FOOT BALL FOR NEXT SEASON

Interscholastic League Gains Much Favor Among Interested Towns.

tions Cause a Roar-Eastern Crews in Practice.

Manager Frank B. Knight of the Omaha High School Athletic association reports considerable interest in the movement to form an Interscholastic Foot Ball association for next year. He has already received letters from the foot ball managers of the High school elevens at Lincoln, Red Oak and West Point. All of these letters show that the scheme suggested by The Bee about a month ago is well thought of and of the proposed league. Before a meeting is called to perfect plans for the organization it is desired to hear from to the scheme, a league consisting of six toams will be formed at once in order that n schedule of games for the next season ay be prepared. With the High school foot ball teams of Omaha, Lincoln, Council Bluffs, Nebraska City, Red Oak and West Foint bound together in healthful rivalry we should see a gratifying advance in the sport next fall. The advantages of such : union are as many as they are good, and thive already been enumerated by this depart Superintendent Pearse of the Omaha olle schools is in favor of such a league and believes it would do much to improve and elevate the popular sport among the High schools hereabouts. Others who have best interests of the game at heart are also in hearty accord with the movement and in a few months this portion of the west will probably boast one of the strongest interscholastic athletic leagues in the

Athletic matters at the University of Ne-braska are on the boom, and all indication pelat toward an interesting spring season in both base ball and field and track statelies. The basket ball team has stopped playing after a successful season, and members are now engaged in training for the spring sports. This is the first season that indoor base ball practice has been carried on to any considerable exten-at the University of Nebraska. Aithough the season is as yet three months away there are at present practicing for the various positions some twenty-five men and about fifty have signified their attention o trying for the team. Twelve men are at present being coached for the pitchers' position, so the box will not be the weak spot. Fred Barnes, who has been engaged to ceach the aspiring pitchers, is rapidly getting the men in condition for the outdoor practice later in the spring. He will remain with the boys until called away t his duties in the National league. Afte he leaves the management will secure the services of some good man to act as field ceach through the remainder of the season. For the position the names of Cochran Creigh and Benedict, all old university play ers, have been mentioned, but nothing defi-nite has been decided upon. Captain Gor-don, who has been so largely instrumental in getting out candidates, assisted by other old players, has been coaching the new men in their respective positions and will continue to do so until a regular coach is

Manager Dennison has conducted an extensive correspondence and reports partially campleted plans. He has experienced much difficulty in arranging an eastern trip o account of the formation of a league of the have finally arranged their schedule there will be little doubt that eastern dates can be arranged, although Northwestern reguarantees sufficient to insure a trip through for. On this tour Washburg, Emporia Kansas University, Tarkio and other colleges will be played. This trip will occur some time between May 1 and May 15, while the eastern trip will take place shortly after the middle of the month. In addition to these two trips a series of three games will be played with the State University o lowa; one at Iowa City, one at Council Bluffs and one at Lincoln, Arrangements are also partially completed for a tri-state micet of the Universities of Kansas, Missouri and Nebraska to occur on or about Decora-tion day at Kansas City. This series will be played for a cup to be held by the win-ner. In order to get the team in shape for the big contests numerous games will be played on the campus with teams from the city and surrounding towns. These will nence during April and continue boys leave for the south about the 1st

Manager Bischoff of next year's foot ball team at the University of Nebraska has alraidy commenced an extensive correspond ence with various universities and colleges with regard to dates for next season. It is his intention to have at least four games on the campus at Lincoln in that the university may not have cause for complaint as to the character of the sport furnished it. Arrangements are about completed for games with Grinnell and Ames, but as yet dates have not been agreed upon. The team will have the two trips to Kansas and Missouri and possibly another one east if it can be arranged. Nothing has as yet been done with regard to a coach for the eleven, but that will be attended to some time later in the spring. D. N. Robinson, the very successful coach of the 1896 and 1897 elevens, is at present In attendance at the Harvard law school. As yet his plans for next year are very undecided. He has been offered the position of head co.ch at Brown university, where he was graduated, but he does not feel that he can accept. He has had some correspondence with the Minnesota State university and may possibly be found there. Strengous efforts will be made by the management at Lincoln to bring Robinson back to ceach what is expected to be another pennant winning team.

tion was called to the circular of the Amateur Athletic union regarding the registration of athletes, especially those who desire to play with amateur basket ball teams. That circular has occasioned multitudinous

anything to do with it, but no definite. There are still nearly fifty freshmen row-action was taken regarding the Amateur long every afternoon and it was learned yes-Athletic union's demand that all basket the number will be reduced to ball players must register, and pay into its treasury the sum of \$1, and all teams be assessed an additional sum of \$2, as a sanction fee for the privilege of playing games OMAHA'S NEW BASE BALL TEAM. with other registered teams. At a subsequent meeting, in order to have this quea-tion settled once for all, a committee was appointed to hear arguments for and against the Amateur Athletic union and figuratively fondling during the last week its registration scheme, and then report to or two seems to have lapsed into temporary the general body for final action. The com-mittee made what appears to have been a obscurity. The last number on the program snoat thorough investigation, and the open was a desperate break on the part of Grand

revolt from the union of all Philadelphia

In a registration fee. Speaking of the objects of the latest cruesde of the ballering organization Secretary James E. Seillean Tae eleventh-hour activity in Grand Rapknown as amateurs will be compelled CCLLEGE BASE BALL TAKES ON LIFE says: "We incend to step in where the colleges leave off and exercise control over
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the Amateur Athletic union. Furthermore, a
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reference in eastern exchanges to the fact
that the Omaha management is supposed play with a sanctioned club unless he is registered by the Amateur Athletic union. he Amateur Athletic union does not propose a pursue every amateus team that organizes. intends to go after the clubs, the members of which propose to be amateurs and yet violate the rules of the Amateur Athletic union by hiring players."

Colonel Hamburger, the American repre o is well thought of soil solutive of the Ameteur Affiletic union insures the formation Paris, is interesting himself in the propose bill now in the hands of Senator Thurston in reference to the appropriation for the Paris exposition. It is Colonel Hamburger's intention to procure, if possible, a portion of Nebraska City and Council Bluffs. If both this appropriation for the purpose of sending of these high schools are likewise favorable a team of American champions to Paris in 1900. Senator Mason, with Colonel Ham-burger, is framing an amendment to the bill and thinks he can possibly interest Sena-Thurston and others in the measure cael Hamburger has received a letter om Poron Pierre de Coubertin, president the international Olympian committee, of which the following is an extract: "The only thing I can tell you is that the Olympian games of 1999 will be held in Paris, in 1900, under the presidency of the Vicomete de la Rochefoucauld, who will act as the crows ince of Greece did, in 1896, when the first lympian games were celebrated in Athens. You know, by the way, that the third games are to take place in 1904 and that while Berand Stockholm are anxious to have them myself am very much in favor of New York, and so is, of course, Prof. William M. loane, who is the permanent American memer of the international committee."

> When the Intercollegiate Athletic associaon meets in New York on Saturday, Febru-ry 26, it will have brought to its attenion some important recommendations of the xecutive committee. One of the changes roposed is directed against the professional use of the college training table in order to coard a favorite athlete free of charge. The worling of the amendment proposed is

No one shall represent any college or university as a competitor at an intercollegiate meeting who shall at any time after Febuary 26, 1898, attend any training table rithout paying for his board at that training table an amount equal to that which his oard would have cost him had he not been t such training table. In case a competior's qualifications as to the payment of uch expenses are questioned, he shall fursish to the executive committee an affidavitish to the executive committee an affidavities. such expenses are questioned, he shall fur-nish to the executive committee an affidavit from himself, stating he has compiled in let-er and spirit with this constitution, and shall state in such affidavit the ordinary rost of his board and the amount paid, as soard, for his training table. He shall also furnish from the person or persons to whom he has paid said board an affidavit atting forth the amount paid to and re-erved by him or them) as board from the protested competitor.

rotested competitor.
This, if adopted, will do away with many complaints and should materially decrease the cost of athletic teams to the colleges. t is also proposed to do away with the mile walk in the championship contest and the substitution of a three-mile run; to give ne point to the fourth man in each event nd to abolish pacemakers in the bicycle aces. The bicycle races are no longer remired to be held "in or near New York." The committee recommending these changes onsists of Gustavus T. Kirby, Columbia, hairman; Murdoch Kendrick, Pennsylvania; Henry W. Howe, Harvard, and Oliver Shiras, Cornell.

The University of Wisconsin Boat club has ent word to Cornell that it would like to e represented in the proposed intercollegirace which will be held fuses us on account of loss experienced on June, probably at Saratoga lake or last year's game. At any rate dates and at Poughkeepsie-on-the-Hudson. The proguarantees sufficient to insure a trip through posed regatta promises to be a lowa and a part of Illinois have been secured, great success. With Cornell, Columso the eastern trip is an assured fact. A southern trip has been definitely arranged a certainty and with the prospects good for the entrance of Harvard, the Naval Cadets and one or more English beating clubs, it does not appear that the event will hardly be seriously narrowed by the absence of one There will be a Yale-Harvard race

The training of crew candidates at all the eastern colleges has now begun in earnest, and the indications are that a number of the crews will approach the high standard of the Cornell 'varsity crews. At Yale Bob Cook and Kennedy have a better lot of candidates to work. candidates to work on than Cook had a year ago, or, in fact, has had for several years. All of last year's freshmon eight are candidates for this year's Yale 'varsity erew. Three of the men who had seats in he 'varsity boat in '97 at Poughkeepsie have dince left Yale, graduating last June. These three were Captain Langford, the stroke, Balley, who sat at No. 5, and Campbell, who occupied seat No. 3. The five remaining men of the '97 'varsity crew are yet in col-lege and will undoubtedly be among these promising condidates for places in the Yalboat this coming season. Williams, who stroked the freshman crew to victory at Poughkeepsle, is the most likely man for stroke in next year's boat. Payne Whitney, the captain of the 'varsity crew, who rowed at No. 2 last year, has been rowing at bow during the training of the past few weeks. Rogers, who rowed at bow last year on the 'varsity, has not commerced to train ye'. but when he does he will in all probability fill the bow position and Captain Whitney tories to Yale university.

During the week the candidates for the fornell crews were called out for the first time and began work on the rowing main the gymnasium. In speaking of the afternoon's practice the Cornell Dally Sun says: After the freshmen had finished their practice Captain Coloon put a crew of last year's freshmen on the machines, made up as follows: Stroke, Inder: 7, Ayres; 6, Coit; 5, Hanmer; 4, Loeser; 3, Shire; 2, Smallwood; 1, Will. This was the same crew with but two or three changes which end multifarious kinds of trouble, and the end is not yet. The taxation of the Amateur Athletic union for the registration of lack of practice, they rowed fairly well toteams and individual players has drawn teams and individual players has drawn teams and parts of the cluding Wakeman, Balley, Stamford, King, Caldle Dalzell and Commodore White country, and nowhere have the discordant Odell, Oddel, Dalzell and Commodore White tenes appeared louder than in Philadelphia. It is their hands at the machines for a In the Quaker City the basket ball playshort three minute pull. It was a pleasure recently assembled in mass meeting desure, after watching for some weeks the scrub racing in Tennessee. One day a pedicided to be free and independent from the following story: ers recently assembled in mass meeting decided to be free and independent from the said Amsteur Athletic union so long as the conoxious registration rule shall remain in force. Indeed it new looks as though the registration rule, and the fees that are meant to accrue to the organization under that rule, would form a rock which would surely split an institution that was once truly great and noble.

Short three minute pull. It was a pleasure was a pleasure, asked there used to be a good deal of scrub racing in Tennessee. One day a peldicream along, who had a rough-looking black horse hitched to his wagon. The man agers of the affair got up a free-for-all race of mile heats, and the peddler non, should am, G. Young, Swanitz, Sweetland, and B. Young and Grimshaw. There were several other varsity candidates who respectively split an institution that was once truly great and noble. At the recent mass meeting in PhiladelAt the recent mass meeting in Philadelphia it was decided to form a league in order to place this popular winter indoor. Moore, Bentley and Briggs all of last year'e back his favorite, which was owned by one game under organized control, thus not only crew, did not report yesterday, but will popularizing the sport still more, but also come out in a few days. These men topopularizing the sport still more, but the popularizing the sport still more with the usual let of delinquents with persons who would injure it if they had probably swell the list to about thirty-five.

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Rapida to cut into the game, and since then the matter has apparently been lost sight of For a few days the local tans watched the And now the Amateur Athletic union pro-poses to purify smateur base ball. In order slightest infinition of new developments to do so all base ball teams that wish to be was discovered they gave it up in disgust

that the Omaha management is supposed to be having a line out for this or that For violations of either of these provisions the will be disqualified and ineligible to take part at the field and track games of the latercollegiate association, as that body a salled with the Amateur Athletic union.

The Amateur Athletic union. cerned, as absolutely nothing has been heard from them since they left town over two

> The only really spectacular feature of the week is the somewhat sensational method by which Chris Von der Ahe was spirited from St. Louis to Pittsburg to settle the \$2,500 judgment that was obtained against him by Mark Haldwin some time ago. It is a novel idea in legal proceedings to kidnap a man in order to get service on him, and it Chris was really as unwilling to go as the dis-patches make it appear the "abduction" was really a clever, if unscrupulous, piece of work. But people who have been familiar with the meny and various maneuvers of the foxy Chris will not be so ready to believe that he was simply snapped up and carried 1,000 miles if he had a really well developed objection to going. Anyhow the trip serves to keep Chris before the public and it would be surprising if that was mainly what

There is a vigorous and very well founded protest from all quarters against the present ridiculous system of scoring earned runs. According to the present rule an earned run practically means one that is batted all around the diamond and a base on balls, or a battery error arbitrarily breaks the combination. This is especially erroneous as far as it refers to a base on balls, for it is now engageded that the man who knows is now conceded that the man who knows how to wait at the right time is just as valuable as the man who makes a hit. It requires just as good an eye to pick out the ad ones as it does to select the good ones and there never was an earthly reason why base on balls should shut out an earned

The most general objection to the presen scoring is the fact that the earned run column gives no reliable indication of the effectiveness of the pitcher. He may pitch game without allowing the opposing team single earned run and still be credited with any number of bases on balls, will pitches and hit batters. It is contended that any run that is secured on account of the pitcher should be earned and that the score yould then be of value as showing his relaive efficiency.

Diamond Bust. Kansas City has secured Outfielder Frisbee rom the Quincy club.

Joe Battin was one of those who wanted to oe a Western league umpire and failed to

Amos Rusie is pulling off superfluous flesh by taking long runs over the roads around ndianapoli≓.

President Freedman has joined the growing galaxy of league magnates in favor of abolishing all kicking on the diamond. Harley Parker of Kansas City is said to be one of the pitchers with whom the Schu-

man and O'Brien management is negotiating Pitcher Henry Clarke of this city, who layed short engagements with Chicago and leveland, is now assisting to coach the Ann Arbor team. The price which Messrs. Schuman & O'Brien paid for Tommy Tucker's release from Washington is said to have been \$300.

It was dirt cheap at twice that sum. "Gene" De Montreville has signed his 1898 contract with Baltimore. He will receive several hundred dollars a year more from he Orioles than he received from the Sena-It is intimated that Grand Rapids has given up the job of securing a franchise

the Western league and is now making preparations to purchase the Wheeling frauhise in the Interstate league. No wonder several clubs are scrapping over

Willie Eagan of last year's Syracuse team.
A fielding average of 958 on second base in 35 games and an eye that lets him hit above the .300 notch is not to be picked out minor league company every day._ If any one has any doubt that Anson's

services could find a purchaser it is dispelled y Manager Hanlon of Baltimore, who cays that any time Cap wants to sign a contract to play first base with the Orioles it is at his disposal. And H what he is about, too. And Hanlon usually knows Charley Ganzel is another prospective mem.

ber of the Omaha team, if Omaha has one. Charley is one of the pioneer backstops of the National league and is the last of the champion Detroit team of 1887. While some of his youthful vigor is undoubtedly xhausted, he is still far from being a back-Ted Sullivan has been signed to manage

he Dubuque club. He managed the first club the city had eighteen years ago and lince then he has led a somewhat diversified career. He has spent the last few years skirmishing around the minor leagues lock-ing up promising young blood for some of the magnates, and certainly ought to be able to pick out a few good ones for himself.

GOSSIP AMONG THE HORSEMEN.

Tod Stonn Talks of His Experience with English Starters.

Tod Sloan, the little jockey who cut such a swath across the water during the latter part of the English racing season, has returned to this country with his clothes. He will return to No. 2. The men will continue to use the narrow-bladed English cars which they used last year, and the stroke will be ale, but will ride for the Fleischmanns this is in love with the land of roust beef and tengthened out as it was originally. There year. In 1899, however, he will put in the has been a tendency to shorten the stroke whole season in England, being already has been a tendency to shorten the stroke since 1892, and it has been chopped off by degrees until the crew went across the Atlantic to the Henley regatta, when it was very short. Since that time a reaction has set to, with the result that the stroke has been lengthened out to its old swing, a been lengthened out to its old swing, a an unkind word addressed to any jockey are all finished riders. The English jockeys are all finished riders. They ride differently from the American They ride differently from the American boys. Over there the jockeys roll their horses right in. They sit up straight, and well back. When I appeared on the tracks everybody laughed at me. I was well forward, in my usual position, and they thought it was funny, saying I looked like a monkey perched up where I was." While the English herses impressed Sloan very favorably, he contends that American horses are better, and are gaining rapidly in popularity in England. He advises the shipment of some of the best American horses over there, and predicts that after they won a few races they could be easily disposed of at a profit of 100

The political term "dark horse" is well known, but very few people are aware that backed his plug to the extent of his means. back his favorite, which was owned by one of his particular friends. He looked the contestants over as they were being saddled, and then said: 'No, I can't back your filly. and then said: There's a dark horse in there that I saw run mighty well at Nashville not long ago. I'll bet twenty dollars on him.' No one but his peddler owner knew anything about the dark horse, but he justified the confidence his owner and Judge Perkins reposed in him, for he distanced all his competitors in the first Ever since an unknown candidate has been called a 'dark horse' by the politicians, and many of them have won their races just as easily as he did."

Pressing the button completes the circuit. has been arranged except the date, but strating their ability to read the cards and arrangement was the result. When the horse was hitched up he spread his four legs and refused to budge. The current was turned on and the horse started off at a good gait. Every day for a week the horse received a lesson and it apparently made a permanent cure, as the horse soon pulled without the use of the current. On Redgers' trial the ourt decided that the use of the electricity three-volt current, was not cruel and disbarged Rodgers.

Either American horses are highly re-pected in England or else the handicappers ntend to keep as many of the rich stakes n England as possible. Without exception, American thoroughbreds are asked to carry ig weights in all the events in which they are entered and there is bardly a stake of importance in which this country is not rep-reserted. For instance, in the Hurst Park Spring handleap four out of the five top weights are American horses. If in spite of his handicapping the results are favorable of the American horses, the home thoroughtred will certainly receive a distinction mark

Bits of Turf. Ex-Secretary of the Navy W. C. Whitey has been elected president of a county

orse show association There are fifty yearlings at the Wood-line farm near Fullerton, Neb., and more than half of these are by Woodline. Bob Riley, 2:10, the Kansas picer, has been purchased by C. C. Christy of Kan-sas City, who is also the owner of Thorne,

Ten miles in 2:10 or better have been crotted over Iowa tracks, the fastest being the 2:05% of Nancy Hanks at Independ-

wore a boot of any kind and never made a break in her life, neither in her work or races. The first 2:39 performance for 1898

Orrin Hickok says Miss Rita, 2:08%, never

recorded in California on New Year's day, when the pacing mare, Ruby, won a race, stepping the third heat in 2:26. The report of some days ago that marck, the German statesman, had died, was caused by a cablegrum which appounced he death of Bismarck, a horse.

The horsemen of Kentucky will ask the legislature to pass a law which will require all horseshoers to undergo an examination fore being allowed to work at their rade. Ab Fullager, the well known western

iriver, will train over the fine mile track at

Davenport, Ia., this coming season. 'He will tart in with eight or ten good ones in his Matthew Laird has not yet decided whether

te will campaign Rubinstein, 2:05, and give bim a lower mark or keep him in the stud. A prominent horseman is trying to either ase or buy Rubinstein. He is in superb

WHAT THE PUGILISTS ARE DOING. Kid McCoy Takes a Tack that Will

Help Him with the Public. Kid McCoy has unquestionably taken the right tack in deciding to ignore Fitzsimmons and Corbett and to try to win heavyweight laurels by meeting other good men in that class. There is no doubt that he fell down in the opinion of the sporting public by going after Fitz and the ex-champ, for he certainly must have known that seither would have accepted his defi had he waited ten years. His conclusion to meet men like Maher and Choynski is likely to give the people of the country the idea that there is some-thing of a fighter about him who is not afraid to meet anyone who challenges him. If he can whip a few good heavy-weights he can force the topnotchers to a light through public sentiment.

Kid Lavigne was wise beyond his day and generation in refusing to meet Tommy kyan at 145 pounds. The Kid is probably anxious enough to get on a go with Ryan, but he simply would not be in it at the weight mentioned even though he is one of ie stiffest two-handed punchers who ever came over. It is pretty nearly time for Ryan to step out of the class in which he has made his rep. He is now nothing else than a middleweight and it is questionable whether he will ever again be able to get elow the limit and be at his best. On the other hand Lavigne is a whirlwind at his weight, 133 pounds, but it is very doubtful if he could do much against Ryan's proosed advantage in weight. The Kid would e able to put on only a few more pounds that would be a handicap to him.

There is humor in pugilism and some of it flashed forth the other day when Jake Kilrain, ex-champion of America, cast a defi into the face of his foe of yore, John L. Sullivan. Kilrain believes that he is now as fit as John L. He stipulates that the bout shall be fifteen or twenty rounds for points with blackened gloves. The contect is to come off after a month's training, in which time Jake hopes to reduce his weight from 225 to 200 pounds. He is 39 years old and Sullivan is about the same age. Speaking about the matter Kilrain said: "I hope that John will not reply to my challenge with the bluff that Fizzimmons and Corbett are working off on the public, that old gag of Corbett's—'Go whip somebody.' John and myself are in the same position as Corbett and the blacksmith. I am the Corbett of the situation and John is the Fitzs'mmona He has whipped me and I want a return battle. And I think I am entitled to it just for the sake of 'Auld Lang Syne,' if nothing else. I trust that John will reply to my request for another argument in the ring. I understand John is on the road with a threatrical show and that his season will extend until next May. If that is the case I will wait until his season closes before signing with him."

"Spike" Sullivan, the orack American lightweight who is across the pond, has at last succeeded in making a match, after having almost given up hopes of securing one. He is to box Harry Greenfield, the English lightweight, in a twenty-round bout before the National Sporting club of London on February 21. A good purse is to be put up and in addition the lade will box for a side bet of \$1,000. They are to fight at 131 pounds, weigh in at 2 o'clock on the day of the contest. Greenfield is the English boxer who knocked out Larry Burns of Cohoes by a chance blow after Burns had him almost out. American critics give Sullivan a shade the better of it, but Greenfield, from all accounts, is in a fight to the

Considerable interest is being displayed over the twenty-round contest at Cleveland on next Tuesday between the two light-weights, Timmy Kearus and Eddy Connolly. Connolly, who has deservedly earned the title of the "Whirlwind" is pretly gen-erally looked upon as the winner, but Kearns

The sporting editor has received a letter from Al Miles, the Chicago boxer, who was in this city for a time, announcing that has arranged for a go with Bob Long of Mount Morris, III. The contest is to bake place at Davenport, Ia., on next Tuesday and take \$75 are a purse of \$100. place at Davenport, Ia., on next Tuesday and is to be for a purse of \$100, the winner to take \$75 and the loser the remainder. Miles announces that he will be back in this city after his bout.

Dick O'Brien of Boston will once more meet Frank Craig, the "Harlem Coffee Coeler." who was so scientifically laid out in England recently. They are to meet in Cleveland within the next three months in a twenty-round bout at 158 pounds. A forfeit of \$250 has been posted by each of the men.

Among the Shotgun Men. Most of the weather has been entirely Most of the weather has been entirely The hand it west which was played so too disagreeable for shooting recently and skillfully in the deal given above belonged to

men have put in an hour or two as matches dent or the grant of two pleasant days, no matches low:

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Siomas Rodgers, & howseman of Avalett, Pa., in a few weeks the more detailed arrange-outgeneral their opponents, long chances are arrented a few days ago at the instance ments will be determined and an effort will taken and many tricks lost by an apparent of the Western Pennsylvania Society for the Prevention of Cruelry to Animals. It was notable that has been given in the state. Said that his use of electricity in curing a balky horse was cruel. He explained that the animal on which the electric current had

The most important event of the week

held at Chicago carly in the week at which It is stated that the meeting was very enthusiastic and that the movement, which receives the endorsement of all sportsmen, was begun with excellent prospects of success. There were a large number of the sportsment of the sports various plans for securing more harmonious action on the part of state legislatures in cess. There were a large number of delegates from Minnesota, Wisconsin, Michigan and Illinois as well as scattering representa-tives from several other states. The various resolutions that were adopted referred more especially to the conditions that exist in those states and are only interesting to Nebraska sportsmen as affording a gratifying indication of a movement in favor of better game laws which promises to become gen-eral. The discussion of this question is effort for the better protection of game in Nebraska. The security in which the market hunters operated all over the quall country last season is enough to indicate that there is every incentive for some energetic action.

A bill has been introduced in the Iowa legislature which proposes to abolish spring shooting. It makes the closed season ex-tend from January 15 to September 1 in-stead of from April 15 to September 1, as the law now contemplates.

A farmer in Pleasant Grove township, Iowa, recently shot a prairie chicken on his own premises. A neighbor had him arrested for violating the game law and a fine of \$25 resulted. The affair smacks slightly of a neighborhood row, but it indicates that the lowa people are determined that the

Among the more favored openings at pres ent is the giuoco piano or Italian opening. As the name implies it develops a careful and deliberate game and gives an even development to the forces. It is established by the following moves: (1) P to K 4. P to K 4; (2) Kt to KB 3, Kt to QB 3; (3) B to B 4, B to B 4; (4) Kt to B 3 or P to Q 3 or eastles or P to QB 3. There are, however, but two make varieties of the fourth move, one of P to QB 3 and the other three which give the same result. An excellent illustration of this epening was given in the recent Lasker-Steinitz match, and is as fine a specimen of high grade chess as

often found. GIUOCO PIANO. PIANO.
Black—Steinitz.
1—P to K 4.
2—Kt to Q B 3.
3—B to B 4.
4—P to Q 3.
5—Kt to B 3.
6—B takes B.
7—Kt to Q R 4.
8—Kt takes B.
9—Kt to K 5.
10—P to K B 3.
11—P to B 3.
12—Q to K 2.
13—Kt to R 3. White-Lasker, 1—P to K 4. 2—Kt to K B 3. 8-B to Kt 3. 9-R P takes Kt. 10-Q to K 2. 11-P to Q 4. astles (Q R.) 13-Kt to R 3, 14-B to Q 2, 15-P to K Kt 3, 16-Kt to B 2, 17-Castles (Q R.) 18-K to Kt sq. 19-Q R to K B sq. 2)-P to K R 3, 21-Kt to O 8 R (R sq) Kt sq. 23-Kt to B 2.
24-R (B sq) to Kt sq.
25-Kt to K sq.
26-K to R sq.
27-P takes P,
28-P to Kt 4.
20-P to K R 4.
30-R to R 3.
31-R (Kt sq) to R sq.
32-Kt to B 2.
32-R to OKt sq. 25—Rt to K R 4. 26—P to Q Kt 5. 27—P taless B P. 28—Kt to B 3. 29—R to Kt 2. 30—P to Kt 3. 31—K to Kt 2. 32—Q to B 2. 32—Q to B 2. 32—R to Q R; sq. 32—R to Q Rt sq. 33—R to Q Rt sq. 34—R to Kt 2, 35—R to R to R sq. 35—R to Q sq. 35—Q to Q 3, 35—R to Q sq. 35—R to Q sq. 35—Kt to Q 2, 35—Kt to Q 2, 35—Kt to R t 4, 40—Kt (Q 2) to K sq. 40—R (B sq) to B 2, 41—R to B sq. 42—R (B sq) to Q Kt sq. 42—R to R sq. 42—R (B sq) to Q Kt sq. 43—R to Kt 2, 43—R to Q 2, 42-R (B sq) to Q I 43-R to Kt 2. 43-R to Q 2. 44-Kt (Kt sq) to B 3, 44-Kt to B 2. 50-P to Q 5. 45-P takes P. 46-P takes P. 46-B to Kt sq. 47-Q to B 4. 47-R to Q B sq. 48-R to Kt 2. 48-R to Q Kt sq. 49-P to K 4. 49-R (Q2) to Q sq. 50-R to B 2. 50-R to K B sq. 51-R (Q sq) to K B sq 51-B to R 2. 52-R takes P. 52-R takes R. 53-R takes R. 53-Q takes R. q 51-B to R 2, 52-R takes R, 63-Q takes R, 54-Q to R sq. 55-R to R t 2, 56-K to K sq. 57-K to B sq. Resigns.

Problem, No. 11; by La Rue Williams of South Omaha. White to play and mate in South Omaha. three moves. Though there are but few upon, even more on that account, as a fine piece of problem construction: BLACK.



Problem No. 10, was done by B to K Kt Solved by H. B. Hammond. F. S., Council Bluffs: Proposed solution of problem 10, R to Q B S, is open to the objection, among others, of R takes B, deferring the mate. The solution of R to K B 8, given last week, wins by leaving bishop free to interfere between queen and rook. WITH THE DEVOTEES OF WHIST

Remarkable Hand Recently Played in Boston-Omaha Notes.

A remarkable deal at whist was played in Boston recently in which South played with singular misfortune. He held five trumps e with two honors and lost them all. The deal



while a few of the most enthusiastic marks. L. M. Bouve, who has often something to men have put in an hour or two at the tar-

Electricity is used in the latest method of cert event of importance will probably be curing balky horses. It is applied by wires the annual tournament of the Nebraska by the long suit authorities if it were possiconnected with the bit and crupper of the State Sportsmen's sassociation, which has ble for them to witness many of the plays stubborn animal and a dey storage battery, been set for Msy 24 to 27. So far nothing made by experts. Not content with demon-

been used was a fine blooded horse, worth arousing more than ordinary interest and \$1,000 if he could be induced to pull. Rodgers there is every reason to believe that the local consulted a vetericary and the electric arrangement was the result. When the horse series of events that will not prove an exwer hitched up he would be fightly attributed to plays of this bature. On the other hand, players of less that will not prove an exwert the evening honors by play-

ing careful, conservative whist.
"After one has become thoroughly familiar was the meeting of state officials and fish with the American leads and general prin ciples of the established game it is well for him to study and practice other methods. Having reached a high degree of proficiency in playing the various systems a player is

that it enables players to study cause and effect, and emphasizes the value of orreful play. Many of the complaints of lack of success one hears expressed after an evening game are due to plays which the playe frankly acknowledge were unsound. If me tal memoranda were made of these occur tences and borne in mind on future occisions a repetition of similar losses might be prevented.

"An important principle of the game fre-quently lost sight of is that which recognizes their hands, but it is notable that there is now a more general tendency to work in harmony and towards some definite end than has existed in previous years. In lower be hoped that the enthusiasm will be sufficiently contagious to inspire a vigorous effort for the better protection of th t is advisable to attempt to take every re maining trick. The one trick which might be lost by conservative play becomes a mountain in the mind's eye. It is not surprising that opponents frequently take several tricks when the possibility of so doing seems in-deed a molehill to them." "The reaction against the use of purely

arbitrary conventions, explained or unex-

plained, is spreading in all parts of the

country. There is decided opposition to the

tendency to complicate the game, and the result cannot fail to be highly beneficial.

We hope the time is not far distant when

good players, even though utter strangers

will be able to sit down and play an in

telligible game. Now, however, Jones of New York and Smith of Philadelphia are

ontroduced and asked to play as partners; they find it necessary to retire for private onference in regard to systems and signals They find that one uses the rotary discard he other doesn't. One leads ten from king ack, ten; the other fourth best. One leads he queen from queen, jack, ten; the othe the ten. One signals to show three trumps; the other signals to show three or more, and then echoes to show four or more. One leads the ace of a suit and when he follows: with a card in another suit the second lead is a singleton. The other replies that when he leads a low card he shows an all around strong hand and invites a trump lead. The plays the 'top of nothing' lead. The other leads the nine to ask for a trump lead through an honor turned; the man from New York never does. And so the conversation goes on; and unless they are called to vake their places it may run on for hours. At the table each tries to play his own system and to understand the system that partner is playing. Incidentally they are trying to figure out what the other fellows are doing. There are thousands of players who do not consider this sort of thing either enjoyable or scientific whist. How much better it would be if a thorough knowledge of whist principles, a mastery of whist strategy, and skill in reading the cards as they fall took the place of rotary discards, signals, echoes, and arbitrary conventions of every sort. Of late years the tendency habeen to complicate the game and load i down with fads and nonsensical devices whereas the simpler the game can be madthe betier. Let us repeat the platform of which we stand, 'Away with all unfair, un usual and unsound methods of play." from the Rochester Post Express, strikes a he root of the greatest problem whist play the root of the greatest problem whist play-ers have before them today. We have wan-dered far from the paths of Cavendish, Pole, Clay, Fisher, Ames, Hamilton and Coffin, while more or less bliedly following the lead of advocates of unsound methods, and we must get back or the greatest game of cards will stand in disrepute. This fact being now ecognized, the operation is "How far back For an answer I would say back to the point in which every convention purely ar bitrary shall be looked upon by the whis world as disreputable, and only such conventions as are logical in themselves or de veloped from those that are logical shall be allowed among gentlemen and ladies. Wha conventions are logical and what are purely logical? The Providence Journal answers that question as follows: "A logical conven-tion is one that can be reasoned out from the play of the cards; an arbitrary convention is one that could not be understood without previous agreement." These definitions are simple and accurate. The Journal says further: "The same of whist is a beautiful game when only logical conventions are used. There is no end to the extent to which arbitrary conventions may be employed, and the more there are the less interesting the game becomes, except perhaps to those who seek a bubble reputation as 'champion' players gained by the use of all sorts of under band and tricky devices."

The "blg four" of the Omaha Whist club captained by Reed, again captured the trophy on Saturday night, heating Alice's team by ten points. This is the ninth consecutive victory for this team; one more and they will have their names engraved on the trophy, after which it must be our rendered to the club and be thrown open for all comers.

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Joplin and Crummer, J. B.
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