart weed. They do not visit this regio smart weed. in any considerable numbers in the fall but seldom fail to come in plenteously in

the spring time.

The mallard is the most familiar bird and I might say the choice of a large maority of local sportsmen. They are no so quick of wing as the canvasback or red head, but quick enough to suit the taste of the greatest adept with the hammerless They are a great bird to "Jump" in the marshes, but supply all the delights of such pursuits over decoys. They are exceedingly wary, but lure well to a large stool of de-They haunt the shallows, and al though they can dive like a blue bill, seldor look for food in more than a foot and half of water. Like the geese, they are fond of field feeding, and in stubble and corn make many a sumptuous banquet or the scattered kernels of the farmer's har-

Like the mallard, the teal, both green and blue wing, are partial to the shallows, yet the green wing often frequents the deep, open waters. They fly like bullets, decoy but indifferently, and alight with an abrupt ness that discomfits many an experience gunner. They are certainly a morceau second to none in the game line, and I have yet to meet man or woman who can refrain om centatic exclamation when sitting down

to a platter of well-browned teal.

The widgeon, or American bald pate, dis plays many of the characteristics of the mallard also, yet he favors the open water and is seldom tempted to penetrate the wooded districts. They hardly ever fly in flocks, but in twos and threes, and once in a white bunches of a half dozen. once in a white bunches of a half dozen. Like the pintail, they love to haunt the open Davis included, but only in the first prairie, and next to the mallard are the

most plentiful of all the species here. They fly swiftly, but are among the easiest of the tribe to drop to shot, and decoy much after the fashion of the pintail. For the table the widgeon must be in prime condition, and he is seldom else, consequently ranks wall to enjoyrees qualifications with the redwell in epicurean qualifications with the red-head and mallard. They are less favored in the way of glorious plumage than other ducks, a fact that detracts much from their

marketable value. Of course there are many other ducks tioned above are the principal ones, and, while I might proceed on entertainingly to the sportsman, the labor might be lost on the general reader.

The Omaha Kennel Club.

The Omaha Kennel club is still very much alive and in a promising condition. There was an enthusiastic meeting held at Dr. J. C. Whinnery's office last Wednesday evenng. The treasurer's report showed the club to be free from debt and with a neat bal-ance in cash on hand. The feasibility of holding a bench show this year was exhaus-tively discussed, and the outlook is promising for such an event, which means another fine success. After a lot of general business was disposed of the following officers were was disposed to the following one of well as the following year; Ir. J. C. Whinnery, president; J. H. McTague, vice president; E. L. Marston, recording secretary; Charles F. Frenzer, financial secretary; Fred Rath, treasurer; W. Watterman, Charles Ogden, John T. Evans and Dr. Ebbitt, directors; Dr. Cyer of Philadelphia, delegate to the American Kennel club.

Barnstorming at Manilla. Teddy Gallagher, the Black Hills bantam and "Boge" Rhodes, the pride of Iowa, will give an athletic exhibition at Manilla, Ia. next Saturday evening. Talent from Omaha

and Sloux City will assist. Gallagher and Rhodes in a ten-round go will be the main feature. Affairs of the Western Horsemen-The new year book will be out this week

It has been settled at last that the grea rotter, Walter E, is Missouri bred. Free Coinage, the great Kansas 3-year-

Houston, Tex., is building a mile track that will cost when completed close to \$50,000, Commencing June 20, there will wenty-day's running meeting held at Kan-Pansy McGregor, 2:23%, the champio

yearling, owned at Topeka, Kan., by a ven-der of milk, is held at \$4,000. Ten thousand dollars is the price offered by an Englishman for the yearling colt Boreal, and he has not changed hands.

The fast mare, Delia Shipp, that was seen several times in the west last year, died at her Kentucky home, January 31. She was raced all of last season and lost only one DuBols brothers, the Denver breeders

nave leased the Overland track in that city and will give a June meeting this season with from \$25,000 to \$30,000 in stakes and purses. The Colorado pacer, Pilot Knox, now 19

years old, will be out the coming season as a trotter, and it is said he has shown at the latter gait enough speed to warrant his being sent east. Beauchamp & Jarvis of Concordia, Kan have purchased the Robert McGregor stal-

lion, Tom McGregor, 2:20%. This horse is a grand individual, and fast enough to reduce his record at any time A wealthy horseman at Duluth, Minn. has offered \$10,000 for Mascot, 2:04, and he didn't get him for that. Mascot is a geld-

ing, and aside from his racing value, pos-sesses none but a road horse value. Ella Woodline, the Nebraska 2-year-old hat was sold last fall for \$5,000, is now held at \$15,000, and she has shown her own-

ers so much speed that they aver that they would hate to sell her at that price. It will be learned with regret by of the western breeders that Judge Ken nedy of Maryville, Mo., intends to go out of the business, and that he has consigned

the whole of his valuable stable to the leveland sale. Jackson Case of Racine, Wis., will hav out this year, in addition to the sensational performer, Jennie K. 2:15½; Victoria Wilkes, 2:19½; Patriot, 2:24; Hellas, 2:24½; Hattle K., 2:24¾; Trotwood, 2:27½, and several green ones by Phallas.

John Kelly writes from Derver that he has a great string of horses at the DuBois He adds that he expects to bear Nancy Hanks' record with the little black wonder, Directum, the coming season, has the best wishes of the writer.

A review of the animals in The Conqueror' digree shows that their sons and daughter This is the most grandly bred horse that ever made a season in the state, and e is certainly a horse that Omaha ought to feel proud of.

Turf journals have all along insisted that Jack Curry, who has become noted as the driver of Alix, would train this season at Fleetwood Park, New York, but Mr. Curry announces that he will train on the Davenort, Ia., mile track. Morris Jones has been thinking that he would again attempt but when the time comes o drive Alix, Curry will probably get her.

Western Resources, a Nebraska turf journal, says that Alamito won all his races as 3-year-old. He didn't, though, for Ken tucky Union beat him three straight heats that year in Sedalia in 2:23½, 2:26½, 2:20¾. Captain Pyle always claimed that he could have won every heat in this race, but he did not want a mark on Alamito better than 2:25 for that season. However, Ala mito is yet a great horse, and in the hands of such a man as Dick Tilden he ought to among the great money winners of the west the coming season.

The King Hill farm at St. Joseph, Mo. rranging to campaign Willard Russell, 2:17 Wilkle Russell, 2:15, again this season This is a good young horse, and he has shown that he is possessed of plenty of speed, though a little inclined to be erratic, Half of the trouble heretofore, however, has been with his driver, who had hardly good a head as the horse. If Mr. Do If Mr. Done van will select a driver this year with half of the care he would display in selecting a race horse, he will more than probably hav

Among the animals that Frank Grigsby f Arkoe, Mo., advertises to sell at Red Oak fa., on the 24th, is a colt that is probably better bred, as producers go, than any other animal in America. He is by Victor Enc by Roberdean, by King Rene, and his dan Rose Rysdyk, by Robert Rysdyk, second dam Olivette, by Onward, third dam Santa Claus, by Magic, fourth dam Josie Railey. by General George H. Adams, fifth dam Santa Maria, by Pilot, jr., 12; sixth dam by Roebuck, a son of The King. Fifteen brood mares are represented in this youngster's pedigree. If he don't turn out a crackerjack there is little in breeding.

No business on earth has suffered so nuch at the hands of its fool friends as has that of the breeding of trotting horses It has been the continual whining chronic kicking of breeders as much anything that has brought about the de pression in the business. If every man who is interested in breeding trotters would put on a cheerful air and always insist that the business was all right it would not be nany moons ere the books of the good stalions would be full and sales would be better. Try the prescription. The best way in the world to cause your neighbors to believe your business has gone to the devil is to keep telling him that. On the other hand, you can rely upon making him think the opposite if the opposite argument is

The horse sale that is to be held at South Omaha in March is assuming better proportions every day, and in an interview with John D. Creighton a few days ago he said he thought the sales would develop they meant incalculable good to Omaha and Manager Short reports the receipt of many new consignments, many of them from the best farms in the land. limit of three hundred head will soon filled up with a class of horses that will en tice the best buyers in the country this way and this vicinity will be treated to one o the best horse shows ever held in the west. Among the consignments thus far there are the get of Shadeland Onward, 2:1816 Woodline, 2:19; Anteeo, 2:16¹/₂; Die Egotist, Nutwood, Winslow Wilkes, Wilkes, Charles Caffrey, Simmons, and other great ones.

The first annual catalogue issued by the Keystone farm is just out and is a hand-some souvenir of that great Nebraska farm. Following the title page is a handsome photo half-tone view of the farm, including resi-

dence, track, paddooks, stable and training barn. Handsome portraits of The Con-queror, 2:17, Woodsilah, Phenon and Two Strike, 2:12½, embelish the interior pages, Strike, 2:12½, embellish the interior pages, while the tabulations and compilations of pedigrees are complete, even to details. In the introductory Mr. Paxton strikes a keynote when he says: "The past two years have brought about a somewhat radical change in the breeding business as relates to the light harness horse. A few years ago all that was considered necessary was to breed in certain established and so-called fashionable lines, and when the foal was dropped he was salable on the merits was dropped he was salable on the merits of his breeding alone. All this is changed now, however, and that horse is only considered well bred that is bred in race horse

lines and inherits that quality."

the World's fair, to see this great race fin-Do you think that those enthusiastic people who sat in the amphitheater at Washington park and cheered themselves hoars whenever their favorite showed up in fron would have been satisfied to have had that race ended as it stood at the end of the sixth heat and with no further knowledge of the ability of the individual participators? The public pays its money to see a horse race, and it will never be satisfied with any rule that declares a race ended before it is won. If you watch a grand stand, all through the circuit and year after year, as the writer has, you will find that as evening approaches, where there is a race on where one horse evidently outclasses his field, there will be few occupants in the stand, but, on the other hand, if the race is one in which there are several horses contendin which there are several horses contend-ing every inch of the way, and the heats have been split, hardly a seat will be va-cated until the race is ended or carried over. This is the best index to public sentiment. There is considerable discussion in the

turf papers again this winter regarding a new rule that will shorten races. Among the apparently most popular theories advanced is what is known as the six-heat rule. This rule would cause a race to be ended at the end of six heats without regard to the standing of the horses. I am unalterably opposed to any such rule. In the first place horses have been bred for almost a century with a view to producing not alone speed but ability to endure a long race. Such a rule as is advocated would be at least a step toward the single dash system and it never could become popular, for it would settle no question of supremacy. Every race goer knows that the most inter esting races he ever saw were the hotly contested, split-heat affairs, where it was an unsettled question until the end had been reached which horse was going to be the victor—a race where all the horses were so evenly matched as to make every heat a race from wire to wire. Go back with me to the great Columbian free-for-all in Chicago last season and tell me, if you will, if there has ever, in the history of the American horse, been a race where so much in terest was shown on the part of an enthusi-astic, sport-loving public. For three days while this race lasted, thousands of people stayed away from the great counter attraction The west holds the world's trotting rec

ords for the fastest stallion, fastest year

ling, any sex; fastest 2-year-old colt, fastes

2-year-old gelding, fastest 3-year-old colt, fastest 4-year-old filly, fastest 5-year-old mare, fastest 5-year-old gelding, winner of the fastest heat in a race, winner of the fastest heat by a stallion, fastest heat by a mare, fastest heat by a gelding (divided honor between two western horses), fastest heat by a yearling, fastest heat by a 4-year-old, fastest heat by a 5-year-old, fastest first heat, fastest second heat, fastest third heat fastest second heat, fastest third heat, fastest fourth heat, fastest fifth heat (divided between two western horses), fastes ninth heat, fastest three-heat race, fastest four-heat race, fastest five-heat race, fastest six-heat race, fastest seven-heat race fastest eight-heat race, fastest nine race, fastest mile to wagen in race, fastest mile against time with running mate. The west has in the pacing contingent the fastest mile (a division of honor between the east and west), the fastest three miles, fastest four miles, divides honors with the east on the fastest gelding, has the fastest stallion, fastest mare, fastest yearling filly, fastest yearling colt, fastest yearling gelding, fastest 2-year-old colt, fastest 3 year-old colt fastest 3-year-old filly fastest 3-year-old gelding, fastest 4-year-old colt, fastest 4-year-old gelding, fastest 5-year-old stallion, fastest 5-year-old mare, fastest heat by a stallion, fastest heat by a mare, fastest heat by a yearling, fastest heat by a 4-year-old, fastest fourth heat (division of honor between east and west), fastest sixth heat, fastest two-heat race, fastest mile to wagon, fastest mile against time on a half mile track, fastest mile in a race on a half mile track. We will have the whole thing in a couple of more years.

Gossip with the Shooters. The late heavy fall of snow drove the crows into the city by the hundreds.

L. Ashton is one of the prime movers in the organization of a gun club at Savage. The Central City Gun club will hold it spring tournament April There are a lot of good fellows connected with this club, and it goes without saying that their shoot will be an interesting one The Korker Duck Decoy is out, and it is a magnificent work and will receive the heart endorsement of all appreciative gunners. is certainly the best duck decoy on the mar ket. M. C. Peters of this city is the ventor. It is made of closely woven drill ing, water proof and moulded in the of a duck, with a filling of fine cork. is no weighty anchor, and the painting is

artistic and life like. Fred J. Lamb came in from Sidney one day last week. Fred is the great western shooter you've all heard of so often. He says that he has caught 800 muskrats this winter with a pin hook and expects to kill a whole train lond of ducks next month.

Clark R. Hutton of Paxton sent down hree fine geese to his old shooting mate Johnny Hardin, last week. Hutton says th nunters have been there all winter and have managed to keep in good condition thirty days.

At the Eden Musee they have what called the "Grass Man from Borneo," on close inspection the other evening I disold esteemed friend. Jack Knowles, in one of lawrence's new grass ducking suits, had to 'fess up, but in exoneration said that imes were hard and it was anything to make an honest dollar.

The sporting editor is in receipt of th ollowing open letter: The officers of the National Game, Bird and Pish Protective association earnestly request sportsmen in all sections of the United States to report any violations of the game and fish laws; the informant in each instance to send a duplicate report to the state game warden (where such can be

found), so that prompt co-operative work may result in the conviction of the of-Full particulars are desired in every case he essential information being name an address of law-breakers, date and place of the illegal shooting, fishing, capture ment of game or fish, names and addresses of witnesses who can testify in behalf of the prosecution, and any further facts bearing upon the case which may be known to

the complainant. Any information relating to the violations of the fish and game laws will receive prompt attention if addressed to the secre tary, P. O. box 50, Milwaukee, Wis. FRED E. POND, Secretary.

FRED E. POND, Secretary.

OMAHA, Feb. 17.—Sandy Griswold, Sporting Editor of The Bee: Will you kindly mention in tomorrow morning's Hee that it the quartet of Dunlap, Ia., shooters, Mesurs Dean, Abbott, Arft and Saul, still think they can outshoot any four Omaha shooters, Farmelee barred, and come over here I will see that they are accommodated The shoot will be according to their original proposition, fifty live birds each, for Ea a corner, and if desired we will return the compilment and shoot them on their own grounds.

Charlie Williams, the mod looking weets.

man from Missouri Valley, announces that he intends to don his war-bonnet again this spring and go after all the fast ones in this section of the world. Well, Charlie hasn't atood before the trap much lately, but judging from the style in which he stopped mallards up in the Lugenbeel marshes last fall, I believe it will take a good man to

The genial Dr. Capels of Percival, over the river, was in the city one day last week. He says that on Christmas day he made the shot of his life-killing an immense Canada weighing thirty-two pounds. hard to swallow, but when doctor declared that they were compelled to boiler and that he was used at a church



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sociable, seventy-six people dining off of the carcass, I caved. J. C. Read, one of Omaha's most clever trap shots, has a match on. On March 10. at Central City, he is to shoot a 100-live bird race with W. S. Duer of Hastings for \$50 a side and the price of the feathers. The race is to be made under the American association rules, thirty yards rise, five unknown traps. It will take place in the morning and in the afternoon the local gun

club will hold a sweepstakes shoot.

Read and Duer are capital shots, but I will

pick J. C. for a winner. Jack Morrison, Jack Knowles, Dr. Whinnery, A. Hospe, George Loomis, M. C. Peters, Stocky Heth, and all the rest of the duckers, are waiting patiently for ter to break up. They have their Lefevers all in tip-top shape, decoys painted over, and cases packed with shells, and at the sound of the first "quack" will make a sortie of the surrounding marshes. Knowles, who is one of the oldest and best posted sportsmen of the city, says this big snow we have just had will make us plenty of

water, and in turn plenty of shooting. Paul Jensen is a ranchman and a sports-man. He lives fifty miles north of Paxton and has had considerable sport killing wolves this winter. Among the varigated assortment Paul has administered a quietus to were six big gray timber wolves, the last one, which he shot just a few days ago, standing three feet and nine inches at the shoulders. These big wolves are very destructive to the stock and Jensen's mode of disposing of them is, to say the least, ef-fective and novel. He watches his stock on the distant hillsides through a pair of powerful field glasses. When he detects a wolf about to make an onslaught on his herd he waits patiently till he gets through. It doesn't take him more than twenty minutes to get a steer down, and when he does Paul keeps his glasses on him until he gets through with his banquet. They are most voracious and will continue to gorge them-selves until their hides will hold no more. It is at this felicitious juncture that Paul grabs his Winchester, mounts his pony and sallies forth to the slaughter. The wolf is too full to make much of a chase and Jensen soon overhauls him and pumps him full of lead.

Whisperings from Gentle Annie. Jake Wells will manage Mobile this year, promises to make the Blackbirds fly in the front rank.

George Washington Henry will tramp down the hollyhocks in Toledo's Southpaw garden this year. Kid Baldwin wants to join the Omahogo for 1894, and if Manager Rourke is on, he'll

collar Clarence without delay. Milt West will play first for Wilkesbarre Dan Shannon will never lose sight of his old

pals, and it is a credit to him. "Chicken" Wolf may be found with Lin coln this spring. Buffalo has given him the "chase" and he desires to migrate west.

Omaha does not get George Darby after He will remain in his native city a member of Jimmy Manning's cowboy gang. Frank Selee will not let Harry Staley out if he can help it. He thinks the old man has many a deceptive curve up his sleeve

Varney Anderson, an old Western leagu pitcher, offers to go to Boston for his board-that is until he demonstrates that he is is They are calling Jack Crooks hard names

over in St. Louis this spring. The Globe Democrat referred to him as "Mr. Crooks" the other day. Oh, no, old Petie Browning wouldn't be

card in the Western association. He wants to come out here and play first base, and will be a lucky team that gets him. back to base ball! "Hen" Boyle wants to rejoin Indianapolis, his old love, and George Wood hankers for the game once more Anyway, that is what Ban Johnson claims, By the time the season opens there will be over sixty professional base ball clubs in

to \$400 per month. "Tip" O'Neil, formerly of the famous St. Louis Brown champions, is in the cigar manufacturing business with his brother at Amsterdam, N. Y., the town Nick

peration, including about 700 players, who

will receive compensation ranging from \$50

Norman Leslie Baker can have a Western association umpireship for the asking. Won-der what has become of Bake. His dog is still here, but no one seems to know any thing of Leslie's whereabouts. Oliver Burns of Portland, Me., lost a job to play shortstop for Minneapolis this season by a captured letter. The epistle was on the train which was held up by the cowboys,

and as a result the letter never reached its "Tit" Willis, who has played in Omaha several seasons, is booked to play right field for Binghamton next season. Last year he was with Albany, but only played a part of the season on account of a sprained ankle.

He was with Pitcher Nichols of the Bostons

in this city in 1889. Frank Killen, so Ren Mulford says, has come off his Pitisburg perch and signed a contract. Every paper in the Smoky City pointed out the error of his way on the Sabbath and he marched into camp on Mon-The ball player who thinks \$2,400 for

day. The ball player who thinks \$5,400 for six months' play a bad salary finds little sympathy in any quarters just now. According to the Cincinnati Times-Star Elmer Smith is going to Mount Clemens to The craze for baths is wide train down. The craze for baths is wide-spread at Pittsburg, but Frank Killen has never thought of ramming his head in a barrel of salt water. That's all the train-ing he needs, because he says he's the greatest pitcher that ever went into the

The spring meeting of the Western association will be held at Des Moines next Tuesday, and will be largely attended by delegates from the different cities included in the circuit. The object of the meeting i perfect organization and to come to an absolute understanding as to the intentions of each city, to discuss the schedule and other important matters. President Rows. Tom McVittle and S. G. V. Griswold will go over from this city.

Questions and Answers. OMAHA. Feb. 15.—To the Sporting Editor of The Rec: Please state in Sanday's paper the weight of Charles Shifehell when he fought Corbett?—J. B. Reinhart, sub-

Ans.-One hundred and fifty-four pounds. There are letters at the sporting department of The Bee for Fred Knickerbocker, ball player, and J. R. Allen, pugilist.

BLAIR. Neb., Feb. 16.—To the Sporting Editor of The Bee: For the satisfaction of your humble servant and the rest of the boys, please answer in Sunday's Bee the following which has already been answered many times in your columns, but cannot satisfy some people unless they read it themselves: In a game of high five A and B are 48, C and D are 51; A and B buy the trump for 9 and make 13, C and D holding low. Who wins?—"The Keeley."

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of The Bée;. During a game of cribbage A
plays a 4 spot, B plays a 3 spot; A plays a 2
spot, B plays a 2 spot; A plays a 3 spot;
B plays a 2 spot; A plays a 1 spot, B plays
a 4 spot. Please state in Sunday's Bee
how many holes should have been pegged
for the third and each succeeding play?—
Clifton Hill.

Ans.—Two for the pair; A nothing, B nothing, A 1, 2, 3, a run, and B 1, 2, 3, 4, a run, and I for the last card. a run, and I for the last card.

FAIRBURY, Neb., Feb. 14.—To the Sporting Editor of The Bee: Kindly answer the enclosed question in The Sunday Bee and greatly oblige: In the game of three-hand cribbage A leads a 7. B follows with an 8 and C plays a 6 and claims a run of three. Then if A plays a 5 can be claim a run of four? and if B follows this with a 4, can be claim a run of five?—W. P.

Ans.—Correct Ans.-Correct.

WACO, Neb., Feb. 12.—To the Sporting Editor of The Bee: Will you please give the name and address of some dealer of Omaha who keeps the most improved aur-munition? Also state what you think of S. S. powder, and whether any other kind is better?—Reader.

Ans.—Both of the sporting goods houses in this city. S. S. is very good, but I con-sider the Walsrode the best. That is the sider the Walsr powder I shoot. FREMONT, Feb. 14.—To the Sporting Editor of The Bee: What rules do Ne-braska shooters generally use in trap shooting, Hurlingham or American? Which is the best?—Trapper.

Ans.—Both are used, but the American association rules are the most popular and considered much the best. considered much the best.

WALLACE, Neb., Feb 13.—To the Sporting Editor of The Bee: Please inform me through The Sunday Bee where I can obtain rules for playing cribbage, and the cost of same?—Tod Moxa.

Ans.—Order Hoyle on games of your local WAYNE, Neb., Feb. 15.—To the Sporting Editor of The Bee: High five, 32 points game, A 31, B 29; B bids 8 and makes it, but A holds low. Who wins?—Subacriber.

MEADOW GROVE, Neb., Feb. 16.-To the Sporting Editor of The Bee: Please publishing record of Jack Davis, formerly of Omaha, now of Norfolk; also his age, na-

mility and place of birth.-A Constant Ans.-Jack has licked a whole lot of men

and been licked several times; haven't his complete record. He is about 33; was born n Nova Scotia.

Henry Guy Carleton's romantic drama, 'The Lion's Mouth," will be seen for the first time in this city on Wednesday, February 21, at Boyd's new theater.

IN THE THEATERS.

Mr. Warde will appear in his original role of Rinaldo, and Mr. James will be seen as Fra Angelo. The scenes of the play are laid in Venice during the sixteenth century and the plot hinges on the custom in Venice at that time of bringing a charge against any person by simply placing a scroll bearing accusations against him as a citizen in a public receptacle known as the "lion's mouth." Such accusations were generally prompted by private malice, and meant immediate arraignment before the Council of Three, followed as a rule by terture and leath. Paul di Novarro, an exile under the name of Rinaldo, has come to Venice to free that city from the rule of Julio, the loge who succeeded his father, Luigi di Novarro, murdered by Francesco, chief of the Benedetti, who afterward masquerades as Friar Angelo, chief inquisitor. Rinaldo meets Linora, daughter of Julio, the doge, madly in love with her, wins her passionate adoration and is secretly married n order to save Rinaldo's life Linora is introduced by the crafty and malevolent Francesco to cast a scroll bearing the name of Paul di Novara into the Hon's mouth, she being unaware of the true identity of her husband. Rinaldo is seized and cast into prison, but the mask is torn Angelo by his arch conspirator, Christopher. The doge orders him throwo into the torture chamber where Rinaldo awaits death and declare him the lawful loge of Venice.

None of the local scenery will be used,

as the entire production, including scenery and stage furniture, is carried by this fine organization. The repertoire will also include Shake-speare's "Othello" and "Julius Caesar," and George H. Baker's "Francesca de

The Brothers Byrne will appear at Fifteenth Street theater one week, com-mencing with matinee today, in their wonerful and very successful comedy "Eight This season they come with everything new, having expended thousands of dollars in perfecting a lot of difficult, start ling tricks, new scenery and mechanical devices. TheBrothers Byrne's versatility evidences natural talent and untiring energy with preservation. Here'n lies their success Mr. John F. Byrne, as MsGozzie, makes a capital Irish comedian, and puts many of our representative comedians in this line

the background. The brothers' asso-

The play gives some excellent oppor-unities to these clever young people, not alone displaying their skill in pantomime but some remarkable juggling, lightning sketches and dances which have helped to make them famous. Matinees Wednesday and Saturday, with grand extra matinee Thursday, Washington's birthday.

The new play, "In Old Kentucky," the theatrical zensation of the season, will open a three nights engagement this (Sunday) vening at Boyd's, coming with the prestige of a genuine New York success and endorsed and commended on all sides as a play of and commenced on an areas as a pass' an unusual strength and gorgeous scenic display. A great feature is made of the race and it will be a real race, so far as it is possible to have one on the stage—the horses making a wild dash across the stage and under the wire in full view of the audience.

s shown. Another scene is a grand view of the Kentucky mountain, showing a tre-mendous chasm spanned by a small foot-bridge and built to a height of thirty feet. It is in this act that lovers of melodrama will find plenty of excitement. The bridge falls into the gorge and the heroine makes a flying swing across the chasm on the end of a rope, saves her lover from impending death by picking up a dynamite bomb, which is about to explode, and hurls it into the abyss, where it explodes with terrific force, shattering the walls of the precipice and causing the whole mass to fall. The play deals with Kentucky life and character, and whatever may be its merits as a drama of domestic life it has demonstrated its popularity by filling the theaters wherever it has been given. With the auxiliaries nearly 160 people will be employed in the production.

One of the most important events of the current season at the opera houses in this city will probably be the forthcoming engagement of the celebrated naval drama, "TheEnsign," which comes to the Boyd for four nights, commencing the 25th inst. "The Ensign" is based upon perhaps the most sensa-tional episode of the civil war, and hence possesses the double merit of entertaining the old and instructing the young. story is intensely interesting and the situations thrillingly dramatic, while the scenic investiture is said to surpass all previous attempts at stage realism

MUSICAL AND DRAMATIC.

Thomas W. Keene announces that he will etire after next season. He says he is 54

ears old. It is said that Paderewski will return to this country next November under the m agement of Ch. F. Tretbar.

Dr. Joschim will celebrate his English jubilee this year. His first London appear-ance was made March 28, 1844. A Spanish musician has devised a system

of musical notation by which the sharp-and-flat system is done away with. Irving played to \$50,000 in Philadelphia. Mr. Irving will always be glad to give the Quaker City a show,

The old operettas of Offenbach are reviving in Germany. In Dresden they are giving "Orphee aux Enfers" and "Barbe Bleue." Josef Hofmann, now 17 years of age, is preparing to return to America. It is said that his plane playing fulfills early prom-

"Struck Oil" is the name of a new farce comedy in which Miss Jane Stuart is to star next season with A. H. Wilson, under Manager Augustus Piteu's direction.

In 1893 there were produced in Italy thirty operas, five comic operas, thirty-four operettas, two opera bouffes, two idyls, three musical sketches. In France three operas, eight opera comiques, eight operatias, one lyric comedy and one lyric drama were produced.

In a letter to a New York friend Augustin

Daly writes from London that his season in England will not come to a close until May I owing to the great success of "Twelfth Night." When his company reaches this country a brief tour of the large cities will be made and the regular season at his New York theater will not begin until next fall. Comedian Crane's engagement at the Star (N. Y.) theater will end on March 10, when he will again go westward for his spring tour. "The Senator," if the demand for it continues, will be the only play presented during the engagement. If the demand ceases, however, "Brother John" and "On

Probation" may be revived. After a long fight T. Henry French has secured the American rights of "Utopia, Limited," the latest Gilbert and Sullivan effort, and all arrangements have been made to give it a first presentation at the Broad-way theater, New York, on Easter Monday. The attempts to secure the opera have

mused a good deal of bitter feeling. The American Symphony orehestra, an or-ganization exclusively of native-born mustclans, has been working along quietly, but successfully, and gave its first concert re-cently at Chickering hall New York. The principal numbers were the Mozart sym-phony, D major, No. 35; variations from Moszkowski's first suite, and the prelude to Die Meistersinger. Mr. Sam Franko is-

An important musical discovery was made recently during the excavations in Delphi, namely, a hymn to Apollo, engraved on stone with the musical notation. Hitherto we have known little about Greek music, specially on the practical side; it is therefore hoped that this hymn, which is to belong to the second century before Christ, will furnish the key to much that is now involved in obscurity, Mr. Wilson Barrett has revived "Vir-

ginius" in Chicago. The announcement is authoritatively made that Mme. Helena Modjeska will retire from the stage at the end of the next season. Mme. Modjeska is now playing in New York. and her intention to make this her farmwell engagement in that city has just been published by the metropolitan newspapers. Mme. Modjeska's career has been a long and honorable one. She is a counters, being the wife of the Count Bosenia, who is now her business manager. She came to America in 1876 from Poland, and, although then an etress of acknowledged high reputation, she belongs to this country more than to any other as an artist. She began her American career in San Francisco, appearing in "Adrither as an ortist. She began her Am one Lecouvreur," in which she made an mmediate success. The next season she made a tour of the United States, and from the first she has been most popular both on and off the stage. In 1889-90 she played leading parts in support of Edwin Boooth, appearing with him at the Chicago Opera house. Among her most important creations have been Juliet, Beatrice, Viola, Inogen, Rosalind, Ophelia, Julie de Mortimer, Mark Stuart, Camille, Frou-Frou, Adrienne Lecou-vreur, Queen Katherine, Lady Macheth, Isa-Portia, and Magda in Sudermann's

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play of that name.

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