WHISPERINGS OF THE WHEEL

A Craze Which Threatens to Engulf the Whole World.

About Cycling Tours-What to Wear-Interesting to the Girls-A Tourist's Notes and General Local

Gossip.

Cycling. Was ever such craze known be-

And we are assured by the best authorities that it is a practice come to stay, because it solves the problem of exercising, at the same time keeping in the fresh air while enjoying a most exhilarating pleasure, and it is feasible for man and woman alike.

Just at present the question occupying the minds of a vast number of cyclists is the summer tour, a diversion predicted as about to be the amusement most in vogue for this

Especially among the fair devotees of the wheel will this novel and delightful mode of pleasuring be in high favor.

In planning such a trip the first considera-tion is good company. A sensible, jolly married pair must be selected to play pro-priety; the rest of the party should be con-genial, good-tempered and inured to the idea

And what opportunities are offered on a cycling tour for the youthful masculine and feminine fancy to have full play! The coaching tours abroad so proverbial as prelific the matrimonial results are not in it with the cycling tour. The mounts, the leisurely shins, the walks up hill, the long rests in some shady spot, the general galety arising from the unchecked flow of fun and good spirits, as well as from all sorts of amusing accidents and incidents happening along the way-every condition is favorable to the promotion of that "sweetest thing in life," par-ticularly if a tadem cycle is used. Too large a party is not desirable. It is wisest to limit the number to six or eight.

The next matter of importance is the choice of a route. Shall it be near at hand and of a few days' run or an extended in some distant portion of the

In determining on a tour it pays to have one member of the party join the organiza-tion now familiar by name to all good cyclers. the League of American Wheelmen, whose secretary is W. S. Bull, 78 White building



READY FOR THE START.

Buffalo, N. Y. The fee is very small, the advantages of membership immense. In the first place its "tour book," maps, road books and hand books are absolutely reliable and

The cost per day and per capita depend entirely on the purse and requirements of the party. The best hotels, with no expense spared on the transportation of machines, luggage, refreshments or other levy a tax of \$5 daily. economical pleasure seeker can accomplish the same results for \$1 or less. A bed at a small hotel or a farm house, though not aiways downy, answers the purpose to the tired tourist too placid and sleepy to be while fresh eggs and milk with a "piece of pie" in addition can be had for

As for drinks along the way there is noth ing so wholesome and refreshing, would the thirsty wheeler but believe it, as a cup of cool spring water. Cold milk has the advantage of being food as well as drink, but is not always altogether satisfactory as

thirst quencher. The journey once settled upon it is well for be feminine tourists contemplating it to prime themselves on several important points She should practice going ten miles farther each day, beginning with ten miles for a start: the great trouble with women is that they are apt to overdo at first. Another item is practice on a narrow path, as country roads are often rough and the side path must be resorted to. She should also be conversant with the construction and working of

her bicycle in case of accident.

The next thing in order is what shall she wear. If she wishes to be a howling swell she cannot do better for cool weather than order a suit the exact counterpart of that worn by Mrs. Schuyler Hamilton, one of the wheelwomen of New Yor's Michau

This was called the smartest costume at the club. The skirt is cut from dust colore English covert cloth, quite full, reaching t the shoe tops and lined with scarlet sill The waist is a short, tight fitting Norfol jacket lined with satin and has a standing collar fastened with a storm button. double row of small round buttons made the cloth set in horn, extends down the length of the waist, one row serving to fasten The sleeves are full, but not stiffened Tan colored leather shoes with rubber sole are worn, and galters of the cloth button t the knee, though the very latest novelty footgear is the tan leather shoe lacing to the knee, a style making the ankle neat and

The undergarments should be of black slik, and a short silk petticoat is worn. smart little Tam O'Shanter with a scarlet wing stuck fauntily on one side completes this fetching rig, while the gloves should be of heavy kid or dogskin, very loose. For hot weather the newest thing is the

skirt of Russian homespun so popular with men. It looks for all the world like crash toweling, is gray in color and cool, and cen be put right in the tub and washed—an item of weight to the grimy tourist. With this goes a linen shirt waist, in Parls one of white Victoria lawn is much in vogue, but is more servicesble. A cap peaked back and watch their smoke. front should be worn with this costume, or a What has become

is the result. small vell should always be worn to hold the hair in place and ward off sunburn, unless the wheelwoman is supersensible, with more regard for her eyes than her complexion, when she will dispense with the

straw hat with brim, otherwise a coat of tan

veil and wear an invisible hair net. Still another question of vast importance get out your gun. is what to carry on a tour. A man can load thirty pounds in his diamond shaped box strapped to the handle bar, and so can a woman in bloomers. The feminine tourist must content herself with from five to ten pounds confined partly in the tourist's bag strapped under the frame, partly in the lugshe straps a knapsack to herself, as some

less she can depend on that of some other member of the party. There are toilet arti-cles, as few as she can be satisfied with. newing implements in case of a rent or a missing button. A telescope drinking cup is another necessity. Next comes mackin-tosh, thick jacket and change of undergar-If the excursion is to be a long one tiant success. Next forward her trunk by train to some able event, indeed.

This touring will make a wonderful change the Colliseum tomorrow evening is the talk of the readers of The touring the fair cyclist. There is nothing like of the riders.

Another Wheel club has been started by pect too much of us. in the fair cyclist. There is nothing like cycling for the thin woman or the stout. either. It makes the liver work, food digest either. It makes the liver work, food digest riders who live at the Barker hotel. They and causes a fine appetite, thus affording the have made several long rides together with-

a new impetus, brightening her eyes, red-dening her cheeks and doing her over generally. While for the stout woman the ex-ercise hardens and consolidates her flesh and makes her look slimmer, even though it may not change her in actual weight. It pulls down the flesh about her hips and gives her a trimmer waist. It is hard for an American woman with a tendency toward too much avoirdupois to walk easily, THE GREAT AMATEUR RACE THIS W.EK for her proverbially small feet and ankles are apt to give out. In cycling, where the

weight is kept entirely off these dainty memthis difficulty is entirely done away

the summer tour its crowning glory.

Now that the big road race is over Omaha wheelmen will turn their attention to the promptly at 8 o'clock tomorrow evening. The track has been rebuilt for the event and is now one of the fastest indoor tracks in the country. The turns are banked so as to allow a rider to make them at top speed. Several of the men who are training for the race have ridden miles on it in 2:30, which is considered very fast indoor work. The entry list embraces some of Omahas fastest riders and as they have been training faithfully the success of the race is assured. Those who will face the statier's pistol to-morrow evening are: H. C. Gadke, L. E. Holton, R. E. McCullough, William Coulter, M. L. Heinzman, R. V. Halloway and H. E. Frederickson, Captain E. L. Potter of the Omaha Wheel club is to be referee, and J. E. Ebersole, F. H. Siefken, J. L. Livesay judges. It will continue for six nights, two hours and a helf each night. A good band will be in attendance during the week to add enjoy-ment to the races. Monday evening at 7 o'clock there will be a grand parade of wheelmen through the principal streets and all who participate will be admitted to the race that evening free. The people can rest assured that there will be no faking and that the race will be ridden and won on its merits. Those who enjoy the sport should turn out and give the riders a hearty send-off.

In consequence of the result of the road race there are in Omnha today a few dis-appointed racing men. The favorites did not seem to be materially in the race. Frederickseem to be materially in the race. Frederick-son, the young man the knowing ones had picked for a winner, was hopelessly out of it, being one of the last scratch men to finish. Considerable money changed hands. finish. Considerable money changed hands, the betting being quite heavy for a bicycle ace. Denman rode in splendld form con-idering that he has had but three weeks' training. He made over two-thirds of the pace for the scratch men and had there been any of them willing to have set their share of the pace the time prize would have gone to a scratch man, but as it was, they were all afraid of Mr. Frederickson. Having heard beforehand of his wonderful (?) performances they naturally all saved them-selves for the finish. To say the least selves for the finish. To say the least the handicapping was rank, and had the association put it in the hands of the official handicapper we think it would have been a great deal more satisfactory. Taken as a whole the race was a great success, and it is hoped that the clubs will make it an

Barnett's performance at Louisville Deco ration day was truly marvelous, riding alone unpaced. He equaled Sanger's wonderful unpaced mile of 2:07 1-5, and he is a Nebraska . That is what makes it all the Barnett has a great future before man, too. him if he continues in the course he is now n and takes proper care of himself.

William Lyle Dickey requests us to state that the publication of a recent interview with him in a local contemporary, which quotes him as being in favor of the proposed lantern and bell ordinance, was not authorized and that he has never seen the ordinance and consequently is neither for nor

W. F. Clark, an 1895 novice, surprised everybody by his riding in the road race mounted on a twenty-two-pound Columbia. He won second prize from the four-minute The Omaha Wheel club runs to Platts-

mouth today, leaving the club house at 8 a.m. They will be met at LaPlatte by the Plattsmouth Wheel club and accompanied on the rest of the trip by them.

The Omaha Wheel club made another of its good old runs last Sunday. An even two dozen made the trip to Missouri Valley and return. The day was a beautiful one full of information as to tours in various parts of the country, the most popular roads, their character and condition, hotel rates and accommodations, with numberless other points. ease-this being his first road ride-a will not be many more days before he give some of the old scorchers a good time

on the road. Stay with it, Taylor. What has become of our old "road horse," I. P. Sutorius? Mr. Sutorius, you have not made a run with us this season. Would like see your smiling face on our runs again, professor.

When is that much talked of pool tourns ment going to be held? Several of the 'sharks' who have been in active training for the past month or two are anxiously

'summer game.' Our old, original "Dad" (Frank Mittauer) paid us a visit the other day. Frank was a very welcome visitor; he is a veteran member of the Omaha Wheel club, also of the League of American Wheelmen. Come and see us again, Dad; it is with great interest that we listen to your tales as to how it was in the days of the old ordinary.

Billy Emerson also paid us a short visit the other evening. He says if the boys will ome out to Waterloo he will have something Bill, for a while and we will be there in the near future—nothing passes us but lightning. Billy is a veteran of the league from way back; his number is in the thirteen hundreds, and he takes great pride in his veteran pin.

There are not a few of the new members of the Omaha Wheel club whom we have not had the pleasure of meeting. Come around and get acquainted with us, boys, and be good fellows. The next regular monthly business meeting will be held next Tuesday vening, June 4, and we hope to meet you

Where is our "Three-man Quartet? Probably they are rehearsing something new Their eminent instructor and composer has not been wearing his "we-are-going-to-surprise-you" look for nothing.

As the state meet draws near the "Googlers" will rise. You can't keep a good thing down, and the state meet cannot be a uccess without the "Googlers." Get your

'gang" together, Paddlefoot. It is hoped that every enthusiastic wheel-nan will take in the state championships at Kearney this coming Fourth of July. If we can make up a certain number we can get a special train, and it is rumored that a committee will be appointed at the next regular business meeting of the Omaha Wheel club to see all wheelmen possible in this city in regard to making up the requlsite number. It does not take so ver many. Get in line, everybody, we want that special train. Watch the "Whisperings of

the Wheel" for further particulars. The Omaha Wheel club base ball team fine material in that line in the club. Jus-

What has become of the shotgun experts of the club? Think it would be a good idea to get your heads together boys and take a barrel or two out with you on our fishing party. The base ball team, the kodak finds and several other contingencies of the club are going to be there. You can shoot more blue rocks than you can catch fish. Lytle,

The Omaha Wheel club this season has one of the best racing teams in the state. Mesars. Pixley, Gadke, Mach, Denman and Potter. Come down to Kearney and watch them get the cup. We need another one boys, and we will be down there with the red, black and red, and cheer you on to victory. victory.

The Omaha Wheel club non-resident mem bership is very extended, bring represented from coast to coast. N. A. Chapman and W. E. Combes of San Francisco, W. C. Urian of Denver, William Emerson of Waterloo, Neb., J. H. Kastman of Red Onk, Ia., John Blakeslee of Fort Madison, Ia. Richard Belt of Chicago, and A. H. Perrigo of Providence, R. L.

The Decoration day road race was a brilliant success. Next year it will be a memor-The six day amateur race opening up a

out organization. are as follows: E. D. Branch, president; F. Hilditch, vice president; H. O. Hough, secretary; Charles Howard, treasurer; F. R. Burnett, bugler. Applications for membership must be made in writing to the secretary.

THE AMATEUR SIX-DAY CHASE.

It Will Open in a Blaze of Glory at the Col-

iseum Tomorrow Night. The six-day amateur bleycle race opens at the Coliseum tomorrow night and a week of great sport is forthcoming. There is an Indeed, to sum it up, cycling is the acme immense field of entries, and Manager Heyof health and happiness for the fair sex, and den has the old Collseum and its beautiful immense field of entries, and Manager Heytrack in the finest kind of shape, preparations have been thorough, and his efforts will evidently be crowned with abundant success, for everybody is going to see the race. There is an immense 'cycle contingency in Omaha just now, and the six nights' sport will be witnessed by a large and fashionable attendance

One thing can be said of Manager Heyden's project and that is, his prize list amounts to two or three times as much in actual value as was ever offered at a wheeling meet in this city. This is a decisive point in favor of the race. There are to be but two hours and a half riding each evening of the meeting, from 8 to 10:30 o'clock, opening up emorrow evening. The hundreds of amateurs in the city are all in a furore over the meeting, which insures a large attendance nightly. At 7 p. m. tomorrow afternoon there will be a gorgeous parade n-wheel. Every man riding in this will be given free admission that evening, and it is already as sured that the parade in length and general effectiveness will eclipse any former achievement in this line ever witnessed in Omaha. Every wheelman and wheelwoman in the city is cordially invited to take part. A band of ten pieces will head the long procession. The start will be made from the Omaha Bicycle company's store, 323 North Sixteenth street, and after traversing the principal thoroughfares will bring up at the Coliseum shortly after 8 o'clock.

In addition to these trophies there will be an equal number of special prizes. The man

who makes the most miles on the first night will receive a \$5 sweater; the second, a pair of \$4 riding shoes; the third, a pair of \$5 pedals; the fourth, a \$3.50 cyclometer, and the fifth, a \$5 pair of boxing gloves. All of these prizes will be awarded im-mediately upon the announcement of the referee's decision, and these conditions are

From a Tourist's Note Book.

The club will make a run to Plattsmouth oday, provided the weather and roads are favorable. Arrangements have been made for the club members at the Hotel Riley, so that no one need go hungry. Some of the Plattsmouth boys will meet the club at the Platte river bridge and escort them into town. The plan is to return by way of Pacific Junction and the Bluffs. As this is one of the pretty runs and a favorite every club man should turn out and bring his

cycling friends with him.
The June run cards are out and in the hands of the club members. The captain has picked out some of the best runs of the season for the month, and the club will have a chance to prove its right to the motto, "In the Saddle." The most enjoyable part of the bicycle clubman's life is spent in the sad-

Charlie Edwards, T. R. Huston and G. A. Fuchs were three of the club to finish in the road race that made a good showing for men who make no pretentions to racing ability. Keep at it boys and you will develop into

good men for these parts.

John Hynes was pushed off by the club mascot in the road race and up to a late hour he had not appeared over the top of the hill coming toward the tape. Am afraid that push sent him on the way to Millard or some other scaport. Leonard Hartson is the champion hill

climber of the club since last Sunday, having broken the Garner hill record by surmounting its top on his wheel. The men who have climbed it heretofore are as scarce as hen's teeth. Len, we doff our cap.
Mrs. George M. Randall presented the

club with a beautiful silk flag at the special meeting held last week. Mrs. Randall re-ceived a vote of thanks for her kind gift and the club's secretary was instructed to apprise her of the club's appreciation. The flag is a beauty, fashioned after the manner of the United States army guidon, mounted on a hollow, burnished brass standard and fastened at the top with a knot of club colors from which fall a heavy silk cord and tassels; the field is white emblazoned with the club emblem, a cherry diamond and navy blue arrow, in the center, wreathed "Tourist Wheelmen with the words Omaha." A color bearer will be appointed each month to carry the ensign, the pleasant duty for June falling upon Sam J. Howe. The colors will only be taken out upon special occasions and will fly from the head of

the column. Harry C. Hartry, one of the enthusiastic club members, has named one of his brands of cigars "Tourist Wheelmen." The cigar has become popular with the club men already. Are you going to attend the meet at Kearney this year? If so, try and join the

"meet club" and make the trip a-wheel. John Hynes can tell you all about it. Will M. Barnum made his second century last Sunday and has applied for his gold bar. The Century club board will pass on his application for bars for May 19 and May 26. Will is rapidly becoming a warm member of the centurions. He had a hard ride of i both out and coming in, on account of the wind, which blew directly in his face. One resignation was handed in at the

special meeting last week, and was accepted. Club emblems for your sweater may be obtained of Frank Newcomb, secretary of the club. Club caps can be obtained of W. A. Kingsley at Frederick's.

The Turners and the Tourists had a splan-

did run together last Sunday to Underwood, la., barring, of course, the dust and head wind. About thirty of them turned out. The boys were well treated and well fed by the people who inhabit the hospitable little town, and were escorted part of the way out by the city brass band. Everybody enjoyed himself. Hope you will be with us again. Captain Moeller, and bring more of the boys The Fort Omaha club joins with the Tour-

PEORIA, May 30 .- To the Sporting Editor of The Bee: Thinking the patrons of the game might think that the team is not doing just what it should do, I take this method of acquainting them with our condition. Both Darby and Balsz have been in bad form ever since we left home, both being debilitated by continued severe colds. Shaffer was out of the game for five days and Nattress has been afflicted with the charley horse nearly all the time since he joined us. Then Pace received a split hand a few days ago and will not be able to play for ten days. So you can see under what disadvantages we have had to work. Ulrich is playing a beautiful short, Siagle a great middle and Lohman is throwing better than any man I ever saw. Hutchison is the best man on the team at the bat, as most of the grounds are large and they give him a chance to show what he can do. He is also playing a good fielding game. Eagan is pitching winning ball and will get better and

Outfielder Seis of Jacksonville had a leg broken in a game with us. Manager Brackett of Quincy is a very sick Rockford has been strengthened by Second

Baseman La Rett and two new pitchers. Quincy and Peoria are drawing finely and the games at Springfield Sundays are witnessed by immense crowds.

We play in Rock Island today. They are still anxious to get back into our associa-Let the readers of The Ree understand the situation, Sandy, and they will then not ex-

Manager Omaha Base Ball Club.

THE SPORTS OF ROSY JUNE

A Review of the Present Journey Through the East,

OPENING OF THE AMATEUR BICYCLE RACE

The Horses and Horsemen -Kennel Club Doings - Shooters and Fishers and the Usual Sunday Sporting Grind.

The Omahas will return Monday evening

and on Tuesday afternion meet the Des Molnes team for the first time this season on the local grounds. The present eastern trip of the Rowe family has not been as satisfactory as it might have been, but an explanation will possibly be found in a personal letter from Manager McVittle, published elsewhere in this department. When the Omaha team left here two weeks ago it looked as it it was about the stoutest aggregation in the outfit. The pitchers were all in good form and it was difficult to see who there was who could beat us. But base ball is very uncertain, as has probably been obcerved, and up to Friday evening the best Omaha had been enabled to do was to break even, having won six, and lost six games, and if she can take two out of the present series over at Des Moines the fans will be well satisfied. Even as it stands Omaha has done far better than any one of the other Western teams. St. Joe has won two games, Des Moines three and Lincoln five, that is, up to Friday night. The impression that the western end of the association outclassed the eastern has been rudely but effectively disshortly after 8 o'clock.

The track at the building has been wonderfully improved, and in practice there has been some marvelous time shown. The prizet, five in number, are all valuable and well worth striving for. The contestant who covers the most miles in the six nights will be presented with a \$100 high grade Imperial bicycle; the second best man with an \$85 Monarch; the third, a \$40 gold watch; the fourth, with a \$25 silver watch, while the last, or booby prize, the fifth in number, will be a fifty-four inch ordinary.

In addition to these trophies there will be pelled. Peoria is playing championship ball and both Rockford and Quincy are rapidly inforce themselves before again starting west, for if they are not it is feared they will not last long. Whoever was guilty of concocting the

Western association schedule should be stuffed and sold to the National museum as a rare curio. Omaha, for instance, does not go east again until September, when she makes two trips. In the meantime the east-ern clubs come west twice in rapid succesreferee's decision, and these conditions are sion, and the rest of the time is put in by such as should insure an extra large field of the western teams in games between themselves. It will be to Lincoln and St. Joe, then to Des Moines, then back to Lincoln and St. Joe and so on and on for the Omaha team for the next three months. In the interim it will be hard here for the fans to remember that there are such places as Rockford, Quincy, Peoria and Jacksonville.

St. Joe has released Emmerke. Ulrich seems to be the best player in the

The St. Joseph team is badly crippled, so the manager claims. Bill Kreig is hitting the ball hard and

often for Rockford. St. Joseph has secured Bobby McHale of Sacramento, Cal., to pitch. Lincoln is trying to sign McKibben, third paseman of the Des Moines.

Zels made seven errors in one game at third base for Jacksonville recently. Quincy and St. Joe have been swapping layers. In the deal Quincy got big George McVey. Cy. Duryea, formerly of Cincinnati, is on

of the star twirlers in the Eastern league Quincy was after Joe Walsh, but they only wanted to give him cigarette money and he wouldn't go.

Quincy has secured Pitcher Abbey, with hitters. Omaha last season. He will be the star dandy of the association, sure. Tommy White, who has been playing with Indianapolis, has signed with Jacksonville.

of the Western association Manager Brackett of Quincy, Ill., would like to hear from a pitcher, a first baseman, a short stop and on outfielder.

Nolan, Harter and Veach have joined th St. Joe team and now the St. Joe team might just as well go and jump in the river. Marcum was fined \$5 for throwing the ball over the fence and had to pay for the ball. He said he threw it away because it was a 'hoodoo.-Quincy Whig.

In the sixth inning of a recent Western as sociation game the first nine men at the bat for Des Moines made a hit apiece, and several of them hit for two or three bases. Manager Traffley had a diamond pin stolen from him enroute from Rockford to Peoria. Traff is like the actress, who, when she gets about Traff's age, has to advertise. Quincy wasn't doing business when it

Vey, I don't think. Rockford pounded Nolan twenty-eight hits yesterday.-Quincy The impression got abroad that Umpire Snider was presented with \$50 in gold here. Oh, no, it was Catcher Snyder. When an umpire is presented with gold in Rockford hey will be having Maypole dances in Green

land .- Rockford Star. S. Joe has released Pitcher Jerry Eddinger, his work not coming up to the manage-ment's standard. They are making many changes down there. Barnes of Lafavette Ind., has been signed to play third and a new outfielder secured in the person of

Rockford Republican: A rumor was afloat on the street last night to the effect that Manager Nicol had sold the services of Fred Underwood to the Chicago club for \$800. In the absence of more definite information t may be said that this is highly improbable and is not generally believed.

Twineham, lately released by St. Louis, has caught on in great style in Detroit. It s generally the case where a man is taken from a minor league into the big one, does not prove fast enough for the latter, and is allowed to return to his first love, that he goes in and plays a game that is "out of sight."

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association are "stuck" on John Kling. He catch, play the infield and outfield, and has done all these for the local team. In Sunday's game he got one single, a double and a home run. And last year he was an amateur, warbles the Rockford

Kimerer, the youngster picked up by Lin-coln, is proving a great find. He is taking his regular turn in the box and winning the majority of the games pitched. He has no especial speed or curves, but a good combination of both, with good control, and ex-hibits wonderful coolness in the box. He is a graduate of Lincoln amateur circles. Andrews joined the Des Moines club Tues-

day at Rockford. His previous practice in the box had been somewhat limited, but he was touched but for four hits during the three innigs he pitched. A timely three-bagger by him gave Des Moines three of her runs on that day, and his ability as a sprinter was very favorably spoken of by the Rockford papers, as was also the fielding of his position. And now it is the western clubs who are

And now it is the western clubs who are howing about the umpire. St. Joe was the first to register a kick, claiming an outright robbery of a victory at Peoria by Umpire McKemp. And now Lincoln claims that they lost the game here Tuesday by a rank decision of the umpire. Had the decision been in their favor it would have been all right, but Buck Ebright didn't want to get beat with McGreyev in the box.—Ouincy get beat with McGrevey in the box .- Quincy

Lincoln is making an effort to get McKib-

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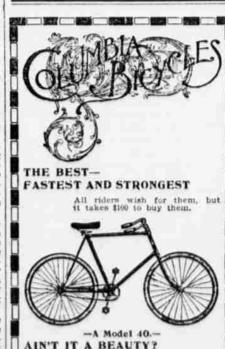
ben of the Des Moines club, but it is needless to say it will be unsuccessful. They offered the trading of two men for him or to pay cash outright, but "Traf" put on his ear muffs and would not listen. He wishes it given out good and strong that none -absolutely none-of the Des Moines players are for sale, although from the numerous ositions received it almost looks as if he had publicly advertised for bids.

Flashes from the Rockford Star: Omahas were in luck to get two games here And Dave Rowe thinks so, too. The Morning Star said to keep your eye on the Peorias. They're climbing, sure 'nuff. Underwood has made the longest hit on the home ground to date, and Shaffer the greatest catch. Your good looking friend, Inks was right in it with the stick Sunday. He made four hits, one a home run. Catcher Lohman, judging from his work here, will not hold the place in the averages that his name indicates. The crowd Sunday made life miserable for \$300 Darby, as they called him. He was pie and shortcake for our The Rockfords are certainly dandy lot of batters. A pitcher starts in against them with his Adams apple feeling like a canteloupe. Pitcher Whitehill's con tract with Detroit exempts him from play ing on Sundays. He is a strict Sabbatarian and does not even attend the Sunday games

as a spectator. Manager Nicol, according to the Rockford Morning Star, left town Sunday evening, bound for Indianapolis and Cincinnati. A good many people have been directing some severe criticisms against Nic which he has not deserved. He was not in the least to blame for the non-arrival of his pitchers. Dillon and Dolan accepted advance money. and it was no small sum, either. Dillon took his time about coming, and after Dolan wired that he would leave immediately for Rockford, nothing more was heard of him Pitcher Horton of Terre Haute has also ac cepted advance money, and is expected here today. Manager Nicol's present trip is evidence of his intention to give Rockford a good team. He will find Dolan if he is on earth, and either bring him to Rockford or land him in jail. He will probably sign one or two new men, in and outfielders. He is or two new men, in and outfielders. very well satisfied with the team as it stand and contemplates no changes, but intends to have a couple of good men to use in case o an emergency. He may also return with a pitcher of national reputation, and the cranks should not holler just yet.

Yesterday about noon the wagon of the American Express company stopped in front of the Tremont house, and the driver called out in a loud voice "Is Kid Speer here?" says the Quincy Whig. Several of the Lincoln club were sitting in front of the hotel, but Speer was not there, and the driver delivered the package to Hi Lattin, the clerk. The package consisted of a small ball, bat and a box, and, of course, the members of the Lincoln club present knew that Speer's chums in Lincoln had sent the package, which was labeled "Kindergarten Speer." The members of the club patiently awaited the arrival of Kid Speer and the crowded around him to see what was in the box. When opened a small catching glove and a pair of spectacles were found in the box. The bat and spectacles were probably sent to Speer to remind him of the fact that he has been doing some very weak batting of late, and the spectacles were intended to assist him in seeing the ball when it was crossing the plate. Kid Speer didn't know whether to get mad or laugh, but when the other Lincolnites gave him the laugh he joined them.

Paddy Miles joined the team at Des Moine yesterday and Pace returned home. Frank Motz is the objector of the Western eague. He draws more fines than any two players in the circuit.



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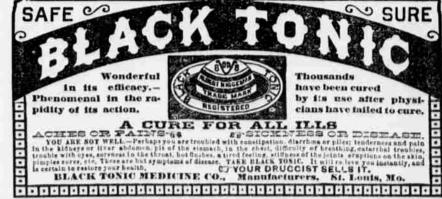
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