BILL M'CUNE AND THE WILD WEST

Delusion of the Texas Sport-New Amateur Legislation-Belligerent Turfmen and Sporty Comment in a General Way.



H.L. McCune, head usher of Buffalo Bill's wild west show, is back on his native heath for the winter, Bill, who is a familiar

character to the sporting world from Gowanus to 'Frisco British Columbia to Old

says the campaign just career. The wild west was out a trifle over six months, during which time it gave 333 performances, every one scheduled without a single skip, something-unprecedented in the Bill handled all the way from 8,000 to 18,000 people, and built up a reputation for himself equal to that of the famous Bernard of the Barnum show. At Oswego in August the show encountered a terrific cyclone, the top show encountered a terrine cyclone, the top of the big pavilion was blown off, and a great destruction of life only averted by Colonel Cody's prompt and courageous action. The spectators were hurriedly huddled within the big enclosure and surrounded by his troops of horsemen, representing the soldlery of all nations, civilized and barbaric, The horses and soldiers protected the people from the flying missiles with which the air was charged and but one person was slightly injured, excluding five of the company's horsemen. It was a marvelous escape and a close shave for the show. Bill, by the way, was the man who discovered Clarence Whistler, the world's famous wrestler, back in 1880, as a common hand in the Omaha Smelting works, but it was in Bob Green's amusement garden that the athletic phenomenon made his debut before the public. is enthusiastic over the wild west and next year will be in his old position again. He says that the show will most certainly visit Omsha during the season. Colonel Cody, after the arduous work of the season, is looking healthler than ever before, and is now bear bunt in the Big Horn basin with a party of distinguished castern and English

American lads and lasses are just now taking up Scotland's national game of golf with the usual success and enthusiasm that marks all their ambitions in a sporty way. Mr. John Patrick has taken the initiative introducing this exhibarating pasting He has laid out a course at Happy Holly and during the past week has done considerable practicing, with a number of lady friends, one of whom, a visitor from the east, is said to be quite expert with the sticks. When asked yesterday whether he thought the popularity of tennis was being endangered by the encroachments of golf, Mr. Patrick said: "In a measure it is. I do think, however, that the two games are to be compared from a scientific standpoint and the enthusiasm over golf will be little more than ephemeral. It is an English fad just now and of course the Americans must in the wake of their cousins across follow in the wake of their cousins across the drink, as ridiculous as that may strike some people. Golf is most certainly both a delightful and appropriate game for ladies and gentlemen in the fall and early winter. and when I come to think of it, is about on a per with many other similar games. Con-siderable science is to be developed in the manipulation of the different golf sticks and mapping out the ground over which you must travel. The exercise, sithough mild, is exceedingly invigorating and is especially adapted for ladies and their escorts.

As the subject has been mentioned hane it would not come amiss to give the salient points of the game for the benefit of the general reader, who cooner or later may be an aspirant for honors in the Scotchman's national game. As Mr. Patrick says golf, like foot ball, may be termed a fall game, although there is no reason why it should not be played all the year around. It should not be played all the year around. would be an enthusiast indeed who would play the game in the heat of summer. The salient points of the sport are extremely simple. The game when properly played extends over from three to five miles o country land. This stretch of land is called a course or "links." At any distance apart the course are round holes four and one half inches in diameter and about four inches The object is to knock a small hand (gutta percha) ball into these holes in succession with clubs, going over the course from hole to hole. The player or set of players who go over the course with the least number of strokes wins. When the ball goes in the hole it is, of course, taken our by the player and "tred" off for the While the above are the simple very simple-points of the game, the sport has a volume of rules and plays he intricute points which a beginner tearns a he progresses. The ground best suited for game is a reach of undulating dow. country with sandy soil covered with short grass. Then there must be said holes or bunkers to test the ekill (and temper) of the player, and to this must be added brush, etc. Fences, ditches, pastures and rough lands may be in the course to constitute the main haz-Without these, no "links" term for an obstacle which tends to make the "approach" to a hole more diffi-cult. The holes are at any distance from 100 to 500 yards apart, and are placed ac cording to the lay of the ground. The ter-ritory about the holes, which is called the 'putting green," should be level land. The 'putting" green is not less than sixty feet quare. The location of the hole is designated nated by a flag pixed in the center of the hole. When a player is approaching and is near enough to see the hole the flag is taken cut. There is what is known as a "teeing ground" at each hole. Within the limits of the teeing ground the ball must be knocked off for the next hole. This knocking off the ball is called teeing it.

The usual play is the hole play. That is winner is the one who has put the ball in the most holes with the least number of strokes. To be more explicit, Jones may make the first hole in a leas number of strokes than Smith did. The first hole, therefore, is given to Jones. He has thereby won one of the points of the eighteen (holes) to be gained. But in the competition the player who makes the round in the fewest strokes is the winner.

player puts a pot of sand down on the teeing ground, places the ball on it and strikes it hole. After that time until he sends his ball in the first hole, he must play it strictly from the place it happens to be. It is liable to get in the sand or dirt bunkers, or into the bush ditch or high grass or a hundred other very rable places. But the player has a to take his ball out by virtually addthere, too. Qualt, chicken and squirrel are thing are giving his opponent points. He can take the ball out of a hunker by borne two take the ball out of a bunker by losing two and possum in plenty, and recently a wild-strokes, or from any other underleable place by losing one stroke. The difficult points of town. Now, Mr. Griswold, we are sure you stacles) and "putting" (getting the ball into hills and know there is no mistake.

The clubs used for striking the ball-which, of course, is always done while the ball is on the ground—are the wood and iron clubs. The wood clubs are shod at the end with brass, while the steel one is merely a wooden one with a steel head

cases to win one were decidedly tropical under the collar after the race, and they blamed the colt's defeat on "Soup" Perkins, who had the mount, and who rode like a stable boy.

American owners, it seems, ere determined to run their colts to death. There is more of it every year, and this premature training is unquestionably the cause of the decrease in the merit of the American atud. Hidalgo, in Spirit of the Times, points out another feature of this policy of racing youngsters to death. He says: "If they keep on running 2-year-olds in America as they have been doing for the past twelve years, our only hope for good sires and matrons in the will be among those that have been discarded at that age as being useless for racing purposes. The great Belmont, the best of all California's early sires, was never trained until 8 years old, and ran only one race. Hampton, one of the best sires in England today, was not trained until the fal that he was 3; and meny of the best Austra lian hores, notably Melos, Cardigan, Malvolid and Glenloth, were barely halter-broken at 2. We are too greedy to get the money back out of our youngsters.

Isn't it about time that some of these cowbeys down in Texas go out and round up Dan Stuart. He has been at large now fully long enough and should be captured and in-formed that the war between Corbett and Fitzelmmons is over. The coin it cost Dan Mexico, says the campaign just to become acquainted with the governors closed was one of the greatest of his of Texas and Arkansas has evidently driver him "nutty." He apparently does not know that Corbett has retired within the quiet precincts of his own immaculate gall, and that Fitzsimmons is hobnobbing with the covotes and vultures somewhere in the sage brush of show business. At these performances Usher the Lone Star state, and he insists on an nouncing to the public that he has at last secured a battle ground. It is across the Mexi-Dan can do is go fence it in, or get it stuffed. Corbett, it is hoped, is out of the business for good, and no amount of plugging will ever bring Fitzalmmons to life

The annual meeting of the Amateur Athletic Union of the United States, which was held at the Astor house Monday, adopted tringent resolutions to govern the relations of amateurs to the professionals, which are decidedly more radical than any legislation ever considered on the subject, and will create a stir in athletic circles. The legislation passed, in detail, was: That no ama-teur can race for a purse as a testimonial without becoming ineligible; that no amateur base ball team can play against a professional team, or maintain a professional bat-tery; that no foot ball team can have a pro-lessional coach play with it; that the maintenance of training tables by clubs should be abolished, and that training and traveling expenses should not be allowed; also that an athlete who has no visible means of support is not an amateur. Several other matters of mportance were passed upon, among which vas the case of Hikok, the Yale hammer and weight thrower, who was suspended for compoting in unregistered games. It was de-elded that he is still ineligible and that he must return his medals. C. W. Stage, the Cleveland sprinter, who has officiated as an umpire of the National Base Ball league, was declared to be a professional therefor and will not be allowed to compete in amateur events.

The rot being disseminated by a lot of passe a sporting writers anent Corbett's turning over the championship to Peter Maher is ludicrous in the extreme. As I said last week, Corbett can retire, but he cannot turn over the title of champion of the world to any one he sees proper to fancy Because this man Maher whips a big stiff in a punch there is a disposition in certain quarters to rank him at the top of the heap. The effect is laughable. What has become of Joe Goddard? He put Maher out almost as quickly as Maher put Corbett's big coun-terfeit out. And Denver Ed Smith, where is he? He licked the Barrier champion in a fight as was a fight. And Fitzsimmons-didn't he make Peter lay down like a yellow canine? Now, isn't this a fine specimen for the followers of Fistiana to pick out as their standard bearer? On my life, I believe Joe Choynski could lick him.

The decision of the Illinois appellate cour affirming the injunction against race track gambling, appealed last August, is probably a kneekout blow, so far as Chicago is concerned, to race track gambling, and it is thought will have a marked influence on the courts of other states. There cerned. are many who believe that all forms of gam-bling tend to the public injury and are opposed to public policy, and among these are many prominent followers and friends of the turf. They believe that the breeding of fine horses for speed and the matching of their capabilities on the track are legitimate pas-times, but should not be conducted for the especial profit of the gambling fraternity.

The horsemen and race track followers are having no end of trouble between the law, welching bookmakers, ringing horses and pugilistic and dishenest officials. In St Louis the other day Clem Creveling and "Curly" Brown, both well known here, as they officiated as presiding judge and starter at the late Council Bluffs meeting, got into a rough and tumble fight over one of Creveling's rulings at Kansas City and fought all over the street, the two men being together for over ten minutes, when they separated. No one who is familiar some of Judge Creveling's decisions here will wonder at Curly's getting hot and want ing to take ratisfaction out of his hide. Local turf followers can never forget the Ben Harrison-Victor B steal at Union park last September.

The five nights' billiard match, which took place between Frank Ives and Tom Gallagher the old Chicago sporting editor, at New York last week, was won by the latter. The York last week, was won by the latter. The Napoleon of the cue bit off a trifle more than he could masticate. He undertook to play 3,000 points at the fourteen-inch balk line against 1,200 by Gallagher, and was beaten by 677 points. It is rumored that Ives is traveling the pace that kills, and unless he makes a quick shift his playing days are

FIELD AND TRAP.

With Dog and Gun the Merry War Goes On. The Omaha Gun club's shooting grounds across the river will be the scene of an interesting live bird shoot Thanksgiving day between Council Bluffs and Omaha. The match is to be between a team of ten selected men from the Council Bluffs club ranks and ten men from the Omaha club, fifteen live birds to the man, modified English rules, for to be the guests of the Omaha club and is matters not which way the match goes, they will be entertained at an elegant game dinner at McTague's Saturday evening.

BROWNVILLE, Neb., Nov. 19 .- To the Sporting Editor of The Bee: I send you this letter to give you a few points in regard to the big match hunt we are to have Thanks-giving day and which may interest the many readers of your Sunday sporting columns. The hunt will take place from a. m. to 6 p. m. Thanksgiving day and will be participated in by at least fifty hunters including such sports as "Huckleberry Den" and Billy Kauffman, who will captain the respective sides. Game of all kinds being so plentiful in this vicinity wagen loads should be brought in to the opera house, where it will be counted, a big supper given to the willers and a big social and dance indulged in. The willow bars are alive with cotton-talls and quite a number of jacks are found ate, of course, the "appropach" enjoy a good hunt. We have all read your ball over hunkers and other ob- admirable articles of ducking in the sanddown and foin us and any friend or friends you wish to bring along will be made more than welcome with yourself. If you cannot come and take part in the hunt, come and

count game in the evening. J. N. DILLON. Will Pixley, of local cycling fame, spent a

The first jack jumped was a veteran old buck. He got up with the wind and fairly outstripped it for a mile or so, when the lean and lank Jim overhauled and pulled him down, Dick and Kaiser barely getting in at the death. There were many and exciting runs, filled with both interesting and ludi-cious incidents, and at the end of the day a pyramid of jacks, numbering a few head twenty, were piled at the hunters' Mr. Pixley brought home one that feet. Mr. Pixley brought home one that was taken from the hounds alive, and ex-hibited it to his friends here. The vicinity of Geneva is a great breeding ground for jacks, and while Mr. Pixley's party was extremely successful they jumped many of the long-legged and long-eared varmints that cluded both hunter and hound.

NAV. NINVENHULL AL YAN

CLARKS, Neb., Nov. 10 .- To Sandy Griswold. Sporting Editor of The Bee: There is plenty of water in the Platte at this point now, and a good many Canada geese and a few ducks have come in. Look for good shooting from now until snow drives the birds away. Hope you will be able to get up here this fall.—Sam Richmond.

OMAHA'S DOUBLE-HEADER.

Local Base Ball and Chat from 'Round



ranchises in both the Western league and Western association, and the question is now what is she going to do with them? The franchise in the Western league was handed over at the close of that body's annual meet-ing at Chicago Friday evening, Manning of Kansas City, Comiskey of St. Paul and Goodenow of Minneapolis were also appointed a committee of three to visit Omaha and look over the situation. This action on the part of the Western league moguls means that Toledo has been ousted and that Omaha gets her franchise and players, but as there are many things to be adjusted before a team here can be safely counted on, it will be best to await developments before attempting to dissiminate any information. That a fight is on between the Western league and Western association, however, seems inevitable. Ter days ago the Western association voted a franchise to Omaha and it is quite probable that they will insist before the national board that their action sticks. Of course rival professional teams in Omaha would no be suicidal to both, but impossible, as heretofore one has been an unsupportable burden. Next year, however, with the promised renewal of business, it is safe to say that either could score a big success here, for there is plenty of interest in the game here and plenty of people to support it if the times are flush at all. A conference will be held between the parties interested in the two leagues immediately upon the arrival of Messrs. Manning, Comiskey and Goodenow, and until then The Bee will forbear discus-

ing the situation.

The New York press has just dropped to The New York press has just dropped to the fact that "farming out" is a bad thing. The west has known it for a long time. "Spud" Farrish, who was in Baltimore last week, says that Joe Kelley will guard first for the Orioles next season.

"Pop" McCauley wants to come back to Omaha, and there is some chance of his being seen here this spring as a guardian of first, especially if the Association club remains here. However, no one has been signed yet, and it is premature to attempt discuss the make-up of the team. Players not under reservation and de sirous of joining the professional ranks are requested to send their names, age, weight

and past record to the sporting editor of The Bee. "Grasshopper" Ulrich is ambitious to re turn to Omaha. He is in Philadelphia this helping his pa in the dairy. Chicago may have a minor league team next season. A street car company has built a large park, and is now looking for a fran-

Billy Hart has been spoken of an the

Fred Ely, who is suffering from lung trouble, is in Denver for his health. Ned Swartwood will be an Eastern league impire next season.

The latest from Philadelphia is that the

The League's tribute to Harry Wright was one well deserved. Next spring "Harry Wright day" will be celebrated in every city of the twelve, and the proceeds of a series of exhibition games will be devoted to the erection of a monument to the memory of the | depths. veteran.

When Jack Doyle gets to Baltimore Colonels McGraw and Jennings will elevate their golf caps and hall him as a friend and brother. Just, imagine the chin music in Maryland next spring.

Western association has passed a rule preventing the transfer of players during There are no less than seven men on the

Louisville pay roll who have the prefix "Me"

to their names. There's a St. Patrick's day parade for you. "Rasty" Wright will manage the Patterson N. J.) team in Sam Crane's "Mosquito At present he is making cigars in Michigan.

ELLSWORTH, Kan., Nov. 22.—To the Sporting Editor of The Bee: What prize fighter struck the hardest blow that has een delivered?—Archie Huycke. Ans.—It is not definitely known, but it is generally conceded that the man who struck Silly Patterson struck the hardest blow hat has ever been delivered. CARROLL, Ia., Nov. 21.—To the Sporting Editor of The Bes: Please answer in next Sunday's Bes why Maher and O'Donnell were allowed to engage in a prize fight, and Corbett and Fitzsiamons would not be per-mitted, at same place, if they so desired?—

Ans.—Give it up. ULYSSES, Neb., Nov. 21.—To the Sporting Editor of The Bee: Did Peter Maher and Bob Fitzsimmons ever fight? If so, who whipped and when did they fight?—W. F. M. Ans.—On March 2, 1892, Fitzsimmons whipped Maher in twelve rounds at New

OMAHA, Nov. 20 .- To the Sporting Editor of The Ber: Please state in Sunday's Bea the different advantages in using white or smokeless powder over black powder ought to know, you are a hunter .- P. D.

Ans.-Less report, less recoil, and but ttle smoke and no dirt. WAHOO, Nov. 21.-To the Sporting Editor of The Bee: Please answer the following question, viz.: In playing seven-up a jack question. is turned, and the cards are run to a differ ent trump, and at the windup it is discovered that there is a misdeal. Does this jack count or not?—C. M. and C. C.

McCOOK, Neb., Nov. 20 .- To the Sporting Editor of The Beet Please answer the fol-lowing in next Sunday's Bee: A bets B 2 to 1 that he (A) will get 100 votes more than a certain candidate regularly nominated for a county office. A was put up by petition. The candidate's name was printed on the ticket, also A's name. Three days before election the said candidate said he would withdraw from the race. The certain candidate received 46 votes and A received 240

A claims the money; is he right? . P. Rewer. Ann.-It looks very much as if he is OMAHA, Nov. 21.—To the Sporting Editor of The Bee: Please tell me in the sporting dumns of next Sunday's Bez what is the best time that a man has ever run a mile in, and what the best time that a man has waiked one in?—A Subscriber. Ans.-One mile, 4:12%, W. G. George, ngland. Walking, 6:231-5, F. P. Murray, England.

New York City. Georgia Cayvan is a bright wit as well as a great actress. On her return from Europe the other day she was interviewed by a representative of the press, who varied the time-bosored communium usually asked in such cases by the question: "Does the new woman exist in Parts, and did you run across her there?" Her reply deserves to be cut out and preserved: "My dear sir, do not be deluded. There is no new woman. She is a myth and a fiction. There is only the One of the crack 2-year-old jumpers I spoke about has week has taken a big tumble since those complimentary lines were possibled. I mean flyron McClelland's dandy son of Kieg Eric, Prince Llef. He came back from the cast a week ago with five straight wins on his string, and a few days and started for the large stubble fields situated in a field of dogs at Lexington. He was such a good thing that the bookies held him at 1 to 8, but he was bookies held him at 1 to 8, but he was bookies held him at 1 to 8, but he was bookies held him at 1 to 8, but he was bookies held him at 1 to 8, but he was bookies held him at 1 to 8, but he was bookies held him at 1 to 8, but he was bookies held him at 1 to 8, but he was bookies held him at 1 to 8, but he was bookies held him at 1 to 8, but he was bookies held him at 1 to 8, but he was bookies held him at 1 to 8, but he was bookies held him at 1 to 8, but he was bookies held him at 1 to 8, but he was bookies held him at 1 to 8, but he was bookies held him at 1 to 8, but he was bookies held him at 1 to 8, but he was bookies held him at 1 to 8, but he was been out in shabby style by an unknown called Umberlia. Many of the wise boys who laid eight

Now and in the Wondrous Days of the Olden Time.

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WILD GEESE IN COUNTLESS HORDES

Clarks and Its Famous Men-Anser Canadensis and His Snowy Confrere-A One Day's Shoot on the Tortuous Stream.



of the whole twelvemonth with the shotgun is now at Its height-goose shooting on the Platte. Since Nebraska was marked down on the maps as the great American desert the Platte river has

widely distributed over this country and has furnished grand sport in every state lying between the two oceans, but in no locality have they been more numerous or furnished better or more thrilling or a greater variety of shooting than the country traversed by this erratic and legendary river. In the spring ten or fifteen years ago they came up from the south in countless millions-the lordly Canada, the white and speckled frontand crowded the sandbars and dotted sloping shores and greening fields along this wondrous stream from source to mouth, and furnished such sport as could be found in no other part of the country. In the fall they came down from the north in a veritable stream of white and gray, and, lingering here until the very climax of wintry weather forced them on toward the temperate gulf states, made such sport as the modern gunner only encounters in his dreams or ancient literature. Though fair shooting is yet to be found at different points along the Platte, nothing can give an adequate idea of the myriads of geese which once settled down in its shallow waters and swarmed its shores. In the vernal season the white geese bore down here in such hordes as to almost startle the beholder. Like lines of summer clouds, they streamed along the distant sandhills, stood like banks of snow upon the sands and tender shoots of the measureless prairie, filled the channels or floated lightly in the sloughs like the foam along a violently storm-beater ocean's shore. Their clanging cackle, inter-mingled with the sonorous honk of the Can-adian, could be heard for miles.

After a long winter's arduous work at your desk in office or store, what is sweeter to the ear when your vacation days come and you find yourself at the opening of the budding year upon some favored hunting ground, than the far-reaching honk! abonk! bonk! of the wild goose? Do you recall any sound that awakens such train of tender, yet exciting thought as this deep-toned and musical sound comes to you from the distant sky, or above your camp in the darkness of the night, or from every quarter of the compass as you crouch in pit or blind in the morning when th birds lazily rise from their roosting places along the bars and with measured wing-stroke start a-field for the scattered kernels of the huskers' corn, for the ten-der grasses in the pasture lands or the wheat in the stubble?

And then in the evening when the avalanches of white and gray return for water and rest within the bolsterous shores of the river? There they come, over the glowering sandhills from the distant fields playing manager of the Omahas. He is on Pittsburg's reserve list, but is anxious to get away.

Fred Ely, who is suffering from lung trouble in Deputer for his health. their own peculiar and amusing way. Once over the middle of the broad and scattered stream they seem to hang stationary a mo-

yards of the water, when they right them selves, form in a long line, skim gracefully up or down stream for a hundred yards or more, then settle like softly falling autumn leaves within the Platte's crystal and cooling

Fond recollections, indeed, must the r countal of these sights and sounds bring t many a sportsman's heart, for, as I said be fore, there are no sounds of such wondrous sweetness to the gunner's ear as the honk and the cackle of the wild goose. Sailing in the solemn midnight, underneath

the frosty moon, can hear the clanging pinions of each I can hear the clanging pinions of each shadowy platoon,
Near the winged hosts, commotion, marching to the distant ocean,
File on file, rank on rank, speeding to some reedy bank,
Oozy fens or marshes gray, far up Baffin's icy bay.
Honking, clamoring in their flight under the black clouds of coming night."
While geese have been known to breed in the sloughs at different points along the

the sloughs at different points along the Platte and the Republican, it has only been in isolated cases. Their natural b grounds are in the far north, so far Their natural breeding that they are seldom in danger of molesta-tion from their most destructive enemy, man. In a measure, the same statement holds good with most of the fowl family, and at no di day I will give the rea of these columns my idea of the breeding of these birds. When the summer months have faded away and November rolls round with her hoar frosts, her mellow-tempered and sunny days, with her cold and wind and gloom alternating, we hear the familiar honk of old Anser Canadensis and gazing skyward our anxious vision is rewarded by the sight of the harrow-shapen flock, headed by some white collared old veteran, coming down from the north. While the sight and the sound sets our blood a-tingling, they also warn us that it is a good time to see that our coal sheds and cellars are well filled, that the days of gentle winds and golden weather are fast reaching their end. And then again when the same thing occurs in blustry March, we know the goose is the sure forerunner of warm rains, of springing grass, budding flowers, blackbirds, meadowlarks and scothing warmth. But to go back to the Platte and its glorier in a wild goose way. Ever since that showery April, at the close of the rebellion, back in '65, when C. B. Hartwell opened the junction ranch on the old Military road, has the vi-cinity been one of the most famous points, as clairy been one of the most famous points, as it is yet today, for wild goose shooting. From Hartwell'a settlement sprang the thriving little village of Clarks, named in honor of Hon. S. H. H. Clark, then the superintendent of the Union Pacific railroad now its receiver, and from its very inception has this station been a favorite headquarters for sportsmen from not only all over the west, but the entipe country. Thousands of west, but the entire country. Thousands of shooters have stopped and lingered here, and millions and millions of geese shipped hence as the fruits of their expeditions up or down the river, or from rolling field and pasture

extending for miles and miles both to the north and to the south. Here is the cele-brated hostlery of Uncle George West, with its cleanly and sumptuous bed chambers, its excellent table, genial service, and its incomparable host. No man along the Platte is better or more favorably known than Uncle George. He has presided there for years and years and his name is revered by the true goose hunter in all parts of the broad land. And Uncle George is not the only man known here. Clarks is also the home of the redoubtable Sam Richmond, the champion goose killer of the Platte valley, the master of wild fowl and hunting lore, a crack shot with rifle, shot gun or mouth, and one of the most affable, courteous and companionable men to be met with in 10,000 miles of travel. I wish you could see Sam as he crouches behind ice cake or driftwood on a bar, or peers warily from a pit in the fields. He is of medium stature, with blue eyes and brown hair, wiry and athletic, with a face bronzed by almost constant exposure, and in his shooting togs, close-fitting dun wammus, mackintoshes and slouch hat, he is the very ideal of a goose hunter. He knows the best feeding grounds and the birds favorite bars. just when they will leave and when they will return, how the wind should be and how it ought not to be, where to build your blind and where to set out your decoys—in fact, there is no trick of the trade that Sam isn't

up to and a day's shoot with him always means a bag of birds. He is a protege of Uncle George's and has lived with him a good many years. But it is neither Uncle George nor Sam, either, that makes Clarks such a famous resort for the geese. Here the un-fettered Platte rushes and gurgles and sings

THE CHARLEST SEE

along as if under a magician's spell, with the soft autumn or spring breezes dancing over its frothy surface and the yellow sunshine kissing ragged, willowy shores, rolling wave and sandy bar into radiant smiles. Down goes the broad river through one of the grandest corn countries in the world, on it goes with mighty impetuosity, wild, lovely and fascinating in its sweep of noisy grandeur.

But the Platte is not always the same. It is a wonderful stream, parplexing and little understood. Two weeks ago its broad bed at Clarks was as dry as a floor, today it it a savage river, a gleaming, glittering expanse of water, the dim artery of all the vast country beyond, of more than a mile wide and across which you can wade without danger at any point. It is simply a broad wilderness of rushing narrow channels, sand bars and eddying pools, with willow-bordered and gully-riven banks.

Barrister Myron Learned and his guest, Mr.

Sidney Warner, of Minneapolis, and Charlie Metz and myself spent a day out there recently and under the guidance of the re-doubtable Richmond, we enjoyed ourselves in a superlative way. Early in the morning we drove down th

Platte for a distance of three miles, where Sam had a couple of blinds built on a couple of much frequented bars. These blinds wer about one mile apart, and while Metz and and Sam occupied the lower one, Learned and the Minneapolitan took the upper. The birds were leaving the bars for the fleids while we were lugging out our decoys and traps and by the time we got snugly fixed, any where from a dozen to a score of long lines of departing birds could be descried against the background sky. There were hundreds of them and they were all Canadae.

That there was an abundance of birds there was no denying, but lovers of the field most all know that plenty of game does not always imply plenty of shooting, any more than plenty of shooting always implies a big be of game. Nowheres have I observed this truth more forcibly exemplified than on th Platte. In the old days goose shooting did not require the nicety of preparation and extreme caution it does nowadays, although it was always advisable to be well hidde while waiting for a shot along their line o flight. Ten years ago an old fence, a bunch of standing corn, clump of sumac bushe or a small washout was sufficient, but not your blind must be carefully and artistically arranged and your shooting hole deep and well concealed.

All morning we waited and and watched but not a feather of returning birds did we see until the sun had reached the noonday mark, when suddenly Sam made a dive for he blind, exclaiming as he did so:

"There they come!" Metz and I were quickly crouching on th wet sands beside him, but peer as hard and eagerly through the network of brush and reeds as we might, nothing awarded our strained vision.

Honk! ahhonk! ahhonk! honk; honk! honk is the thrilling sound, though, that greets our hearing, and we feel that Sam knew what was talking about. The next moment we catch sight of them-a long line, with measared wing flap, is approaching from over he low sandhills to the south. With palpitating hearts, though as still as graven images we crouch and wait. On they come, straigh for us.

"They will decoy sure," whispers Sam. What a rapturous moment. We could hardly control our impatience, but the birds came steadily on, the grizzled old gander in the lead, almost constantly sounding his satisfying honk, while the rest of the flock

mildly responded.
"Hear 'em talk," chuckles Colonel Rich Now they begin to rise perceptibly as they lear the always dangerous shore line. Their harp eyes are on our decoys and they cup their wings and begin to come down. Closer and closer they come, until we could plainly see their white throats and bead-like eves Now they drop their sable legs, and whiff! whiff! whiff! heavily fan their wings. They are about to light and our time has arrived As a single man we leap to our feet. I gave the old gander a load in the breast, but with Phillies' infield will be: Boyle, first base; Sounding its thrilling note, down third base. That's good.

The League's tribute to Harry Wright was got in both barrels. But that was a plenty. Three magnificent Canadas, aggregating at least forty pounds of fat wild goose. Could true sportsmen ask for more? But that was not all. The same flock

swung off up the river, and four birds, separating from the rest, in spite of the esson we had just taught them, lower their ashen bodies and go into Learned an Warner's decoys, and they, too, make a kill-

one each. There would be little use in rehearsing all the scenes of the afternoon. Suffice it to say that there were three other flocks came int and we did our duty to each. About 4 'clock we left the bar and went to a neighboring pasture, and there, in the rose colored twilight, from behind a barricade of sunflower stalks and wisps of prairie grass we added two more birds to our already SANDY GRISWOLD. spectable bag.

SURGERY WITHOUT PAIN.

Important Operations Done While th Patient is Fully Conscious. The meeting of the Philadelphia County rendered particularly interesting on account of the presentation of a paper by Dr. T. Par-vin, on the new method of abolishing the pain of surgical operations without the necessity of employing ether or chloroform. the system suggested and practiced by the well known German surgeon, Schleich, who by its use, has been able to perform practically all the minor and many of the major operations of surgery without the slightest

pain to the patient, and without depriving him in any way of his consciousness. By the method of Schleich there are pre pared three solutions of common salt, in which are dissolved different quantities of murlate of cocaine and morphia. The part to be operated upon is thoroughly cleaned with an antiseptic solution, and the surface brough to a low temperature by a spray of chloride of ethyl. Into this area of the skin, which by the action of the spray, has been deprived of all sensation, the salt solution containing the cocaine and morphine is injected by means of a special hypodermic syringe, nu-merous punctures being made in all directions. This renders the deeper structures insensible from twenty minutes to balf an hour the patient is not conscioue, so far as actual pain is concerned, of extensive cutting and

The new method differs in an important degree from the ordinary employment of hypodermic injections of cocaine. The strength of the drug which has been used in the past is about one part in each twenty-five parts of the solution, whi e in the Schleich method there is often employed a strength of only one in 10,000. In the former, however only a few drops of the solution are em ployed, while in the latter the tissues surrounding the part to be operated upon are thoroughly infiltrated with the solution. With the small quantity of the cocaine employed by Dr. Schleich, it is apparent that semething more than cocaine is responsible for the loca anaesthesia so perfectly obtained. In the opinion of Drs. Keen, Ashhurs; and Morton, who discussed the merits of the new system the infiltration of the tissues with the solu tion and the distension and consequent pres sure upon the small nerves were responsible in a large measure for the absence of pain when the incision by the knife is made To indicate the manner of employing the method of Schleich, and to show the entire absence of pain, one of the surgeons had the solution inserted beneath the skin of the arm and an incision an inch long made and sewed up before the society.

In the discussion it was generally conceded

both from the results achieved by the Ger-man surgeon and the experiments made in a number of cases in the city, that a decided advance had been made in the field of anaes-thelics, and that for a large number of op-erations the infiltration method would entirely superseds the general anaesthesia by ether and chloroform

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THANKSGIVING DAY'S BATTLE

Between the Long-Haired Warriors of Nebraska and Iowa.

GALA TIME FOR LOVERS OF THE GRIDIRON

Coach Thomas' Dutch Up-Panting for Revenge-Arrangements at the Park-Tremendous Crowd Assured-The lown Team.



5 oor ball will assuredly have the call in City this week and you may expect to hear the great winter sport discussed by all classes and at all places, for on Thursday next, Thanksgiving day, the great interetate collegiate championship battle between 'varsity teams of Ne braska and Iowa will take place at University

park on North Twentieth street. That it will be the red letter day in the annals of local pigekin hustling is already an assured fact, and it hardly matters what the character of the weather may be, one of the largest assemblages of spectators ever seen at a storting event in this vicinity will be on hand to enjoy the exciting contest that is surely forthcoming. Already enough reserve tickets have been sold both here and abroad to insure a crowd as large as that of a year ago, and as the management is still working away like so many beavers, the park may be expected to develop into a veritable hive of enthusiastic and noisy adherents of the two universities. They will come from all directions, as the railroads offer special inducements, and the local interest in the outcome of the struggle is something unparal. ieled and the turnout will be immense. There is no occasion for any apprehension on the score of accommodations. The park will be in such shape, with its enlarged grand stand, increased bleachers, adequate carriageway, roped field and spacious promenades, as will preclude the possibility of discomfort or in-

convenience to any one.

The turnout of tally-hos, carriages and gally bedecked vehicular conveyances of all kinds and descriptions will be a grand one, as all the local societies and the alumni of the different colleges are taking hold with a spirit and a determination that promises wondrous exhibitions in this line. The park itself is to also receive lavish attention at the hands of the management. The grand stand is to be decked with bunting and banners, and Old Glory will unfurl her beloved colors, not only from the tall staff at the main entrance, but from each corner of the The barricading ropes will be twisted with the colors of the two teams, the old gold of Iowa and the crimson and cream of the Prairie state, and altogether the scene will be an impressive one, and coupled with the disordant slogans of college man and the disordant slogans of college man and youth it will be much more than this. The students from the State university will be here by the car load, and Mayor Bemis might as well make up his mind to turn over the keys to them first as last, for they will certainly proceed to run things the moment they set foot in town. And won't they make the old burg hum? You bet they will, for if there is anything that can beat a boiler factory for hideous sound, it is a delegation of well developed college students assembling for a championship foot ball battle. Long hair, huge chrysanthemums, dazzling badges and gay-colored ribbons will be at a premlum that day, and no mistake. Coach Thomas has been pretty glum since

cadaverous Kansans took a fall out of his pets a week ago, and he will come up here with both optics stuffed with gore. He intends to get even and Iowa can count upon being turned into a door mat unless she has picked up in all details of the strife since she met the stocky Missourians. They must fight as they never fought before or the muscular lads from before or the Salt the Salt creek valley will wallow them in the dust and over the frost-bitten sward like a terrier toying with the servant girl's overshoe. The Nebraska team has been putting in some telling strokes during the past week and are even now fit to bat-tle for their lives, and while it is quite probable that they will win the day, it is equally evident that this will not be acmplished without a struggle. A correspondent furnishes the following re-

ating to the lowa team: IOWA CITY, Nov. 22.—To the Sporting Editor of The Bee: Although the record of he foot ball team of the University of lows o far this year has not been as defeats as many hoped for, yet the prospects for the remainder of the season were never brighter. The game with Nebraska at Omaha on Thanksgiving day is the center of attraction, and much of Iowa's best materia is being held in reserve for it. The uni versity never had a nervier team in the field, and its defeat by Kansas was due to a lack of coach during the early part of the season. Larrabee has been doing excellent work in coaching the team so far, but he neeeds the assistance of a professional. gotiations are now being made services of such a man, and it is to be hoped one may be secured upon the team's Medical society recently, says the Record, was return from Missouri next Tuesday to be-

gin work immediately.

The interference work of the team, which has been somewhat defective, is now largely remedied, and the team is playing with a snap and vigor seldom seen. By the time of the Thanksgiving day game with Ne-braska several of our old men will be in excellent shaps again. Larrabse and Hull are also going to train for the game, and Kepler will be around again and in playing form. The game promises to be a hard fought one and the winning team may have cause for rejoicing. The following is a brief writeup of the individual players:

Leighton, the captain, was one of the strong men of last year's team, and shows wonderful improvement since then. He plays the same position as last year also, this being right guard. He is absolutely certain in every olay, and shows a cool head and good judgent in captaining the team. Iverson, center, has held his position for two years on the team, and there has never

been a game where he has been found want-ing. He is sure in getting the ball back, and is excellent on defensive work. His ability as a player has never been questioned in southwestern Iowa. Walker, the heaviest man on the team, plays left guard. This is his first year's work at foot ball, and although he is putting up a stiff game, he is hardly aggressive enough.

By another year he will be invincible. Walker, Iverson and Leighton are sure to hold the center solid. Stanton, right tackle, began his work in the game with the Ames team about two years ago. He is strong, aggressive, cool-headed and good at breaking through the line. He has been troubled with a bad knee, but will be in good shape again by Thanks-

Gardner, a new man, takes the place Burns, who was injured in the Kansas game, at left tackle. He is a hard player, follows the ball well and is by all means better on offensive than on defensive work. This defect is largely due to lack of coaching and will be fully overcome by the time for the

Nebraska game. Thomas, like a majority of the team, is new man, but has the making of one of the hest ends in the west. He is excellent at breaking up interference and seldem misses

Holbrook, the colored end, last year of the Tipton High school team, is playing a very strong game. He is one of the best tackles on the team, is always in the play, and is fleet. Last year Nebraska had the mascott in the shape of a colored player; this year affairs are reversed. Holbrook promises to be as much of a star at end as Flippin was half-back.

Sawyer of Council Bluffs is playing quarter back. He, also, came from a high scho team. Although rather small, he is wonder-fully muscular, full of nerve and spirit, and is one of the best interferers on the team.

Gaines has played with Gouterman, Har vard's half-back, at Knox college at Gales burg, and also with the Indianola team. H is playing a strong game at half, is good at dodging, but is weak at following interferdodging, but is weak at tonowing ence. He is full of nerve and good at smash-

ing the line.

Brown plays left half, is one of the best tacklers, and is good at line bucking.

is a good runner, and enters into the spirit is a good runner, and enters into the spirit of the game from the start.

Hobbs or Kepler will play full-back. Kepler is the regular man for the place, but has been laid up for some time with a bad ankle. He has promised, however, to get in shape for the Nebraska game. Those who saw him playing last year know of his ability, and the fact that he has improved much this year adds to his class. his ability, and the fact that he has improved much this year adds to his plays. Hobbs has been regularly playing left half, but plays full during Kepler's absence. He is one of the best line buckers, is cool-headed, and a good punter. Maine plays sub-quarter, and it is hard to determine whether he or Sawyer is the better, but owing to Maine's work at half, it is thought best to reserve him for emergency. Seripbest to reserve him for emergency. Scrip-ture, Allison and Cutting are doing splendid

work as substitutes. The following are the ages and weights of the State University of Iowa team:

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Leighton, age 24, weight 185, captair; R. G.
Iverson, age 22, weight 185, L. G.
Walker, age 25, weight 185; L. G.
Walker, age 25, weight 185; L. G.
Stanton, age 29, weight 185; L. T.
Gardner, age 29, weight 180; L. T.
Gardner, age 29, weight 180; L. E.
Sawyer, age 18, weight 181; L. E.
Sawyer, age 18, weight 181; L. E.
Sawyer, age 18, weight 181; L. H.
Gaines, age 21, weight 185; R. H.
Hobbs, age 19, weight 185; sub F.
Maine, age 29, weight 181; sub Q.
Cutting, age 25, weight 181; sub.
Scripture, age 25, weight 185; sub.
Kepler, age 23, weight 185; sub.
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The west and the cart will virtually meet on the gridiron at Chicago Thanksgiving day when the Chicago Athletic club plays the Boston Athletic club. Both elevens are thoroughly representative, and are undoubtedly the firest athletic club teams ever organized in the history of American foot ball. Boston has a record this season never before equaled. For instance, they played tie, 0 to 0, games with Yale, Harvard and the Crescents, while they succeeded in thoroughly frightening Pennsylvania out of the New York engagement. Chicago, on the other hand, has conquered some of the strong eastern elevens, and has about finished one of the most successful eastern tours in the history of the club. It is to be a fight to a finish, and no one will doubt for a minute that the big game will abound in exciting incidents and brilliant plays.

LINCOLN, Neb., Nov. 15 .- To the Sporting Editor of The Bee: That the smaller col-leges are creeping up on their eastern elders in the foot ball arena is becoming more ap-parent every day. A few years ago the only colleges to have foot ball teams were Yale. colleges to have foot ball teams were Yale, Princeton and Harvard, and then the game began to spread and to become popular with all the colleges and schools, until today a school is not counted worth much unless it has its athletic team on the field—as Chancellor McLean said in his address to the students at chapel last week, "We need such sports, and what sport is better than foot hall to give a wear particular teams." ball to give a man quickness of perception and judgment in making him act for him-self on the spur of the moment. It teaches the strong man who has an overestimation of his powers that he has several equals in the world, and it also shows the backward man that he is a peer to his brother who has been vaunted to the skys." Continuing, the chan-cellor said: "The mind works more fully, and all the senses are more acute for having a good muscular development, and this is obtained in no game better than in foot hall A man has to decide on the instant what he will do, and must act accordingly."

As the game grows older, men graduate from the eastern schools and teach it to those farther west, until today the west has teams which are almost, if not quite, the equal of any eastern team. It is said of the Michigan team, that given the training of the Harvard coaches, the score would not be 4 to 0 against them, but a bigger score, re-

The west has much better material to draw from than the east. Our boys seem better developed and larger, but the east has the advantage in drawing players from the preparatory schools, where they have all played the game for a few years, while in a western college the coach has three or four old players, and has to go right to work and develop players from the green. A comparison of scores shows that our teams in this son of scores shows that our teams in this section of the valley are not far behind the eastern teams. Wisconsin has been considered the equal of Michigan. Northwestern beat Wisconsin, and Missouri beat North-western, Purdue and De Pauw. On another page you will see what Kansas did to Ne

Pennsylvania's action in canceling her game with the Boston Athletic club may bring about a lawsuit. The management of Manhattan field of course lost money on the Pennsylvania fluke, and some one will have o make the amount good. The grounds were all put in shape for the game at no little cost, and 2,000 people waited about the gates for admission. This action on Pennsylvania's part was very, very rank, and the effect of the fluke will be felt at Philadel-





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