Tommy Ryan and Mysterious Billy to Settle an Old Score.

ALIX AND FLYING JIB AT UNION PARK

Whisperings of the Wheel-The Shooters and the Fishers-The Rourke Family, Gossip and the Customary Grist of Local Sports.

Tommy Ryan and Mysterious Billy Smith have at last been matched for a finish fight. The Twin City Athletic club at Minneapolis gets the attraction, and it will come early in August, the exact date not yet be-There are no two men in the country whom the western red-hots would rather see come together, and I predict a lammed house for the club when they do. Ryan has a legion of friends in this city, and a big delegation will most surely make the trip, and to a man their money will go on Tom. Barring accidents, the question as to the superiority of the two men with the Omaka contingent is as good as setiled. They regard the event already as all over but the shouting. The quid nuncs regard Tommy as a "moral," but I caution them not to be overconfident. I have seen too many money made favorites bowled over within the past three years to be in a hurry to pick the winner in this case.

I cannot help but look upon Ryan as the man, however, and yet there is plenty of time to stake your bank notes and silver pieces. The two have already had a corple of limited shys at each other, and on all hands it was agreed that the western lad had much the best of both. Indeed, Colonel Hopkins told me that in their last meeting Tommy made a monkey out of his lurid antagonist, and had him as good as out as early as the third round. But Tommy didn't get him in the third or in any other round, and the referee made it a dead heat. This is something those who are contemplating speculation to be careful.

Another thing, scanning the records of the two men, it looks as if it ought to be a long and stiff battle. Physically the men well matched. They will scale at 142 pounds, which means Smith's very best weight, while with Tommy it is a question. He was as big as Dick Moore when I saw him at Jacksonville last winter, and weighed, walking around, 179 pounds. Can he peel off enough of this to get at the standard and be good and strong? He never would fight below 140, you know, and two pounds more is such an additional trifle that I am inclined to be leary. If Tom can get to weight all right I will have no hesitancy in declaring what I think. But I will wait

All of you folk who have studied the game know how unsatisfactory figuring on a fighter's form by comparative analysis is. It very often leads up to false conclusions as to the relative merits of men, and yet it is our only means of judging men who have never made the whole journey. If Bill beats George in seven rounds, and Jim beats George in two rounds it is only logical to think that Jim can lick Bill, all things being equal. But this "think" is often wrong, as has been exemplified a thousand times within

I do not want Tommy's friends-and I am one of them-to infer by the foregoing remarks that I believe Smith will beat him for I do not. But I do believe that it will be injudicious for them to install Tommy odds on favorite two months before the The men are both too good, and this inclination on the part of his followers is more due to sentiment than sound judgment. It is the worst sort of financiering to back you have taken their measure, and are sat isfied with your knowledge of their pugilistic ability, then pick one for a winner, that is all right, and shows speculative sense. Otherwise you might as well throw up heads or tails for choice.

In appearance Tom and Billy do not differ much. Both are tall and straight as arrows, with square shoulders and finely modeled arms and legs, Ryan being the best of the two, as Smith's underpinning barely exceeds average size. Both are good looking men. Smith's face is expressive of flerce deter-mination, but at the same time is clean cut and even classical in outline. He stands five feet nine and three-quarters inches. Ryan has a wonderful muscular development about the neck and back. His legs are perfect, and he is one of the most agile men who ever entered the ring. He is a quarter of an inch shorter than Smith. He is a hard hitter. marvelously clever, quick as a cat and strong as a tiger. Smith has many of the same qualities, but fights differently. He rushes in like a buil at a barn door and relies al-most wholly on swinging blows and never gives an opponent much rest, makes him mix matters, and up to the time he met Ryan his great strength in close quarters always stood him in good stead. Tom's left in his face tamed him wonderfully in both of their meetings, and it will be Tom's left that will turn the trick in August next, if he turns it at all.

In reviewing the situation, Peter Donohue says: Well, whatever you may say or think about Champion Jim Corbett you must give him credit for being consistent in at least one respect—he will not fight in England. He apprised the National Sporting club of London of his determination, and very sensibly adds that he cannot see where he would be bene-fited by fighting in London for \$15,000, when he can secure a purse of \$35,000 on this side of the big pend. No one can find fault with Jim for ignoring the English club's offer under the circumstances, but there is one thing that may militate against his chances of getting the bigger purse. That is Jackson's aversion to fight in the south. Peter knows the prejudices of the southern people against men of his color, and it was this knowledge that caused him to stipulate for a battleground north of the Mason and Dixon line. He has declared he will not fight in the south, and as he is quite as positive in his ways as Corbett is in his, the chances for

a fight are very alim. It takes two men to make a fight, and at the present time it seems to me that the two men will not meet in the same ring. As it is now, the articles of agreement signed by Corbett and Jackson are of no more value than the paper they are written on. They have been violated by both men, and the men show dispositions to violate them to a greater extent. In spite of the clause calling for a fight in America, Jackson agrees with a London club to fight in England, while Corbett ignores the territorial clause and dickers with an organization in the Jackson knows full well that Corbett will not fight abroad, and James knows that Peter will not go to Florida to fight; hence they feel safe in going along as they are at present. The prospects are that the affair will end like a French duel, with the honor of the principals appeased, without the letting of blood. When championship honors are settled thus, it is time to have every day

MARSHALLTOWN, Ia., June 13.—Sandy Griswold, Sporting Editor of The Bee: Will you please be kind enough to put this challenge in The Omaha Bee in the sporting news? This "coon" is a wonder, and if you have any men there in his class would be glad to hear from them .- C. A. Close.

MARSHALLTOWN, Ia., June 9 .- 1 hereby challenge any 135-pound man, give or take five pounds, in the state of Iowa or Nebraska to a ten-round glove contest for \$100 a side and gate receipts, which will no doubt amount to \$500 or \$600 after paying ex-penses, winner to take all. Fight to take place within twenty-five miles of Marshalltown, Ia. None but good men will be recognized —Jim Sellers, Marshalltown, Ia. Bellors' challenge finds a place in these columns not because I take much stock in

produce a man for hipr and we will try and demonstrate just how wonderful this coon is. SANDY GRISWOLD. Lawn Touris in omaha.

These are bright days for lawn tennis in Omaha. The tournament on the club ground on Harney street and the "members-only" tournament of the Young Men's Christian association to begin tomorrow are nothing more than the outward and visible signs of the inward life and enthusiasm that have placed this most healthful game in the very front rank among outdoor sports in the It is doubtful if even base ball can command as great a number of players in

Omaha as lawn tennis does now. Time was when the Englishmen had the game in their own hands, when they held all the championships, and so far as public was concerned they came very near opolizing the whole thing. There were of course always a few Americans who were to be found in the courts, but now they are very largely in the majority and some of

them are quite in the front rank of all. Speaking in a general way the English followers of the game are confined to the Omaha club. There are in the town, however, an already large and constantly in-creasing number of private clubs, some of which number almost as many members as the central organization, which has its courts The Young Men's Chrison Harney street. tian association has even more members, though probably fewer who are in constant practice; yet the extraordinary number of entries for the tournament this coming week shows that they are not dead. There is the Cass Street club, which is in quite a flour-ishing condition, and the Windsor Place club and others too numerous to mention No private boarding house is any longer complete without at least one court. The Shriner, three blocks west of the Omaha Tennis club, had a court ready before April closed, and very soon another was added right alongside. Now these two have proved entirely too inadequate for the enthusiasm that is manifesting itself in the game and two more have been added on the same lot. And Omaha is not the only town in the state that can make a good showing in lawn

fennis. Hastings always has manifested a considerable interest in the game, and the fact that she has been promised the doubles ch mp'ons, p tourn mert this year is making the local club hustle quite a little to have things up to the tip-top by the time the date for that event comes around. This, it is now practically decided, will be on the 18th and two subsequent days of July, but no for-mal announcement of this can be made until after the adjourned meeting of the state association which is to be held on the 21st inst. Lincoln is this year making an almost desperate struggle for the singles championship event, and if it were not that one of the two events has already been con-ceded to one of the smaller towns of the state, Omaha would probably be willing to concede that she had some claim to it. Last year, however, the Lincoln club almost dropped out of existence, and this year it has been revived in a semi-lifeless state. But it is not so much the activity that is manifested by the local club that should or does determine the location of a championship competition as the interest the general population of the city is likely to take in the affair. There is no use in all the strong men in Nebraska congregating in a town where no one cares to see them play, let alone the little matter of paying their cash for it. One of the primary objects of the state association, presumably, is to further the in-terests of the game throughout the state and to increase its popularity. The annual to increase its popularity. The annual championship competition is about the only thing that the state has in the way of educational exhibits, and though there may be some reason for allowing one of the two events to go out of Omaha once in awhile with the idea of working up a boom in some of the smaller cities, it certainly seems that until there are other cities that can give some assurance of being able to pay the entire cost of the affair and providing prizes for the winner out of the gate receipts, both of the events should never leave Omaha in of the events should never leave Omaha in the same year. The Omaha club has been unnecessarily generous already in its offerate not only pay every cent of the expenses of the singles, if they are played here, which of course would be obligatory on it, but also to contribute substantially to the cost of the prizes for the doubles at Hastings.

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Among the smaller towns there is also a very lively interest in the game. Geneva has a club with a membership of thirty, not at all bad for a place of less than 1,600 in-habitants, and has applied for admission to habitants, and has applied for admission to the state association. Imperial is moving at quite a lively gait and will no doubt be heard from before the summer is over. Ord, which had a very successful little tournament of her own last year, is now getting into shape again and Arapahoe is also wide awake.

It is too early yet to say very much about the city tournament in Omaha, although it

city tournament in Omaha, although it has been in progress for the whole of the past week. The number of entries was unusually encouraging and the only pity is that it is so difficult to get in more than a very few hours play just before dark each evening. If it were only possible to devote the whole day to it the whole thing could have been ended long ago. The interest in the ladies' event is due largely to the novelty of it, though in years gone by there have been similar events in the city. It is unfortunate that so many of the strongest players in the city were unable to find partners who were willing to compete, but t must be said that for an experiment it has proved a great success.
Sufficient ladles have appeared to show

that the other sex does not monopolize the tennis of the community and their performances in court during the last few days is sufficient evidence that there is at least some merit in their play. More than one of the ladies competing in the tournament has a good idea of the game, and not only that, but has practiced it sufficiently to become able to do what they want to do with any ordinary ball that comes to

By the end of another week there will be better opportunity to judge of the success of the tournament, not only from a financial standpoint, but, what after all is more important to everybody in this case, as an exhibition of first class tennis. Omaha has among her players several of no mean

THE FLYERS AT UNION PARK.

Opening of the Brig:s Trotting Meeting

Next Week. The Clinton H. Briggs trotting meeting. which comes off at Union park, over the river, the 26th, 27th and 28th of this month, is creating a great furore among western race people, and will doubtless be the best trotting and pacing session held in this part of the country for years.

The purses and special moneys aggregate over \$10,000, more money than has been put in any three race meetings here for ten years. All horsemen who know the management know that what he says will go. Each purse is bona fide and will be paid at the wire as soon as the judges have announced the winners. In addition to the ten regular the winners, events there will be several special events of national interest and importance, and two of these will cost a little mint of money. Both Alix, 2:70%, the queen of the racing world, and Flying Jib, holder of the pacing record, will go an exhibition mile, and Flying Jib will start in a half mile pace. Mr. Salisbury wil be on the grounds with he famous string and will show Dan Lowell, the California Cy-clone. Besides these, there will be other special events, any one of which should pack

the stands to repletion.

W. P. McNair, who is working in conjunction with Mr. Briggs in the perfection of the coming meeting, is already on the grounds and putting in every hour at hard work. A trip to the park will convince the most skeptical that nothing is to be left undone. Great improvements have been made both in the stands and on the track, and to day Union park is second to no course in the country. It always has been famous as a fast track and one easily kept in order, but this spring it is even better than at any time in its history. Horsemen who are already upon the ground are congratulating themselves upon the highly satisfactory con-dition of things, and although early in the season they are predicting some smashed

cords already. The fact that Alix, the queen of trotters, is to be here, along with that pacing wonder, Flying Jib, has created a widespread inter-

some of the greatest trotters in the country and by the time of the closing of the entries next Saturday, the 23d, there will be double as many fine horses here as at any previous neeting for years. The money hung and the unswerving faith racing people have in Manager Briggs and his promises, com-bine in making the outlook for the coming meeting better and brighter every day, and with good weather there is no doubt but what a tremendous success should be scored. The ex-hibition miles of Alix and Flying Jib alone would be sufficient to fill any grandstand in the country, and will doubtless prove equally

Both the Omaha and Council Bluffs busi-ness men and turf lovers are much interested In the success of Mr. Briggs' first enterprise and will allow nothing to escape them that would have a tendency to augment and en-hance his chances for a triumph. For the benefit of horsemen who have not yet seen the program a synopsis of the card is again given. The complete program will appear in next Sunday's Bee.

1-Free-for-all pace, half-mile dash.\$

Mr. Briggs has just received information that a large delegation of trotting horse people will be here from Chicago and vicinity, and dally his prospects of a big success

Wheeling at Fremont. The Crescent Cycling club was organized at Fremont last week with twenty-eight charter members, and the following official

President, Frank Srack; vice president, H, Fredrickson; secretary and treasurer, Tony Plambeck; captain, J. D. Johnson; first lieutenant, George Gauger; second lieutenant, lieutenant, George Gauger; second lieutenant, James Silvey. The charter members, J. D. Nussle, George Gauger, F. G. Silvey, J. D. Johnson, H. Fredrickson, Jake J. Jensen, A. N. Smith, G. A. Hinman, Fred Gumpert, Fred Mail, John Kiel, A. E. Hagenstck, C. H. Balduff, Grant Srack, Tony Plambeck, J. W. Stewart, C. C. Main, J. L. Buckley, H. H. Beede, C. V. Swanson, Billie Jones, W. V. Dedge, Frank Gumpert, Dell Sweet, George Frank Gumpert, Dell Sweet, George Dodge, Frank Gumpert, Dell Sweet, George R. Moyer and Sidney Moon. The schedule for runs for this month was a follows:

June 10, Hooper; 13, Arlington; 17, North Bend; 20, Nickerson; 24, Krugers Lake, fishing; 27, Cedar Bluffs. J. D. JOHNSON, Captain C. C. C.

Copple to Bob Harris.
GRUNDY CENTER, Ia., June 11.-To the Sporting Editor of The Bee: Police News Bob Harris of Niobrara, Neb. challenges any man in America to run seventy-five yards foot race, barring Morris and Quirk. I will match Mr. Harris seventy-five yards, pistol shot start, Shef seventy-five yards, pistol shot start, Sheffield rules to govern, for any part of \$500,
race to take piace in Omaha any time
within ten days notice. So, Mr. Harris, if
you mean business send a forfeit to the
Sporting Editor of The Bee, or any bank.
Am willing to let any newspaper man select pistol firer and referee. Now, Mr.
Harris, if this proposition is not satisfactory to you, then you make one. All 1
want is a race and everything fair and
square on both sides. I don't want any
the best of it, and if you want to run, I
think this proposition will suit. So, come
on, Bob; let us have a race. Yours respectfully, W. H. COPPLE.

For the Next Six Weeks. The Rourke family migrates to Des Moine omorrow for three games, June 19, 20 and 21 hen they come home again for eighteen straight games at the Charles street park June 22, 23 and 24 the Rock Islands are here; June 26, 27 and 28, Peoria; June 29, 30 and July 1, Jacksonville, and July 3, 4-4. the Yellow Boys from Quincy; July 6, 7 and 8. Des Moines; July 9, 10 and 11, St. Joe Then they go down to Lincoln for three games, July 13, 14 and 15; Des Moines, July 17, 18 and 19; then home again for three more whacks at Thomas Jeffer on Hickey's Salt Creek clodhoppers, July 20, 21 and 22; July 23 they open their second long trip at St. Joe, playing there also on the 24th and 25th; then moving on to Rock Island, Peoria, Jacksonville and Quincy. for her final games here, the other eastern

Last Three Games with St. Joe. The following statistics will give some sor of an idea of the comparative work of Omaha and St. Joe in the series of games played on the home grounds last week. If it hadn't have been for the Rourkes' outrageous work in the second game the Missourians would

fare badly in the exhibit: the second game was guilty of enough yel low playing to last them several months. It this game they made twelve of their nine-teen errors, while the St. Joes made nineteen of their thirty-six hits, and eighteen of their thirty-one runs. Expunge this game and the leaders would make a poor showing

Chin Concerts at the Park. Manager Rourke hereafter will guard right

will be here this afternoon. Frank Shelbeck, with Omaha in 1892, is naking a good substitute for Pittsburg. It is dollars to dimes that St. Joe isn't a good as third at the end of the season. Omaha should be in the lead by July 4 that is if she plays the game she is capable

Omaha wants one more pitcher and mus have him, if Papa is compelled to buy Kid The ordinary patron of the game thinks

change of umpires in Omaha wouldn't be Joe Walsh wasn't fast enough for Sioux City and was given the chase. He is now

Inasmuch as there is no game here Thurs day Manager Rourke will make Friday ladies

Young Dolan, a local amateur of well known ability, has been installed at third and is doing well. Gil Hatfield is the Hero of Toledo. won a game the other day by a timely four-bagger in the ninth inning.

Outside of the National league the West ern association is the healthiest base ball rganization in the country. The ladies department in the grandstand at Charles Street park has been nicely carpeted and otherwise improved.

Wood, released from Omaha, has been installed permanently on Buck Ebright's team -and Buck was wise in securing him. The Lincoln Farmers are out for blood, s Thomas Jefferson Hickey says, and intend to lambaste the life out of the Rourkes this

Jack Munyan and George McVey are hard working, earnest players. The extremest crank cheerfully overlooks any errors they may make. Pedroes is doing as good fielding and hit-

ting as any man on the team. He has a weak arm, which interferes with his throw-ing, but he's plenty good enough as it is. W. H. Lucas, a 33 degree manager, has taken charge of the Quincys. It is to be hoped that he knows a little more about managing a ball team than he does about

umpiring.

Next Friday, opening day with Rock Island, has been set aside by Managor Rourke as ladles day and a great crowd will doubtless be present to cheer the boys to victory. Kid Fear stands a good chance of graduating with faster company in another year. He plays the kind of ball that warms the cockles of the crank's heart. He is always

on the hustle. Billy Moran has had tempting offers from Mobile and other Southern league cities, but very wisely prefers to stay here. He is one of the mainstays of the team, and it would be extremely disastrous to like him. With fair weather today the biggest crowd of the season will be on hand to see Papa rub it in on the farmers. Several big ex-cursions will arrive this morning, and the chances are that the fullest capacity of the

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open. A lay-off without pay is the best Jack Munyun is probadly one of the fin-

est, if not the finest, cribbage player in the west. He says he held 30 in his hand one time and 19 in his crib, when he had 49 to go, and won a house and lot, or a lot of houses, I forget which, at Roseville, O., on the game.

hotter, with St. Joe. Rock Island, Jackson-Omaha and Peoria neck and neck for place. And yet there isn't a club in the whole body that hasn't a chance yet. Even the Yellow Boys from Quincy migh catch on. The local colored ball players have organ-

ized a team which they think is able to spank any amateur team in the city. It is spank any amateur team in the city. It is as follows: First, George Taylor; second, George Hubanks; third, Frank Maupins; right, Danger Talbot; middle, Darkest Lewis; left, Charles South; catcher, Glas-cow Graham; pitcher, Kid Millar; substitute, Jim Hall, the Australian.

Osmond, the English champion, has retired permanently from the path. He finds he can't get in shape. The joint run and plenic of the Omaha Wheel club and Ganymede Wheel club has been called off for teday and will be held

next month sometime. Captain Walker has postponed the club picnic which was to have been held in the grove at Fort Calhoun today and the Tourists will have a regular club run instead.

Our old professional friends, Martin and Ashinger, don't seem to get up quite enough speed to win much of the French gold. They are having bad luck, riding in third, fourth and sixth marks.

The Missouri Valley Wheel club passed through the city Sunday afternoon enroute for home. They left the Valley in the morning, crossed the river at Blair and followed the Blair road to Omaha, returning on the ther side of the river. The Tourists "go a-fishing" again next

Sunday, the prospective point being Augus-tine's Landing. Club members are requested to take along lunch and two or three good throw lines and invite your friends who ride Bicycling has infected the members of the

400 in New York and "coaching parties" go a-begging. The ladies ride quite well and their gentlemen friends go along to carry the sunshades, etc. Cycling with these pso-ple, however, is only a fad and will soon die very tame death. Henry E. Taggar, the genial president of the Tourist Wheelmen, starts for Daven-port, Ia., on the 30th inst. He intends to make the trip in about four days with the

aid of a sail which he has rigged out on his "bike." Henry has become quite a sailor in the last few days and claims that his sail will aid him greatly on his tour.

The wheelmen of Blair will hold a bicycle meet and tournament on Monday, June 25, and have secured several hundred dollars in prizes to hang up for the ambitious speedy ones to ride for. The races will be run on ones to ride for. The races will be run on the half mile track southeast of town. Several Omnha and Council Bluffs cyclists will attend. A ten mile handicap is on the program, as well as several quarter dashes and half mile scratch races. The joint run of the Tourist Wheelmen

E. Ridgeway, a prominent wheelman of Grand Island, stopped over a few hours in Omaha Tuesday, while the repairer tinkered up his mount, he having met with an acci-dent on the Military road coming in from Fremont. He left Grand Island Sunday morning, reached Fremont in the evening, riding the distance of 116 miles in fourteen hours. He his ability to whip anybody, but because I are a chance of the stories of the country, so the steries go, there was a chance of the stories of the country, so the steries go, there was a chance of the stories of the country, so the steries go, there was a chance of the stories of the country, so the steries go, there was a chance of the stories of the country, so the steries go, there was a chance of the stories of the country, so the steries go, there was a chance of the stories of the country, so the steries go, there was a chance of the stories of the country, so the steries go, there was a chance of the stories of the country, so the steries go, there was a chance of the stories of the country, so the steries go, there was a chance of the stories of the country, so the steries go, there was a chance of the stories of the country, so the stories of the country, so the steries go, there was a chance of the stories of the country, so the steries go, there was a chance of the stories of the country, so the stories of the country, so the stories of the country, so the stories of the stories of the stories of the stories of the country, so the stories of the stories of the stories of the country, so the stories of the stories of the stories of the stories of the country, so the stories of the stories of the country, so the stories of the stories of the stories of the country, so the stories of the stories of the stories of the country, so the stories of the stories of the country, so the stories of the stories of the stories of the country, so the stories of the stories of the country, so the stories of the stories

that an amateur can enter without losing his amateur standing,-Amateur. the French gentleman picked out by the knowing ones to "lick Zimmie." M. Louvet Ans.—Don't know their rules, but amateur can compete for money. is the gentleman's handle and he doubtless writes his name "Dennis" now. Wheeler rode OMAHA, June 14.—To the Sporting Editor of The Bee: Will you please answer in your Sunday lissue of The Bee whether the Council Bluffs race track has been calarged since June 1889?—C. Wilson. away from him on the finish like a freight train running wild on the down grade. The Frenchman tried his best to catch on, but content himself with second place. Zimmle Ans.-No.

was an interested spectator. and the Ganymede Wheel club last Sunday was a corker for attendance, fully thirty wheelmen taking advantage of the beautiful day and sand papered roads. The start was made from the Ganymede club rooms at 8:30 a.m. and the run to Reel's postoffice was made in forty minutes-the distance is twelve and one-half miles. Here a stop was made in order that the two ball teams attached to the clubs could come together in a friendly contest. The Tourists C. F. Ekfelt, 1635 F street, Lincoln, Neb.

Ans.—In 1889.

HEBRON, Neb., June 14.—To the Sporting Editor of The Bee: During the ball game at Ohiowa yesterday, Ohiowa vs Hebron, the Ohiowa club left the field in the last half of the ninth inning, and I, as umpire, declared the game 9 to 0 in favor of Hebron. There is considerable money up, and the stakeholders refuse to give up the money until you decide my right to declare the game. Here are the circumstances: In the last half of the eighth (8th) Hebron went to bat, knocking out five runs in their half of the minth (9th), making the score 12 to 7. Ohiowa went to bat, and two outs in one-two order; Mullinex of Ohlowa came to bat and batted a long fly to right, which I supposed fell in foul ground (and I still think it did), but he and the club kicked and left the field. The manager and captain of Hebron told me to call it fair and give the batter third base, which I did. Still Ohiowa kicked. Then the Hebron club told me to give the batter a home run, which I did, but as Ohiowa saw no show to win the game they still refused to play. I called a batter and waited one and one-half minutes and declared the batter out, making three out. The Hebron boys still said to let it go. Then I reversed my decision and gave Ohlowa twenty minutes to play, and then declared the batter out, making three out. The Hebron boys still said to let it go. Then I reversed my decision and gave Ohlowa twenty minutes to play, and then declared the batter out, making three out. The Hebron boys still said to let it go. Then I reversed my decision and gave Ohlowa twenty minutes to play, and then declared the pame 9 to 0 in favor of Hebron. Now I consider the Hebron boys gave them all the chance they were entitled to, and, what is more, it was with reluctince that I reversed my decisions. One thing more and I will quit. Has or has not a pitcher a right to raise his foot from the plate when he delivers the ball." Please answer the above through The Bee and oblige—W. P. Burt.

Ans.—(1) You were cor were short of players and a picked nine, composed of Tourists, Ganymedes and farmer boys, were sent into the diamond to do battle with the Gandymede Giants. The game was a hot one and the Ganymedes added another scalp to their belt. The score was 10 to 5 in favor of the 'Medes. Etnyre and Lewis performed the battery work for the 'Medes, and Smith and Clark did like service for the picked nine. Hoff-mier of the Bluffs umpired a fair game, although he became excited in the second inning when the picked nine were at bat and forgot to score two men who ambled over the plate. He acted as scorer as well as umpire. If the batteries had been supported at all the game would have been a fine one; the numerous errors marred the game. As it was only a couple of safe hits were made off either pitcher and enough strike outs were made to turn a professional green with envy. After the ball game the wheelmen rode on up to the Valley, where a fine dinner was served at the Cheney. The boys encountered a terrific head wind on the return trip which made progress rather of a task. Another game will soon be played when the regular ball team of the Tourists will cross bats with the The ball team of the Ganymedes

of the valley, having never been defeated.

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Questions and Answers.

BURWELL, Neb., June 14.—To the Sporting Editor of The Bee: If, in playing a game of ball, first base be occupied by base runner and a man at bat bats a liner to pitcher, which pitcher fails to hold, is the batsman out, and is base runner entitled to first base? Or can a double play be made by first touching base runner and then touching first base? Batsman stepped running. Does failure to run put the batsman out? Please answer in Sunday Bee.—O. E. Briggs.

Ans.—(1) If a fly, batsman is out. (2) Yes, (3) No, not unless he is put out. He can walk to first if he feels like it and

can walk to first if he feels like it and gets there.

FIRTH, Neb., June 14.—To the Sporting Editor of The Bee: Will you please answer the following question in your Sunday paper? In a game of base bail lirst base was occupied by base runner. The man at bat made a fair hit (grounder) that went about twenty feet to right of second base. The baseman got the ball, stepped on the line between first and second base and batween the runner (who was forced from first) and second base. The baseman neither touched the runner or even attempted to do so, but threw the ball to first to make a double play. When the runner reached second base he was called safe. Was the decision right?—W. J. Crandall.

Ans.—It was.

CARSON, Ia., June 12.—To the Sporting Editor of The Bee: Will you kindly inform us of the whereabouts of Geist, the base ball pitcher? The last we heard of him he was playing with Plattsmouth.—Carson Bass Ball Club.

President of Association.

Ans.—Lay off two straight sides, 600 feet each, (parallel), and 452 feet 1% inches apart, connected at each end with a perfect semi-circle (radius, 223 feet 2 3-15 inches); place the fence exactly upon a line so formed (which is the inside of the track), and the track will measure exactly half a mile three feet from the fence; the outside fence to be placed according to the width of the track desired. If not convenient to obtain an engineer to run the curves it can be done as follows: Place a wire with a loop at the end, loose enough to turn upon the stake, and measure upon this wire 225 feet 2 5-15 inches (the radius of the curves; which, from the center stake, will exactly reach the ends of the straight lines; then describe a semi-circle, beginning at the end of one straight side, putting down a stake every twelve feet. If that is the length of the fence panels desired.

Ans.-(1) You were correct. (2) He can raise his foot,

raise his foot,

ALLIANCE, Neb., June 3.—To the Sporting Editor of The Bee: Will you please send me a description of how to lay out a one-half mile race course, dimension of stretches eight turns, etc., so we can go ahead and lay out the track. We have the money raised and arrangements made for the building of a fine race track and fixing up a fair ground.—A. J. Simonson, President of Association.

judge of these things. He wants a well broken dog for field work, and I know of no better authority than yourself to whom to apply. Give us the name of some breeder or trainer, or both, who can fill the bill and do it without charging so fancy a price as to put it out of the question. Answer at once, if convenient, in care of address on this envelope, and greatly oblige—C. F. Barnard.

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VILLISCA, Ia., June 14.—To the Sporting Editor of The Bee: Does rule 45, section 5, include balls struck at by batter?
Please answer in Sunday Bee and oblige—
A Reader. Neb.
COUNCIL BLUFFS, Ia., June 17.—To the Sporting Editor of The Bee: Please state in next Sunday's Bee whether Umpire Cline is Monk Cline, who was left field for Sloux City in 1899.—Subscriber. Ans.-No.

Ans.—Certainly.

BURLINGTON, Ia., June 11.—To the Sporting Editor of The Bee: Please let me know if St. Joseph, Mo., had a ball team in the Western league or Western association since 1886, and if so what year it was, and if they finished the season?—C. F. Ekfelt, 1635 F street, Lincoln, Neb. Ans.—No.

COUNCIL BLUFFS, Ia., June 15.—To the Sporting Editor of The Bee: Please let me know through next Sunday's Bee what is the best batting average in one game and how many bases made by the batter, and by whom made. I think that Munyan of this year's Omahas has the best. Am I right?—A. F. P.

Ans.—Munyan made four home runs and two two-baggers in a game with Jackson-ville, which is as good as any record I know of.

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DAVID CITY, Neb., June 14.—To the Sporting Editor of The Bee: Will you please give me directions for inflating a hot air balloon, or tell me where I can secure them?—C. K. Murphy. Ans .- Write to Gould, areonaut, this city.

DeWitt's Witch Hazel Saive cures ulcers. DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve cures piles. MYSTERIES OF FLORIDA.

An Underground River that Makes Things

Very Lively. Two miles south of Gainesville, Fla., is a prairle. At certain seasons strangers wonder why it is called a "prairie," for they look out upon a broad stretch of water ap deep that storms churn its surface into rolling white-capped billows. At times the commerce of the lake is done by steamer, while at other times there is not water enough to float a canoe. In fact, says a

writer in the Florida Times, I have crossed the prairie in the steamer and again have gone over identically the same route if a stage from whose wheels clouds of dust would roll. would roll.

On the edge of the prairie, half walled in by rock, dense with immense trees draped in long festoons of moss, is a pool of whter called "The Sink." The depth of it has never been sounded. From this sink an underground river flows and makes its way no one knows where. Sometimes an acre or so of land, trees and all, will fall into the

or so of land, trees and all, will fall into the underground river, and then the drainage of the prairie is obstructed and the prairie "goes dry." In a year or two the river will have seeped around the obstruction and then the prairie "goes wet." In the neighborhood of Gainesville there are hundreds of these sinks, all of them as round as a dollar and averaging from a quarter to a dollar and averaging from a quarter to a half acre in extent.
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North of Gainesville is a pretty and mys-terious spot called the "Devil's Mill-hopper." A large stream of water comes down hill-with considerable force and disappears in a pool that has no visible outlet. Near Brooksville is another pool very similar to the Devil's Mill-hopper. A stream of water pours into it and disappears in a whiripool in the center. Throw a log in it and it will circle the pool many times, gradually draw-ing nearer to the center. Suddenly the log disappears.

Some grewsome stories are connected with the Brooksville p.ol. It is said that the place is haunted for the reason that many a man, and woman, too, has mysteriously disappeared in it, never to be heard of after-ward. In the pioneer days of that part of the country, so the steries go, there was a secret society which washed all its dirty, linen in that pool. In other words, if a