

he resorted to avoid a meeting Dan. He also told me much about Fitzsimmons and Jim Hall, and their career of their native heath across the fair Pacific about their fight there, and their fight here too, down at New Orleans, when Hall went out under such remarkable circumstances. That there was something "bent" about this fight the sporting world has always held, but just what it was nobody has yet been able to get exactly onto. Charli Mitchell told Hopkins, however, that when he and Hall went to England after the Crescent City carnival a year ago, the day after their arrival in London, that he, Mitchell, in British securities \$6.50 invested of good United States money, and that they were in the Bank of England to this day. subject to Hall's control. Just what bear ing this fact has on the fight I leave my readers to determine.

Three of the world-beating Australians who came over to this country expecting to subsist in the future wholly on pic have met their level, and, like falling stars, been buried from view forever more. Mysterious Billy Smith fairly smothered Tom Williams in two rounds, then Denve-Ed administers the kibosh to the burly Joe Goddard, and on last Thursday night a week Joe Wolcott, the Poston colore 1 welterweight, put a decisive check to Tom Tracey's on-ward rush to glory and fortune. Tracey was considered the best of all the Antipodians in his class that ever came over, but that is extremely doubtful. George Dawson. notwithstanding he was once whipped by Williams, has shone up in better form probably the best of the bunch. Wolcott the sable Bostonian who laid Tracey out, has defeated all his opponents in less than three rounds. He is a terrifically hard hitter, and in the opinion of the Hub's sporting men is invincible. It took him sixteen men is invincible. bloody rounds to put Tracey out, vever and this conclusively proves that the lad from the land of Southern Cross is a good one, and may not be buried so deep after all.

The defeat of Johnny Griffin at the hands of Young Griffo in Boston the other evening was a bit of news 1 regretted to hear very much. Not that I have anything particular much. against the victor, but from the simple fact Johnny Griffins. If there ever was a gentle man prize fighter, Griffin is the man. Quiet and unobtrusive, refined in all that goes in making up genteel life, and with a sufficient common school education to carry him safely along through any society he was as near the right thing as you get them. The only thing I can possibly bring against Johnny is the busiis in, and this last defeat of his may be instrumental in swerving him to more reputable, creditable and profitchannel. Anyway, all his friends, real friends, that is, hope so.

I must add that the fact that Griffo beste: Griffin is no reason why he should fall in the estimation of those who follow the game. The ratty Australian was full sixteen pounds heavier than he, and all those familiar with the odds in the game, realize what this means to a featherweight against an equally elever man. It would be about like Tomm Ryan going up against Jim Corbett.

At last a faint ray of light shines upon the horoscope of Fistiana. In the somber clouds that have been gathering so thick and fast there is a small rift through which the tim orous sunlight streaks, and that is at Orleans. The supreme court of the Pelicat state reversed the decision of the lowe courts on Wednesday last, that the combats between Corbett and Sullivan, McAuliffe and Men's Smith and Goddard, and numerous others, held within the arena of the Olympic club, were prize fights and contrary to The high court says no, and has divested these events of the stigma of the prize ring—as wonderful as that seem—and places them on may ree ord in the same category with other legiti mate athletic competitions. This is a big victory for the old Olympic people, and means much for the waning sport. It is not probable, however, that this organization will make any undue haste in plunging into active operations again. There are some rapid increase in his effectiveness. good, cool-headed, far-seeing, astute ness men in this institution, and they are too familiar with the inevitable results of any impetuosity on their part. They will treat the decision of the high tribunal with consideration and conservatism it is entitled to, and make haste slowly toward

an expert of his methods while sparring will prove interesting: In sparring about an opponent Peter keeps the left leg bent pretty season Abbott is getting them down to second well at the knee. But at the moment passing the weight of the body on it nore accurately than last season, and that readiness for delivery he stiffens it straight was about all he was shy on.

Will teams wanting Saturday games comas a poker. "During the stiffening process, which is municate with Lysh I. Abbott, 8 Ware block' the fraction of time that the body-smashe **Opening of the Championship Season.** is lighle to take a try for an inning, that Next Thursday will be the day the cranks mber is then closer to him. If he make have been waiting and pining for all spring. the attempt the movement is extended into a back jump or slide, followed with a little and with fair weather there will be a jam at forward hop to get the feet under the body. St. Charles park. It will be the opening day If during the moment the weight is passing of the Western association championship on the stiffening leg the adversary does not season, and Rock Island will be here to try for the body, either as a lead or to stop a head blow, the weight is instantly dropped measure bats with the Rourke family. If Jupiter Pluvius is a friend of the fans he back on the right foot and the left leg is again flexed for reiteration of the tactics. will see that the floodgates of heaven are The colored champion has made such a nailed up tight as wax. He may pour cats specialty of this maneuver-always carrying the body so well polsed for slipping back and dogs over the vernal footstool in the meantime, but on next Thursday he must that it gives his sparring an ambling or shuffling appearance, which was mistaken for a long time by American boxers as push the clouds away. Rain on the opening day is something the cranks will not tolsimple awkwardness. Jackson has the longerate-they have been starving for the great est reach of any man in the ring. This

old sport for nearly two years now. advantage makes it safer for Peter to dodge Preparations for the opening day are in on the inside of a blow when others with a shorter reach must be content with an outside dodge. The heart blow is taken by Jackson by dodging to the inside and planting his right hand in the region of the active progress, and the indications are that the grand stand will be found inadequate to accommodate the crowd. A new stretch of bleachers has been erected along the right heart or lower ribs. The blow is got in a mix-up or flashed in quickly behind a long left lead that has landed all right." field fence, but on inaugural day many of the sun gods will claim a seat in the grand stand. While it has been decided not to attempt any costly demonstration, Manager Rourke has SANDY GRISWOLD. resolved on a program that will be appropri-

event, the

In any

The Peds Start Tomorrow Evening.

ants are all amateurs and very much in earn-

est. The sporting editor of The Bee has been

unanimously selected as referee and stake

holder, and will nightly have personal super

vision over the conte tants while on the track.

There are, so far, twelve entries, prominent

among whom are Herbert Lester, T. A.

Westerdall, A., Woodruff, I. F. Orton, M. L.

Heinzman, Tom E. Gibson, Frank McGuchen

and W. D. Henderson. All of these men

have been in active training for the past two

weeks, and are in such condition as to guar

Y. M. C. A. Base Ball Notes. It has been the intention of the Young ate to the occasion. will be one of note in base ball circles, as it Men's Christian association to formally open will probably inaugurate the most successful senson Omaha has ever enjoyed. Everything its park for the season on next Saturday. May 5, with a full program of athletic sports, points to this end, and everybody seems willincluding a game of baseball with the Coning and anxious to lend a helping hand. ventions. By a singular coincidence all of the officers of the association but one have The six-day go-as-you-please pedestrian been called out of the city at once and none

of them will return before the date set for the opening. This has necessitated the postponement of the proposed exercises until May 12, on which date the grounds will be formally opened for the season. This postponement does not apply, however, to the all game. Last season the Young Men's Christian association took three fails out of the Con-

entions in a series of five, and they claim o be able to do it again this season. If they vin next Saturday's game they will unques lonably show their superiority, as they have not played a game so far this year, while the Conventions have been going up against the Omahas in a number of games replete with practice.

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antee a close and exciting race. The chase is for 40, 30, 20 and 10 per cent of the gross May 19 Grinnell will play the Young receipts and the stake money, each man de positing with the referse the full amount of his entrance fee, \$5, before the pistol cracks Men's Christian association here, and those who know anything about Grinnell's team know that the game will be a hot one. Last for the start. Considering the fact that the contestants are all local m=n, young men of exemplary habits, and that the race is eason the University of Michigan made rip through the west and touth, playing strictly on the level, should be inducemen enough to attract good crowds every night Minnesota, Wisconsin, Northwestern, TH nois and other prominent teams, and the captain of the Michigan team declared that Virtually, each night's work will be a race in itself, and thus the interest and excite Grinnell gave him the hardest game on the Manager Abbott would like to get the nent will never be allowed to flag. Manager Mardis will have excellent music on hand, and spare no effort to give the speciators a names and addresses of Grinnell graduates in the city for the purpose of finding out whether or not it would be desirable to give good run for their money. the boys tome kind of a reception and en courage them to come again.

Chance to Get a Good Man. On May 30, Decoration day, the University NEW YORK, April 24 .- "Sandy" Griswold,

of Nebraska will be here to commemorate the first annual anniversary of the Young Sporting Editor of The Bee: If it is not asking too much of you I would like you to use Men's Christian association's Waterloo, al which the Lincoln boys figured as Wellingyour influence in my brother's behalf in regard to securing a place on some tram in the The indications are that th result will differ from the one secured la t Western association. He stands 6 feet, is a beautiful thrower, a sure catch, and a fair It will be noticed that on neither of the batsman and good runner. Can play either above dates is the Omaha tram at home. first base or outfield. He is about 22 years On May 26 the Omaha's are also away, and Manager Abbott would like to get a game with some first class outside team for that of age, and never played professionally for the reason that he never got the chance in California. He could easily have held his Robinson has succeeded in getting control own in the California league. I think he is of his fast ball and from now on will show ; the making of a good player, and it would Lawler is showing up with more speed than he had last season and is covering more ground than ever in the outfield. please me very much to see him on some minor league team. Your recommendation would go a long ways, and I feel confident With a first class team behind him, for that you rely enough on what I say to give it, if the occasion arises. He was just too late with Lincoln, but you may have a chance

the first time this season Jelen will have a chance to demonstrate that he is one of the Marquette has one of the best-developed address is, Charles Van Haitren, Acme Ath-

be held at Columbus, Neb., May 15, 16 and If Omaha had as good a shortstop as 17, under the auspices of the Columbus Gun Stoney they wouldn't make a change this club. The program, which is now being gen-

erally circulated, bespeaks for the club their endeavor to make the tournament second to none in the west. The blue rock target, expert traps and electric pulls will be used. Plenty of live birds are guaranteed, and after the day's program is finished special matches can be arranged. Local gun clubs not members of the state association, but desiring to so be, should forward to the secretary, G. B. Speice, the membership fee of \$10, together with a per capita tax of 50 cents as annual dues, otherwise great hardships might ensue, as none but members of the state association are permitted to enter the "state events." Mr Speice desires the attention of the secretary of gun clubs called to the fact that the annual dues of 50 cents per capita should

be paid by May 1. Stromsburg's Athletic Field Day.

The third annual field day of the Stromsburg Athletic club will be held at Sportsman's park, near Stromsburg, Neb., on the afternoon of May 3.

The exercises will consist of the standard outdoor events and will be competed in by thirty or more contestants from members of the club.

First and second prizes will be given and nusic for the occasion will be furnished by the Stromsburg Cornet band. An added interest is felt in this year's contest from the fact that the winners are to represent the club in the district day to be held in the near future, probably July 4, which will be made open to entrie from the counties of Polk, York, Hamilton, Butler and Seward. The place at which it will be held has not yet been decided upon. out will be at either York, Osceola or Stroms burg. The Stromsburg Atheletic club, under whose auspices it will be given, has an exnatch opens at the Coliseum tomorrow night cellent reputation for the management of at 8 o'clock sharp. It promises to be a very athletic contests, and a genuine success is lively and interesting event, as the contestassured.

Harshman After Big Game.

NEBRASKA CITY, Neb., April 23 .- To the Sporting Editor of The Bee: Please state in your paper that we hereby challenge Evan Lewis or any other man to wreatle Floyd Harshman of Avoca, Neb., to wrestle a side-hold match for \$100 to \$500 a side. I have money of \$100 deposited here forfeit Merchants National bank. take A. J. KUHLMAN. place here.

Yelps from the Bleachers.

Boxendale will open the championship eason in the box.

Paddy Boyle, in his new spring suit, looks like "ready money."

Joe Gunson, whom Manager Rourke was no gotiating with, has joined the Erles. Grand Island will send down a good del

egation of cranks to see the opening game. His Gaspipelets and His Clothespins make

great show at first and third for the Blue

Emmett Seery still keeps up his batting lick, and Jack Munyan is likewise doing himself proud.

Jack Crooks says that Lincoln has one o the very finest fielding teams he over mot with in a minor league.

Home runs will be plentiful at St. Charles park this season, but three-bagggers will be as scarce as hens molars.

Paday Boyle gives promise of becoming a star shortstop. He is a conscientious young fellow and always in the game.

George McVey is an inch taller than you Uncle Routke, and thits like a mule kicks. He will be near the top by July 4.

Ned Swartwood is doing nobly as a big league umpire, while Jack McQuaid seens to have lost both ability and power.

The reporters' box at St. Charles park is a snarp and a delusion, and must be in proved before a rep can be steered into it.

Luby, who at one time was one of Anson's leading pitchers, has been elected captain

ayers are in good shape They are full tobasco sauce on the bases, and can hit as hard as the best of them.

Manager Rourke intends to keep but little idle talent on hand. On yesterday he released both Bristow and Taylor. Bristow is gentlemanly fellow and quite a player, and it is hoped that he will catch on somewhere else soon.

Win Camp is on Uncle Anse's rotating orps, and a private letter informs me that his arm has come back and he is liable to do some great pitching after the weather becomes settled.

There isn't a tough or fresh on the Omaha team. They are all gentlemanly fellows and take the best kind of care of them-selves. In fact, the day of the Hanrahans and Flanigans has gone.

Both Jack Crooks and Papa McCauley when here last Tuesday, declared they would rather play in Omaha than any minor league city in the country. Jack looks big and Papa is "purtier" than a speckled pup.

The Rourke family may not win the chamionship, or even be very high in the race, but they have a chance. Anyway, the pub-lie can rely on the fact that the team will be a credit to the city whose name it repre sents.

Billy Moran will be Omaha's regular back stop when the championship begins, surren-dering his position to Foxey Fear only when injury makes the change necessary. Fear will guard right field when not called to go behind the plate.

President McVittie will travel with the could undoubtedly be brought to a success-ful issue and some money made for the Rourke family this season and take permanent charge of the finances. Tom has worked hard to restore the game here and clubs that would take part. all his friends hope that he may reap a bounteous harvest.

Next Thursday will be the day of all days for the base ball fiends. The Western association championship season opens on that day, and, if the ante-season enthusitaken as a criterion, it will inaugurate the biggest season Omaha has ever

the state put together. Several meetings were called to take some action in the mat-Old Cy Duryea and Mexic Heng'e were both here with Minneapolis last Wednesday, Moxie is as smoth as ever and old Cy, he inter, but for lack of enthusiasm it was dropped. tends to show the big league that he has good deal of speed and a few curves up his sleeve yet. He intends to win the bunting everal days at Schuyler recently, for Colonel Barnes.

A game at St. Charles park is never won Jack Knowles put in four hours at Cut-Off lake Tuesday and knocked twenty-one jacks or lost until the last man is out and the bats have been sacked. A lead of half a and four blue-wings silly. dozen runs even in the eighth inning doesn' the grounds there are out of sight, but the mean defeat for the club behind. The chances for home runs are too good, and birds were not there. the home craik may expect to be disap-pointed or made very happy, as the case Theodore Wiseman and C. F. Reed were

out beyond Irvington one day recently and came back with a handsome bag of snipe. Reed says they would have doubled their may be, very often in the ninth inning this eason. kill, but they got so hungry they had to come home. And yet there was plenty of **Omaha Wheel Club Notes.** "Tilly" Urlau, one of the old active memhay out there.

John J. Hardin wrote the Dunlap, Ia hooters that he would furnish four Omak men, excluding Parmelee, if they would shoot for a reasonable sum, and on their

busy to shoot now, will think about it later were both unanimously elected. Many, of the boys took advantage

Dropped in on my old friend John Petty a day or two ago. The champion says he is going to begin shooting again this spring. He used to skin all of 'em, and with a little practice can do it again. Some of the boys practice can not a again that better lay low say, however, that John had better lay low and rest on his laurels, that there are a dozen of the youngsters who can wax him now.

and regret very much that he has left.

city one day last week with a bag of 150 Eaquimaux curlew, which bird is to be found in great numbers now in the western part of the state. Mr. Field says he hasn't fork seen so many in ten years, and that flocks of two, three and four hundred are a com-mon sight. Field is a fine shot and can get

the birds if anybody can. At the regular monthly meeting held the first Tuesday of this month the following officers were elected for the current year; "jacks," are in for sure and gunners are having royal sport everywhere. Dan Wheeler, jr, and Will Clary were in the slews J. A. Cavanaugh, president; F. E. Pearce, wice president; F. H. Siefken, scorctary; W. jr., and Will Clary were in the slews (sloughs) below Council Bluffs Wednesday J. Morris, treasurer and Ben Livesey, cap-

that when he gets through with the hous the members will not know the place."

A secret society has lately been formed the club, the members only being known to each other with the exception of the 'Primum Mobile," Mr. Phil Windheim. member of the club wishing to join the society may do so by handing their appliation to him; candidates are initiated every Saturday evening.

twenty-four pound "Rambler,"

Kearney is a bustling little city in the west-

wheelmen here alone as in all the rest of

The Jacks and the Yellowlegs.

found.

Ans.-Flue traps are used in a straight line, five yards apart, placed fourteen yards from the score, with three traps in a straight line, ten yards apart, placed in the field thirty-five yards from the five traps. The outside traps will be numbered 6, 7 and 8. No. 1 will throw a right-quarterer, No. 2 a left-quarterer, No. 3 a straightaway, No. 4 a right-quarterer, No. 5 a left-quarterer, No. 6 a right-quartering incomer. Targets thrown from No. 2 and No. 4 traps must not quarter so much as in ordinary five-gets nearer to No. 6 trap, and No. 4 traps shall throw targets nearer to No. 8 trap,-No. 1 and No. 5 traps shall throws tar-gets nearer to No. 3. All traps must be pulled according to the indicator, and shooters will get birds from any of the eight traps, when traps. Four new applications for memberships are on file, to be acted upon at the next regular meeting of the club, which will be held Tuesday evening, May 8. During the winter the club membership decreased rapidly, prob-ably due to the hard times, but as the riding season approaches, the applications are be ginning to come in again.

eight traps; unknown traps. OMAHA, April 24.—To the Sporting Edi-tor of The Bee: Decide the following ques-tion in next Sunday's Bee and oblige: A is shaking dice with a party and shakes (3) three aces and B comes up and bets A a certain amount that he can beat A in the same number of shakes, and B shakes (3) three aces. Did B beat A's three aces? Who wins?—1312 Farnam. The club will be represented on the path this season by Condon and Pixley. Condon holds the one-mile, and Pixley the quartermile state championships. The club not only expects to hold two championships this season, but all of them. Condon will ride and Pixley an eighteen-pound special built "Stearns."

Ans .- Five traps are used in a straight

Who wins?-1312 Farnam. Ans.-1 received the above question from both ends of the argument, and 1 decide it a draw. No, B did not beat A, but he tied him. When A accepted E's wager, he vir-tually bet that his three aces would be bet-ter than B's throw. He could not have two chances, according to betting ethics, to win to B's one. If A had specifically mentioned that a tie would beat B, and B acquiesced, then the bet would go, of course. But under any other circumstances a tie is a draw always. Quite a number of the members attended the smoker given by the Ganymede Wheel club of Council Bluffs at their quarters last Saturday evening. They all report a jolly good time and say that a more hospitable set of boys than the Ganymedes can not be

There is some talk of the clubs in this draw always. draw always. OMAHA, April 24.—To the Sporting Editor of The Bee: Will you please, to decide an argument, tell us in the next Sunday Bee if the "Inman line" in the year 1880 carried steerage passengers from Queenstown to New York, and if the trip was ever made in ten days or less?—A Reader of The Bee. ity combining efforts and holding a large race meet some time during July. If the members of the different clubs in the city would take hold of a thing of this kind it

Ans.—Although this query does not come under the head of sporting, I suppose I must break the rule once and answer it. I sold out the Inman line in 1859, and can-not tell you anything about its business in 1890. The Inman's gentlemanly agent, Harry Moores, at the Wabash corner, how-cver, can possibly enlighten you. GENOA, Neb. April 28.—To the Sporting Editor of The Bee: Please state in your next Sunday's Bee, to decide a bet: What is the length of reach of each arm of Peter Jackson and James J. Corbett., and oblige? —A Constant Reader. Kearney has made application to the chief council of the League of American Wheelmen for this state, to hold the state meet and championships, to be held on July 4, ern part of the state, and it will probably

be awarded to them. Omaha should have held it this year, as there are as many Ans.-Really, I don't know. I never meas-

ired but one arm of each man

STROMSBURG, Neb., April 19.—To the Sporting Editor of The Bee: Please answer in the Sunday Bee: In a no-limit game of poker can a man get a show for his money in a case like this: A has \$1.000, B \$2.0, A bets \$1.000; can B call him for his \$900. A must be have the \$1.000 to make the call? - A Beader. George A. Hoagland and son, Billy, put in ot overwhelmed with success. They say -A Reader.

Ans. He must dig up the other century ure. If "Stofe" Moore was out there he'd let you have it.

Bees Troubled the Mourners.

A funeral service in the old Methodist church at Lake Grove, Long Island, recently was nearly broken up by honey bees. After the service had been commenced bees were noticed to be very plentiful about the win-

dows and walls of the church. Then they began to come into the room in swarms. One finally gave it to one of the pall-bearers in the neck. The man flinched with pain. This made the congregation exceedingly nervous. It was on the point of vacating the church several times. Handkerchiefs, hats, fans and all available weapons were used in efforts to keep the bees from alighting on the heads of the mourners. Undertaker Charles Raynor was attacked in a vicious manner, and the beca made it so interesting for him that the prespiration poured down his face from exrtions in brushing the bees away. When the funeral was brought to a close the bees funeral procession for some followed the

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George Field of North Platte was in the distance. The pall-bearers were swinging a hand with each step in efforts to keep the bees away. When the graveyard was reached the bees had gone. The church loft was ex-amined, and hundreds of pounds of honey were found among the rafters. It is not known how long the bees have held possesdon of the loft, as their presence was never noticed before. The honey will be removed, and the money from its sale probably added At last the Wilson anipe, commonly called

to the church treasury.

Pills that cure sick headache: DeWitt's Little Early Risers.

ers of the club, now a non-resident member The applications of Messrs, Crouch and grounds at that. The response was,

Schwalenberg for membership were acted upon at the last regular meeting and they

week.

and resident of Denver, was in the city last

J. Henry Kastman has left us and moved to Red Oak, Ia. It is reported that "Jack" will shortly join the "benedicts." The boya miss his familiar face around the club house

John Cudahy, son of the well known Chi-

championships.

pleasant weather last Sunday and took a

spin over to Neola to get a goodby look at Kelly's army. They report the roads in fair

cago gacker, Michael Cudahy, has received a new "Aerial" racer. Mr. Cudahy intends to make Omaha his home during the summer. and will begin training at once for the state