SPORTS OF WANING WINTER

Revival of the Olympian Games at Ancient Athens.

CLASSICAL TESTS FOR MEN OF MUSCLE

With the Dead Games at El Paso—In English Waters—The Wrangles in Sport—The Derbys with All the Live Sporting Gossip of Day.

THE fact that there is to be a revival of the famous Olympian games will be heralded with extreme satisfaction by the athletes of both continents. These world-noted Greek pastimes will be begun in Athens, Greece, late in April. While the interest in this event may not be so intense in this country as it is in Europe, there is still enough of it to inspire the utmost curiosity. The exclusion of foot ball, base ball and polo, three popular sports here, is undoubtedly the only reason why the announcement has not been received with the same fervor manifested on the other side. It is reported, but not authentically, that the New Manhattan Athletic club of New York will send a team over. If they do there is but little fear but what their showing will be up with the very best, and it is the general wish that America will be represented. These Olympian games are of especial interest to the students of all the colleges in this country, but more particularly to the Princeton university. This is owing to the fact that the American representative of the international committee is a professor at the college. Prof. William M. Sloane, who is at the head of the department of history and political science in the university, is authority on the subject, and all of the American business connected with the games passes through his hands. He has taken pronounced interest in the college's athletics, and it was probably owing to this fact that he was chosen as the American representative. Prof. Sloane is much disappointed over the outlook, inasmuch as he apprehends that no American team will go over. It was his hope that a whole shipload of athletes would be sent across and that they would hold the pole that would reach the persimmons. The card of sports being prepared includes "feet races," 100, 400, 800 and 1,500 flat metres (equivalent to about 110, 440, 880 and 1,650 yards); contests, running long and high jump, pole vault, putting the shot and quoits; cross country race, forty-eight kilometres (equivalent to 29.76 miles), from Marathon to Athens, for a cup offered by M. Breal of the French institute. Gymnastics: Individual armpull, horizontal bar, rings, parallel bars, vaulting, weights. Teams of not fewer than ten members will be admitted to contests, yet to be arranged. Fencing, wrestling and marksmanship; yachting and rowing according to the entries and under special rules to be obtained from the French Yacht union. Cycling, 2,000 and 10,000 metres (equivalent to one mile and a quarter and six miles and a quarter respectively) on a track, without pacemakers; 100 kilometres (sixty-two miles) and twelve-hour contests with pacemakers. Horsemanship, contests in lawn tennis and cricket or similar games for which contestants and teams offer. Olympian games in the future will take place at the following dates and places: 1900, at Paris; 1904, at New York City; 1908, at London. Thousands of masons and carpenters are now at work rebuilding the famous Stadium in Athens and replacing, at great cost, the important scenic surroundings of the original festival. Boxing has been entirely eliminated from the games. In ancient times the Greeks were great pugilists and their boxing bouts were of a deadly order. It is expected that the colleges of the world will furnish most of the athletes.

The Northwestern Association of Trotting and Pacing Horses has arranged for an excellent race meeting for Washington Park, Chicago. The program adopted contemplates an innovation when compared with former meetings. It was decided to commence the meeting with a horse show, which will open on Saturday, June 27, and occupy the first two days of the meeting. The Washington Park club will make this a society event similar to the well remembered Derby days, which have been a social feature with that club for the last ten years or more, excepting last year, when no running meeting was given. On Tuesday morning, June 30, will commence four days of straight trotting, pacing and bicycle races. The crack harness horses, like Patchen and Gentry, will not be in it this year and the boys with the bikes will. The "bike" feature will, doubtless, serve as a good drawing card, though the combination seems a little peculiar. It is a little bit like having horseback riding and dog races to attract a crowd to a fat stock show.

The twelvemonth just closed—1895—in the outset was expected to be the greatest year of international sport ever known in the history of athletics. But it was a disappointment. There were events enough, but so much wrangling and dissatisfaction was never the lot of sportdom before. What effect all these contretemps will have on international competition during the present year remains to be seen. The prospects for a cup race are infinitesimal, the Dunraven experience being the most damaging and disgusting faux pas of all the numerous annoyances of the year. We will be represented at the great regatta at Henley, however, as Yale has concluded to attempt the trick at which Cornell so ignominiously failed and the British turf will also be invaded by American horsemen. The London Athletic club is also in the field with a challenge to the New York club and it is still possible that Oxford or Cambridge will come over to measure strength with an American university crew. Again, it looks as if the three continents will make an effort at resuscitating the game of the professional rower, so that in an indefinite sort of a way the prospect for international sport in 1896 isn't half bad.

By the time The Bee's readers scan these pages I will be well on my way to El Paso. The interest is constantly on the increase in the big knuckle carnival which opens up on Friday morning next, and the outlook is rosy for a tremendous attendance. Last Sunday I briefly touched upon the main event, the battle between Maher and Fitzsimmons, and while the tenor of my remarks might have led one to believe that I lent a trifle Fitzsimmonsward I am honest if advising every better to reflect seriously before he lays his dough on either man and if you are not overburdened with the article that is supposed to accelerate the locomotion of the female equine it might be the wisest plan to keep your stuff in your inside pocket. There are a whole lot of wise guys who are shaking their heads ominously when referring to the second event, that between Walcott, the Barbadoes wonder, and Bright Eyes, the plantation coon, and I'll admit the chances here are good for a dump. Still it will require the actual argument with the mits to convince the great rank and file of Fistiana's followers that the man lives, anywhere near his weight, who can do the Boston shade. That Walcott is a wonder none can gainsay. He is built on the plan of the African quadrumana and seems to possess about the same inordinate vitality. He has fully demonstrated his worth in many a bloody scrap. On the other hand, Collins, the Dallas man, is utterly unknown outside of Texas, but there it must be acknowledged he stands ace high. Again, while I say that there is a chance of a surprise here, Walcott looks to me like ready money. There is always a likelihood of the unexpected when a new man is to figure in the deal. A champion is as likely to be developed today or tomorrow as he was when Jim Corbett harvested his laurels, and the spectator who figures on form alone is the man who oftenest gets the short end of the money. In any event the contest will evidently be one worth double the price of admission. Wolcott stands five feet one and one-half inches in his fighting shoes, while Bright Eyes towers above him just seven and one-half inches, a good exemplification of the tall and the short of it. Collins will undoubtedly concentrate his energies in one grand effort to dent the cast-iron skull of the Barbadoes darkey, while the latter will find a target in Bright Eyes' bay window. Thus the line of battle will be contradistinct, and the result will depend on which goes first, Walcott's head or Collins' stomach. So you pays your money and takes your choice.

Now that the St. Petersburg chess tournament is over, it is pleasing to announce that there is still another event and even a still more prominent and interesting one on the tapis. Arrangements have been completed for an international contest with the knights and pawns between the cracks of this country and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, all the moves to be made by cable, and it will assuredly be the greatest chess duel the modern world has ever known. It wiss certainly strike the readers as rather unique to read of the contests, knowing that their own countrymen are playing in New York and the Britishers in London. The tourney will run two days, March 13 and 14, and the victorious team will be awarded with a magnificent silver cup valued at $1,000, and which has been donated by Sir George Newnes, president of the English Chess club.

Oliver Iselin has sorely disappointed all of us bellicose Americans. He will neither cross rapiers with the Earl of Dunraven, nor take a crack at him with his little pistol, let alone taking a punch at his jaw. Ollie evidently considers Dunny not in his class, and instead of going over to London for just some such fell purpose, Mr. Iselin went to complete arrangements for the sailing of Defender in the Mediterranean in the early spring. Orders have been received to get the boat in sea trim by April 1, and this leads the yachtsmen to believe that she is to be entered in either the Mediterranean regatta or the English events later on. In any case, that is what we want to see her do, race in English waters. Defender, unlike Vigilant, can turn on her heel like a flash, and she ought to show our English cousins the trick. The narrow courses of the Clyde were mainly responsible for the many defeats of the Vigilant, and her slowness in stays seemed to cause much amusement on the other side. What Americans want is to see Defender beat the whole lot of English racers, and it looks very much like the Defender people are going to make the attempt. Dunraven's boat Valkyrie will not be in the contest unless the earl makes some settlement with Mr. Iselin in regard to his recent charges. It is doubtful even then if Mr. Iselin would consent to race with Valkyrie. With Valkyrie out, of course, Defender's chief competitor would be Britannia, and possibly the Ailsa. As for the Britannia, she is the best all-round boat in the English yachting navy, not excepting Valkyrie. Many yachtsmen do not hesitate to state that Britannia is a better boat than Dunraven's challenger. The latter was badly beaten by Defender in the only fair race of the international series, and in weather favorable to the English flyer. If England sends Britannia, Valkyrie, Ailsa and Satanita, her four fastest sloops, American yachtsmen have Defender, Vigilant, Jubilee and even the old Volunteer to look after our interests in the Mediterranean. The movements of the racers will be watched from now on with intense interest.

If the following description of the arena where the fistic carnival is to occur is a correct one, and there is every reason to believe that it is, as it has the official endorsement of Dan Stuart, there will be no necessity for crowding or jostling: The diagram states that the seating capacity of the amphitheater will be 20,000. If the lines of the diagram are strictly adhered to the accommodations for the contemplated big crowd will certainly be first class. The ring is in the center and is of the regulation size. On all four sides berths have been left for the press. Just behind, in close proximity, are the boxes, while a few feet away are the reserved seats. Every chair is lettered and there ought not to be any scrambling for seats. There are thirteen rows of these reserved chairs. The general admission seats are raised and have been arranged in the shape of bleacheries. The whole arena, according to the diagram, is not unlike that of the former Seaside Athletic club at Coney Island. One noteworthy thing about the place is that the entrances to the various seats are so arranged as not to conflict. The entrances to the general admission and to the boxes and reserved quarter of the building are located opposite each other.

There is little doubt but what Ormonde, the greatest English horse of the generation, is going to prove a great sire. His first colt is creating a perfect furore in California turf circles. He is out of King Crust and is being prepared for the coming summer's local campaign. At a recent public trial with 110 pounds up this youngster went a quarter like a bird, flying over the distance in the excellent time of 0:23¾. It was this trial that has given the colt the boost. W. O'D. Macdonough gave $150,000 for Ormonde and it now looks as if the returns were to be such as to justify this enormous expenditure. While enroute from New York to 'Frisco four years ago Ormonde was given a two days' rest here and hundreds of horsemen flocked to the Palace stables to examine and admire him.

I am in receipt of the book slips from Simonton & Co., the big Covington, Ky., turf exchange, which gives a full list of the odds on the Oakley Derby, to be run at the spring meeting of the Cincinnati Jockey club. Ben Brush is a hot favorite over all the supposed eligibles, as the following quotations show: Ben Brush, 6 to 1; Ramiro (Fonso), 10 to 1; Prince Lief, 10 to 1; Captive, 15 to 1; Nimrod, 15 to 1; Applegate, 20 to 1; First Mate, 20 to 1; Hazlet, 20 to 1; Ramiro (Gano), 20 to 1; Semper Ego, 20 to 1; Ulysses, 20 to 1; Ben Eder, 30 to 1; Loki, 30 to 1; Penury, 30 to 1; The Dragon, 30 to 1; The Winner, 30 to 1; Refuge, 25 to 1; Frontier, 40 to 1; King William, 40 to 1; Byron McClelland, 50 to 1; Umbrella, 50 to 1.

THE SAGE OF SALT CREEK.

And Breezy Chat from the Four Corners of the Diamond.

REally, it looks as if the troubles of the Western Association had but begun, and the friends of Thomas Jefferson Hickey, the premier guy of this two-by-four organization, are extremely fearful that Thomas Jefferson has bit off more than he can comfortably masticate. Just now he is raking his medicum of gray matter over the establishment of a circuit, for it seems the one they had determined on is apt to be fractured in divers and sundry places. To one who is familiar with the caliber of the "Maggots" who are running the old thing, there are no surprises possible. Why it is actually alleged that Thomas Jefferson Hickey, known best in the valley of the Salt Creek, did not know there was a man in the world two years ago by the name of Nick Young. And more, they say his right-hand man, little Siddy Frick owner of the Des Moines team, in one of the early games under his régime, thought the game was over in the third inning, when Mattie McVicker knocked the ball over the fence for a home run. Frick was terribly wrought up at this, and, leaving the gate, he rushed out on the field and ordered Manager Traffley to play another game, that the people were still coming in at the gate.

Now, there is a pair for you to run a base ball league of the mastodonic proportions of the Western association—I mean a pair to run it into the ground. Down at St. Joe they are determined to stop Sunday ball playing and over in Burlington they are equally resolute in this direction, and the owners of both teams say that if this is accomplished they will have to resign their membership, as they couldn't keep alive through the practice season without Sunday ball. Dugdale, Ost and Nicol, neither of whom is a Vanderbilt, are now wondering where they are at, or going to be at, when the dickey birds begin to warble. It was this precious trio of gigantic minds that compelled Dubuque, Burlington and Cedar Rapids to put up a bond that they would draw 500 people per game and if they failed to show up this number at each contest they must pay the difference to the other clubs in good, hard iron dollars. Ost, Duggy and Nick, however, did not require themselves to furnish a like bond; they come from such great, big, metropolitan towns as Peoria, Quincy and Rockford, where business is so thriving that all you have to do to get the price of a bed and three squares is to take a pick and shovel and go out and work a week for it. All that these mighty financiers put up is the hundred dollar William on the 1st of April, which all the other clubs likewise do.

In 1894 Colonel Ost, who is a No. 10 wad in a 12 gun, would not stand to lose $20, which was the most he could possibly have been out, by finishing the season. Five of the good fellows of Quincy agreed to carry the club through and each one stood to lose thirty simoleons if there was no money taken in at the gate, but Ost wanted a clinch, so he went to the president of the association at that time, another No. 1 pill, yclept Dave Rowe, and had him promise to refund the money in case he lost his $30. Rowe's refunding anything is good, yet he promised his pal that it should be done. So much for history.

Now these same people want Rock Island to take Burlington's place, but after the treatment the latter received in '94, when they were kicked bodily into the street without even as much as a kiss of the hand, it isn't likely they will clamor over each others heads to get back. No, Mr. Thomas Jefferson Hickey will evidently learn before he is many years older that it is always better to play fair with old soldiers.

Within a short time the National league schedule will be made public. It was thought that at the meeting of the National Board of Arbitration some idea of how the holiday "plums" would be divided would be divulged, but the base ball solons ambled out of town without giving up the desired information. If President Young follows up his original ideas the Giants will have Pittsburg's gang of Pirates on one of the holidays. Since 1892 all the other westerners have had a crack at New York's gate receipts on a holiday. Chicago and Cincinnati have had two whacks, while Connie Mack's hustlers have never appeared in Gotham on any of the three big days. This year, however, Mr. Young will undoubtedly give the Smoky City crowd a chance.—New York World.

Pitcher McMahon's condition is just now the subject for a great deal of discussion. For him now, therefore, to announce that he is disabled appears to make his retirement a certainty. But for all that, Baltimoreans—Manager Hanlon in the number—are inclined to suspect that there is a pickaninny in the woodpile, and that McMahon is slyly playing for his release in order to play elsewhere, says the Washington Post.

At last a true line has been found on Snapper Kennedy's playing ability, says the Cincinnati Commercial Gazette. The batting and fielding averages of the Western association have just been completed by ex-President Kent. They were published in a recent issue of the St. Louis Sporting News. Kennedy, while he led his team, the Lincolns, in batting, is twenty-eighth in the league's list. Among the outfielders he stands eleventh in fielding. His batting average for the season is .315. He took part in 113 games and made 141 base hits. No record is given of stolen bases, but that Kennedy must have done good work in getting around the circuit is attested by the fact that he has 116 runs to his credit, only three men in the league—Joe Verner, Katz and King—having the best of him in the matter of making tallies. In the field he has 177 put-outs and 34 assists, with only 12 errors. Altogether he has a pretty fair minor league record and his form is enough to warrant Captain Ewing in giving him a trial.

For the benefit of my old Cincinnati friends I will say that President Kent's averages are not worth the paper they were written upon. In a letter to me, asking for missing scores, he said he had not received more than one-half the games from any city in the association, and from one city, Peoria, he had not received a single return. And then as to Snapper Kennedy, I am still willing and anxious to bet $25,000, more or less, that Kennedy won't last through a half dozen games with any club in the National league. At his very best he is but an indifferent minor league player and he gets the name Snapper from his ludicious throwing form. He snaps the ball only, and couldn't get in a long hit in a week in time to put the batter out at the plate unless he managed to throw the ball in by relays. Wait until you see Snapper, Mr. Weldon, Mr. Davis, Mr. Zubler and Mr. Mulford, and your beautiful dreams will fade like so much dishwater in an ashpile. Now, mind you, I am not writing this to injure or belittle Snapper any, but only in response to the delirious guff with which you fellows have been stuffing the Cincinnati public about a man you never saw nor know anything about. Snapper is all right in his place, and that is in a cornfield or a very minor league.

Charles Hoyt says that it cost him $10,000 before he found out that the public did not care a shoestring for Anson as an actor.

The University of Pennsylvania may be able to get together a fair base ball team, notwithstanding the fact that all but two of last year's stars have been barred by the faculty.

Jack Glasscock is looking for a job as first baseman. He believes that his days as a shortstop are over. I could have told Old Oyster Can that two years ago.

In speaking of Connaughton, the New York Herald says that he is weak on fly balls and cannot play while facing the sun.

The Cleveland and Pittsburg teams will play a series of games for a silver cup at Hot Springs in March.

John Foster of the Cleveland Leader says there are twenty-two reasons why the Spiders should win the pennant next year, and they are all signed—the reasons—but three.

What will Boston do without Nash's brain? is a question that is asked. Maybe Selee and Duffy can fill the vacancy.

Eleven of the men on the Cleveland roll reside in Ohio. The old Buckeye state has the right atmosphere to breed winners.

Manager Hanlon thinks Detroit is a better base ball city than Cleveland. Hanlon played in the Michigan city eight years ago.

Walter Wilmot does not fear that Von der Ahe will compel him to go to St. Louis. Wilmot says that Chris will not pay his fine.

Captain Blakely is the only member of the University of Pennsylvania team of 1895 who will be allowed to play in the team of 1896.

Every club in the Southern league will be required to deposit a $500 forfeit. This will insure a safer circuit than has existed heretofore.

President Robinson of Cleveland favors the abolition of the Temple cup games.

In the Club House.

When the new club rooms of the Tourist Wheelmen were informally thrown open the other evening, and the boys were comfortably seated around the little tables, some playing cards, others telling yarns, a glance around the room reminded one of some of the good old days of yore. A few of the old members were present, memories of bygone days were resurrected, and a very enjoyable evening was spent by those present. Picking up the visitors' register and turning back over a few pages, we found recorded the names of those who had mingled together with us at smokers, high five tournaments and other social gatherings in times past, when the club quarters were at Twentieth and California streets. Suspended over one of the center tables was a very beautiful spread, which was readily recognized as one of the old relics, and one which had been made by Mrs. M. O. Daxon and presented to the boys in those never-to-be-forgotten days. On one end the words, "Tourist Wheelmen," had been worked in the cloth, while the other end bears a fac-simile of a safety bicycle, being very perfect in workmanship. A box of smoking tobacco was resurrected from some unknown nook or corner, which contained a number of corncob pipes, which the boys eagerly sought, and after having filled them to overflowing, proceeded to enjoy themselves hugely.

During the evening Mr. George Randall brought in refreshments by the bushel, to say nothing of the excellent coffee which accompanied the rest of the eatables, and the invitation was extended to all those present to help themselves, which it is needless to say did not require the second invitation, it being a gentle reminder of the time when Mr. Randall very generously donated dinner for the club when they went out fishing to Hanthorn's lake. Of course, all the fish that were caught (?) were served, together with a very substantial lunch, and while the team that went along to carry back the load of fish which the boys had arranged to catch was obliged to return almost without any specimen of the finny tribe, yet the boys had a very enjoyable time, and will ever cherish a warm spot in their hearts for the many acts of kindness shown them during the riding season.

But leaving off my fish story and returning to the club house, we naturally commenced to ask questions about some of the furniture and fixtures which so beautified the rooms, and were very politely informed that much of it was donated by members of the club, together with the fine pictures and other things which aided in making the club rooms so attractive. The evening passed almost too quickly for the members who have been homeless for so many months, but yet each rejoiced in the fact that they now have a place where they can meet each other, and congratulated themselves on their comfortable rooms.

The secretary has his desk in the front room and when, during his absence, a member calls who is desirous of paying his dues Mr. Hosford has some little envelopes lying on top of the desk into which the amount can be inserted and afterward dropped in a slot in the cover of the desk. The secretary will attend to the rest. This is a capital idea and does away with the frequent excuse that there was no one there to pay the money to. The money drops into a safe receptacle to which no one but Mr. Hosford has access. If you know yourself to be in arrears just try it. All the leading cycling papers may be found in the reading room and the latchstring is always on the outside and visiting wheelmen will find a royal welcome whenever they see fit to call around to the club rooms. Room 11, Creighton Block, is the entrance number. The boys are thinking of adding a shower bath shortly, which will add much to the other conveniences which they already have in the parlors, reading room, gymnasium room, etc.

The regular meeting of the Tourist Wheelmen occurred at the club rooms last Thursday evening, when the usual routine of business was transacted and in addition some special committees were appointed. Mr. A. D. Fetterman, John F. Coltman, Ed DeRight and W. L. Burgess are now numbered among the latest names representing the members of the Tourists.

It has been suggested that, this being leap year, the female members of the club appoint some evening at the club house and that a social meeting be held, where the women will have full charge of everything. We think this is a good suggestion and hope that such a gathering may be chronicled some time in the near future.

Mr. F. M. Russell says that he will surely be with us on our pleasant country trips awheel next season. Glad to hear it. You will certainly have a very enjoyable time.

Bert Potter dropped into the club rooms the other evening and renewed old acquaintances. Bert has piloted the boys over many miles through the country in times past and now occupies the captaincy of the Omaha Wheel club. Come around often, Bert, and bring your friends with you.

What has become of Hartson, Gunther and the rest of the hardy road riders that we never see them any more? They certainly are not making centuries nowadays. Come around occasionally; we would like to see you again.

Mr. Vandenberg has just returned from a brief visit to Denver and the Denver cycle show. "Happy Van" has our congratulations and we hope that the new arrival (a daughter) will also become a cyclist. This probably accounts for his short stay away from home.

Cricket Club Waking Up.

The not far distant days of spring have already suggested to the members of the Omaha Cricket club the time when again the stumps will be set on a lively pitch, and the struggle for the season's trophy commenced in earnest. Last year's series of games showed not only some excellent cricketers in Omaha, but that there is many a Philistine who finds pleasure in watching and in not playing. It has been decided by the club members to give one of their delightful smokers at the Barker hotel on next Saturday evening, February 15. Whatever proceeds result will be devoted to the purchase of new cricket material for the use of the club during the summer. Previous smokers given by the cricketers guarantee the entertainment to be afforded at the one in prospect.

Dunny Should Apologize.

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LONDON, Feb. 8.—(New York World Cablegram—Special Telegram.)—The weekly sporting press follows after the daily London newspapers in declaring that Lord Dunraven utterly failed in making good his charges, and that not only for his own good name, but much more because he was practically a representative of the whole country, he must apologize. This has been the unanimous position of the English press, except the Times, and the Yachtsman today says it is deplorable that the Times should have published such misleading comment on the finding of the inquiry committee.

Cavanagh Won the Fight.

Cavanagh and Murphy, soldiers of the Second infantry, fought a prize fight last night at Sarpy Mills. A large number of Omaha and South Omaha sports witnessed the mill, which was a lively one. Cavanagh won by a knockout in the ninth round. "Irish" McGee was the referee.

New Three-Quarter Mile Record Made.

SAN DIEGO, Cal., Feb. 8.—McCrea, paced by two quads, broke the three-quarter mile standing start record today. Time, 1:22 2-5.

KEEPING TAB ON PUGILISTS

Governor and Sheriff of New Mexico Watching the Texas Border.

MEXICAN OFFICERS HAVE THEIR EYES OPEN

Delegate Catron Declares that Governor Thornton is Secretly Plotting to Let the Fistic Carnival Proceed Unmolested.

EL PASO, Tex., Feb. 8.—Governor Thornton of New Mexico, Sheriff Ascarte of Dona Anna county, which is just across the New Mexican line, and a number of deputy sheriffs are now here. Their object in coming is to keep a careful watch upon the movements of Maher and Fitzsimmons to see that they do not cross into the territory to fight. The New Mexican authorities say they will arrest the pugilists if any attempt is made to pull off the fight on their side of the dividing line.

After a stay here over night Governor Thornton left this morning for Santa Fe. The governor got in from Las Cruces on the train that brought Peter Maher to town last night, and curiously enough the pair took the same train out of here this morning. Sheriff Ascarate, who accompanied the fighters to El Paso, returned with him to Las Cruces this morning, and was advised by the governor that his vigilance was unnecessary, as the federal government has relieved him of all responsibility in the matter. Just where the governor obtains this interpretation of the law is not known here. Lawyers argue that under the new federal act the government must be called upon by the local territorial governor for assistance in suppressing fights before the troops can be ordered out.

Horace Leeds, the Atlantic City man who is to meet Jack Everhardt, got in this morning with Captain Glori and with his arrival every fighter who is to take part in the six battles is on the ground. Sam Austin of New York, temporary stakeholder, now enroute, wires that he will turn over the money insuring the purses to Stakeholder Lawler at Houston tomorrow morning and continue on here. George Siler, the referee, arrives in the morning from Chicago.

Governor Ahumada of Chihuahua is expected at Juarez today. The quaint town is in holiday attire to receive him. His excellency's arrival, it is understood, is to look over the Mexican border lines, with a view to protecting Mexican territory against invasion by the pugilists.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8.—Delegate Catron of New Mexico is greatly displeased at the impression which has been formed that he was acting under the advice of Governor Thornton of New Mexico in his efforts to prevent prize fighting in the territory. Mr. Catron not only denies that he has received the governor's co-operation, but makes the direct charge that the governor abetted Dan Stuart in his efforts to bring off the fight. Mr. Catron made the following statement to the Associated press:

"The statement has been published substantially that the action taken by me on the prize fighting bill was on the advice and the request of Governor Thornton. Governor Thornton never consulted with me, never advised me, nor requested me to do anything in regard to that subject. From information which I have received from New Mexico I believe that Governor Thornton, while pretending that he would like to stop the fight, was actually acting in collusion with Dan Stuart, in order to have the fight come off, had advised Stuart that there was no law in New Mexico which would enable him or the authorities to stop the fight and substantially informed Stuart that the fight might go on, although he could not openly consent."

As soon as the bill had been signed last night the officials here telegraphed the United States attorney in New Mexico to see that the law was enforced.

BACKERS ARE CONFIDENT.

The following statement, signed by Julian, Quinn, O'Rourke, Kinney, Davies and Kane, managers and backers of the various pugilists billed for the carnival, was today given to the press:

"After a thorough survey of the ground and information from the most vitally interested, desire to make the following statement to the press and public:

"We are satisfied that there is no possible danger of interference in any of the glove contests booked. The arrangements are perfect and the battles will be fought to the finishes and under conditions which preclude all danger of molestation from any source. The contests will take place in comfortable quarters, easy of access and arranged so as to afford seats for all who attend. Disquieting reports from various sections, we are satisfied, emanate from captious and unreliable sources. Surely, if we, who have everything at stake, have been satisfied, there can be little room for doubt with the general public. The fights will take place, and those who contemplate a journey here to witness them, can come on without the remotest misgivings or fears.

DENVER, Feb. 8.—A special to the News from El Paso says: George Siler of the Chicago Tribune, who is to referee the Fitzsimmons-Maher fight, came in this afternoon. It is now generally known among the newspaper representatives where the big fight will occur, but they have been put on their honor to keep the matter quiet until the morning of the 14th. There are forty-two representatives of the big dailies here now. But Masterson of Denver has taken charge of Dan Stuart's detective force, which is to prevent interference at the amphitheater on the days of the fights.

FIGHT WILL POSITIVELY COME OFF.

Congressional Legislation Does Not Interfere.

EL PASO, Tex., Feb. 8.—(Special Telegram.)—Congressional legislation does not now, nor never has, affected the fistic program. I state positively that the contests will take place on the dates advertised.

DAN A. STUART.

Dan Stuart held another meeting today with the citizens of El Paso relative to the $10,000 purse which the latter agreed to post. The money is already up, but has remained in the hands of the citizens. Stuart, who is already heavily out of pocket, met the citizens this afternoon and asked that the purse be posted with a third party. This, it is understood, was agreeable to the merchants, but they were to declare the purse forfeited should the big fight fall through.

The ground chosen, if selected, was as mysterious to citizens here as to the denizens of Labrador. It will scarcely take place in New Mexico. The hostile action of congress settled that, and neither Dan Stuart nor the fighters themselves wish to antagonize the law. Texas will not get the fight for reasons quite as patent. It will not likely be in Juarez, for Diaz has given his instructions to the governor of Chihuahua and then, too, there are three companies of Mexican infantry just across the river; but it is generally surmised that an attempt will be made to elude the Mexican soldiery. The cutposts of the Texas rangers are being moved closer to El Paso each day. This is evidently Governor Culberson's line of policy to keep a keen eye on the sports on this side of the river. This afternoon there was a show of activity, real, or assumed, noticed about the saw mill, where the ring paraphernalia stood. The ring fixtures are ready for shipment at a moment's notice. Wild rumors kept the people up most of last night. One was that the train for the battle ground would leave before daybreak, but the training quarters of Fitzsimmons at Juarez were as quiet as an Indian graveyard.

DRAWING THE LINE ON AMATEURS.

Qualifications of Persons to Membership on Teams Defined.

CHICAGO, Feb. 8.—Chairmen of the faculty committees of western universities met at the Palmer house today, reaffirmed the agreement of college presidents of last year and recommended the adoption of several new rules, drawing the line closer in the definition of an amateur in athletics and in the qualifications for eligibility to membership on teams entered in intercollegiate contests. Prof. Conway McMillan of Minneapolis, presided. The session was held behind closed doors. Casper Whitney, at the invitation of several of the delegates, called at the Palmer house after the session, and was invited to visit several of the universities represented, and a desire was manifested to discuss the charges he had made. Mr. Whitney expressed himself as disgusted by the reports of his interference with the meeting. He said he had given no invitation to dinner to the delegates Friday night, but had extended them an invitation to luncheon today from a desire to meet them personally and unite in a campaign for the purification of athletics. The limited time between sessions rendered it impossible for his invitation to be accepted.

LEAGUE OF OMAHA WHEELMEN.

Temporary Organization Has Been Effected—The Officers.

A few members of the League of American Wheelmen met at the Young Men's Christian association hall last night and formed the basis of a city league. M. O. Daxon was chairman of the meeting and J. E. Howe briefly stated the object. Messrs. Howe, Bouk and Ebersole were elected a committee to frame a constitution and by-laws for the new body.

On motion of Mr. Henderson a temporary organization was formed with J. E. Ebersole as president; W. C. Bouk, vice president; R. L. Huntly, secretary, and C. M. Russell, treasurer. The committee on membership selected was: Messrs. Patterson, Howe, Bouk, Johnston and Anderson. The object of the body which was named, upon a vote, the League of Omaha Wheelmen, is purely of a business character in connection with the League of American Wheelmen, election of state officers and to increase the membership of the national body in this city. Twenty-nine charter members' names were voted in, and all committees ordered to report progress at Young Men's Christian association hall February 17.

Association Foot Ball.

There will be a hot game of Association foot ball at Fort Omaha this afternoon between the crack Second infantry team and the Swifts. The Swifts have a good team and will try to outdo their performance last Sunday. The teams:

Swifts	Positions.	Infantry.
Dougherty	Goal	Fogarty
Rose	Full back	Roach
Murray	Full back	Allen
McCormack	Half back	Lawrence
Trussell	Half back	Russell
Snyder	Half back	Heiss
Wilkins	Right wing	North
Jessop	Right wing	Potts
Gray	Center	Kearney
Gulld	Left wing	Bublitz
Evans	Left wing	Cavanagh
O'Connor	Reserve	Smith
Diffin	Reserve	Murphy
Thiesson	Reserve	

The game will commence at 3 o'clock sharp.

Creighton college recreation ground was the scene of an interesting Association foot ball contest yesterday afternoon. There was a goodly number of kickers out, owing to the fine weather and sides were chosen by Butler and Kelley. The following were the teams:

Kelley's Team.	Positions.	Butler's Team.
McShane	Goal	Dougherty
Foster	Full back	Bushman
Hart	Half back	Snyder
Coffman	Half back	Neman
Sullivan	Right wing	Furay
Walsh	Right wing	Gilmore
Patt	Center	Butler
Kelley	Left wing	McShane
Hamilton	Left wing	Robinson

Furay, Gilmore, Butler and Snyder did some fine passing and worked hard to score, but McShane (in goal) was equal to the occasion. Kelley, Walsh and Hart put in good work for their side and managed to get the leather through. When time was called both sides were even, each having one goal to its credit.

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