OMAHA SHOWS A MARVEL OF ENTERPRISE

Difficulties Surrounding the Arrange ments Successfully Surmounted and a Team Put Together Worthy of Support.

This is the week which will chronicle the ginning of the Western league season, and for the first time in several years Omaha is strictly in it. There have been some exsaperating delays in getting the team together, but the assurance is now given that ill obstacles have been successfully disposed The players who have been hanging off in the futile hope that President Johnson would relax his grip on the salary limit have dropped into the band wagon at the eleventh hour, and the league will begin the season with every promise of the most successful year in its history. That Omaha has a team that is well qualified to win back the prestige of the departed days when Danny hannon's Lambs mopped the diamond with comers seems apparent. It is to be reetted that the local public has had so litopportunity to draw a line on the players fore the season opens, but this was due circumstances which could not be conolled, and the fans should set it right by ving the team the encouragement of a crowd at the opening games. The manmen; assumed a tremendous task when proposed at a very late day to put a team Omaha that would rank up with the other nbers of the league. The players that re inherited with the Grand Rapids franchise formed only a nucleus for a strong team. Besides the difficult undertaking of team. Besides the difficult undertaking of bringing together and organizing a new team the management had to secure and improve grounds and attend to a thousand details in-cident to the location in a new city. It had to crowd six months' work into two, and it has accomplished the task in a manner that s more than creditable. Omaha has every reason to be satisfied, and now the question is whether the club will receive that liberal support to which it is fairly entitled. If it does not, the city may as well consider itself ont of base ball for many years to come.

In this connection it is only just to remind the fans that a lively encouragement at the start cannot fall to have a salutary effect. On account of the necessity of fitting up new grounds it has been impossible to play a series of exhibition games and the manage-ment has been at an extraordinary expense ment has been at an extraordinary expense without the compensation that is usually secured in that way. A big crowd at the opening game Thursday would go far to encourage both the management and the players, and for the future of the game in Omaha it is to be hoped that the fans will turn out and fill the big grand stand to its full capacity. There are only two series full capacity. There are only two series scheduled on the home grounds before the team goes away, and a succession of good enthusiastic crowds at these games will go further toward putting the players on their niettle than a raise in salaries all around.

The last few days have been perfectly dapted for practice and the Omaha players have been out on the diamond twice a day warming up for the hard work of the season. Talk about going south for practice, no one could imagine a more favorable location for getting stiff muscles limbered up and the last emains of winter obesity worked off than the big park on Ames avenue, as it lies under the voluptuous sunshine of a gorgeous Nebraska apring. It is enough to rouse the latent enthusiasm of the crank just to sit on a pilo of lumber and watch the O'Brien family chasing base hits over a field that is as level and smooth as a billiard table. Aside from the suggestion of newness which, in all human probability, will wear off in the course of time, no prettier ball field could be imagined than that in which the local fans will revel this season. It is a safe bet that after they have had a chance to see a few games played at the new grounds they will forget that they ever wanted to go to University park. A big gang of carpenters is papidly finishing the grand stand and they have been out practicing for their base ball nile for several days. Almost any afternoon from 2 until 5 o'clock one may find afternoon from 2 until 5 o'clock one may find big park on Ames avenue, as it lies have promised Manager O'Brien to have it ready when the umpire calls time Thursday. The bleachers are already finished and the diamond has been leveled and rolled until it is as smooth and hard as could be desired.

While the Hat of National league umpires while the list of National league impires has not been announced it is semi-officially stated that it will include Emsile, Lynch, O'Day, McDonald, Andrews, Cushman, Connolly, Heydler, Woods, Snyder, Curry and Smartwood. Of these the first four named are the only ones who officiated in the same capacity last year. Connolly was in the New Parallel league last year. capacity last year. Connolly was in the New Bugland league last year and Smartwood comes from the Eustern league. Curry was previously a National league umpire and Hoydler has had some experience in a local capacity at Washington. The others are old players who are prevumed to be fully up to all the points of the game.

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The way that comparatively raw and disorganized teams have been showing up in subbition games seems to indicate that the coming season will set a hot pace in base ball. The work of many of the minor league teams has been remarkable and several of the presumably superior National league aggregations have been up against it and been pounded into the earth with surprising celerity. The Richmond, Va., club downed the Beancaters in two as prettily played contests as are likely to occur any time in the season and in a number of cases the minor league teams have made it extremely uncomfortable for their high salaried opponents. This is the smore surprising when it is remembered that the vigorous effort of the minor leagues to keep down the salary limit has kept a large number of their best players on the waiting list and their places have been filled with amateur talent. In most cases the young fellows have filled the bill, and in fact, a number of them have shown such good form that the managers are seriously considering the idea of making them permanent fixtures and letting the players who are hanging out for more money ornament the bench for a season. If this policy should be followed to say extent it would certainly have a tendency to discount future trouble along the same line.

Although only four days remain before the Western League season opens there is not a team in the league that has signed all its players. Minneapolis is beiter off than anybody in this respect, as Manager Schmeis has got a line on every one except Artle Bail. He has signed Pred Smith, the fast second baseman of the Princeton college team, and now his list includes Dixon, Ritter and Hickey, exchers; Philippi, Figgemier, Sonier, Berg. Mullaney, Cooke, Waish, McNeely and Noiso, pitchers; Welden, Smith, Hanna, Reiliey, Ball, and Rice, infeders, and Lecken, Parrott, Campau, Tobald and Morgan in the outfield.

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bewee, infielders, and Weaver, Nicol and St. Paul is pretty well fixed in comparison to other clubs, and as they are the first proposition we have to tackle Manager O'Brien's Indiana will have to play pretty fast ball in order to win their first series. The make-up of the Indianapolis and Columbus teams has been previously commented on and they will both go to the scratch in fairly good shape.

The National league season is under way and while three of the opening games were prevented by rain, the remaining games brought out big crowds and evidently aroused more interest than is usual at the beginning of the season. As has been predicted for come time the contests showed fast ball from the start and the three games that were played on the opening day were as pretty contests as any one could want to see. The pitchers were apparently in excellent condition and the Louisville-Pittaburg game was the only one in which they were hit to any extent. Cincinnati defeated Cleveland in a cicase and exceptionally exciting contest, and Tom Burns' men also won out by one run, only giving Hurst's aggregation one run in the lact inning. Louisville was the only winner that had a run to spare and this was because the Colonels were lucky enough to because the Colonels were lucky enough to bunch their hits in the second and third lunings. Boston and New York only played three innings, in which neither had the best of it and the other games were postpor

Digmond Dust Mike McDermott has signed a Columbus

Conny Mack has farmed out Pitcher Wolf to the Burlington club. The veteran third baseman, Gil Hetfield, has been released by Newark, and is free to sign anywhere.

Tim Hurst claims that Watkins has the weakest team that has represented Pittsburg in some years.

And now Grand Rapids declares that the Inter-State Leauge is just as good as the Western anyway. McKinney has been troubled a little by

lame arm, but this is getting right since the sun begin to hit the diamond and he is playing the bag in his best form. Catcher Kahoe, Infielder Stewart and Pitcher Phillips have accepted Indianapol's' terms, leaving first Baseman Motz the only holdout. In his place will be tried William

St. Louis is now dickering with Brooklyn for Tucker's rejease. Brooklyn is willing to let him go in return for about half of the St. Louis team, while Tim Hurst is only willing to do business on a financial consideration.

Some of the fans who have been admiring Griffin's handling of ground balls would have liked to see him remain in the infield.

Last Sunday he ate up base hits at a rate that won their hearts. He was all over the diamond and picked them up as easy as doughnuts.

The action of Manager O'Brien in signing Lew Camp is generally endorsed. Camp has been as fast as any of them and his work during the last week indicates that he is in as good shape as ever. He was always popular in Omaha and his hitting will be a big factor in winning games.

St. Joe didn't do a thing but play an errorless game the first crack out of the box. Manager Ebright has evidently got hold of a few good things. Some of the funs are mean enough to suggest that Manning might better have taken the St. Joe players and turned his Western League team over to Buck.

Blanford has caught the fancy of the fans who have been out to see the team practice by his marvelously accurate throw-ing. It is worth the price of admission just to see him line them down to second as straight as a shot from one of Uncle Sam's ten-inch guns. The little backstop is in great fettle and will be one of the stars of

ball nine for several days. Almost any afternoon from 2 until 5 o'clock one may find a dozen active young lads playing on Capitol hill, and although they have not been at work long they handle themselves both at the bat and in the field as well as any candidates for the Omaha High school nine in recent years.

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In the east, where the college players have able to get to work earlier by reason of the earlier season and because of their ability to take southern trips during the Easter vacation, the work of the base ball men is much further advanced than in the west. All the leading college nines have played their first games. Princeton last week got in some good practice at Baltimore against the three-time pennant winners of the National league. The Jersey collegians did very well to hold Baltimore down to a score of 9 to 7, and no doubt picked up many valuable pointers on how to play the game. It was a surprise to have the Princeton team defeated on Saturday by the Georgetown University nine by a score of 8 to 5. Both Harrison and Watkins, Princeton's pitchers, were hit freely, and that's the story of the game. Captain Butlen at short, "King" Kelley at first and Thompson in center were the bright stars for Princeton, although the fielding of all the players was good.

Tale did better work against Georgetown, defeating the team that beat Princeton by a score of 5 to 3. Walter Camp's little nephew, who is playing short for Yale, De Saulies at second and Wadsworth at first appear to be doing the best work for Yale. The University of Virginia defeated Yale, 5 to 3. Tufts college, an institution of New England not frequently heard of in the transmissouri country, took a fall out of Harvard's supposedly strong base ball nine by a score of 7 to 3. It looks as though Captain Rand had some work on hand to turn out a winning team for the crimson this year.

Cornell's first game of importance will be on Saturday, April 30, with Princeton at Ithaca. Pennsylvania bas been touring through the south in the Easter vacation, and its best game was when it defeated Vanderbilt university at Nashville by a score of 7 to 1.

a third boat. The three crews were lined up on the inlet for a race. They threw water all over the shore, and to Courtney's consternation the contaway crew beat the picked men by a couple of lengths in the quarter-mile stretch. He will keep shifting the men around until he gets the strongest aggregation together.

AMONG HORSES AND HORSEMEN.

Requiring a License for Causes a Great Kick. It has been a long while since such "holler" has been sent up by the trotting owners and drivers as has been raised over the new rule adopted recently by the National Trotting association, which compels drivers who race under the association to secure a license. The rule, however, is likely to stand for a season at least, inasmuch as at the meeting of the board of review of the association, which met in New York last week, it was decided to give it a trial this year. In defense of the rule it is said that no hardship will be worked since no fee will be exacted and that the advancement of the standard of drivers will be the result. It was provided, however, that if this rule and any others adopted by the last congress will not stand the test and are found to be detrimental that the president should call a special meeting to take action on them.

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licensing rule that it is not at all improba-ble that a dissension may arise in the National association ranks as a consequence of it. A good many track managers appeared before the board of review and gave it out flat that if the rule is retained they would withdraw from the association before they would enforce it. This may give the American Trotting association a chance

o recruit membership.

The fifth biennial congress of the latter association will convene in Chicago on May sessociation will convene in Chicago on May for the purpose of electing officers and transacting such business as may come before it. There is no likelihood that any radical changes in the existing rules will be made. The local fair and speed association has been also changes. tion has elected Oscar Pickard and Clint Briggs as representatives at this congress.

Thalberg, the veteran trotter owned by C. C. Baies, Decorah, Ia., has at last been re-tired for good, and it was none too soon. He is twenty years old, has a record of 2:20, and has been on the turf for a dozen years. Thal-berg is credited by his owner with having won 208 heats in 2:30 or better during the last decade. Mr. Barca has never told how many heats Thalberg won in 2:30 or better where the time hung out was several seconds slower. Thalberg undoubtedly holds the champlonship over all trotters for having won more heats faster than the time hung out than any other horse that ever lived.

Tod Sloane's wonderful success as a jockey Tod Sloane's wonderful success as a jockey in England and his subsequent popularity in that country has been paralleled, or perhaps surgassed by the young American race ariver, Frank Caton, who has been driving races in Russia for the last year and a half. Young Caton is the idol of the race going public in St. Petersburg and Moscow, in which cities most of his driving is done. There are two race days a week in either which cities most of his driving is done.

There are two race days a week in either one or the other of those cities throughout the year, and for nearly a year Caton has won about half the races on each day's program. With the horses in his charge he has also been breaking the Bussian records. gram. With the horses in his charge he has also been breaking the Russian records or all distances from one mile to two miles and a half, until he now holds the honor of having driven about all the Russian record holders to their marks.

Truck Talk. A half mile track is being built at Hed-

The Denver Driving club has over sixty Ten thousand dollars has again been re-

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iourneymen horseshoers and one veterinary surgeon a board of examiners to issue it-censes to men deemed competent to shoe horses.

As an example of the decrease in number of horses bred during the past ten years, the official figures of the Illinois State Board of Agriculture are interesting. In 1887, according to these statistics, 137,565 colts were foaled, and in 1896 only 69,913, or little more than half as many as in 1887. No wonder horses are selling better.

BLATHER OF THE PUGILISTS

Jack Daly Proves His Title to a Post-tion with Kid Lavigne. There was a six-round bout Monday night t Philadelphia that seemed to indicate that the former draw between Jack Daly and Kid Lavigne, the champion lightweight, was not so much of a fluke after all. The match was declared another draw. All the local accounts of the affair coincide in declaring accounts of the affair coincide in declaring that Daly was very nearly the equal of the Saginaw lad. Neither had any decided advantes at the last bell tap. At the end of the fourth round Lavigne is said to have had something the better of the argument, but during the next two rounds Daly outpointed him. It is the consensus of opinion, however, that while Lavigne landed no more often than his corponent there was more nowever, that while Lavigne landed no more often than his opponent there was more steam in his blows and that if the fight had been to a finish their effects would have been much more disastrous than Daly's taps. There seems to be no question, however, that Daly has pretty well demonstrated that he is in Lavigne's class.

The Irish champion is likely to get himself disliked if he sticks to his proposition that a purse of \$10,000 must be put up for a fight between him and Jeffries. It is something unlike him, too, because, despite the suspicion that he has something similar to a yellow streak in him, he has always been willing to fight without much regard to the amount of coin that has been put up, being an exception to the usual run of pugs in this respect. In these times a \$10,000 note looks mighty big, and it is questionable whether it will be ever put up. O'Rourke is trying to arrange the match to take place at Syracuse, N. Y., on a percentage basis. Maher, however, insists, or rather his manager does, that the fight would be for the championship and would consequently be worth the amount asked for. Incidentally, Syracuse has become ambittious to become a sporting center, as it has secured the fight between McCoy and Ruhlin. The match is is to be pulled off there on May 4. The Irish champion is likely to get him-

It has been announced that all arrange-It has been announced that all arrangements have been practically made for a twenty-round fight between Sharkey and Jeffries in San Francisco, on May 6. The match is to be for 65 per cent of the gate receipts, a quarter of the bunch going to the loser. If this match is a go, Jeffries has a chance to make himself the first hero of the century by punching Sharkey so full of holes that he will never be able to stand up in the ring again. Jeffries is said to be the man to do it, if anybody can, because he is something of a rough-and-tumble scrapper himself.

Two affidavits have been filed in Columbus, O., sgainst Oscar Gardner for the killing of George Stout, who died as a result of the fight between the two men. In one Gardner is charged with prize-fighting, and in the other with manslaughter. The autopsy on the dead fighter's body developed that his skull was not fractured, and that consequently the death was not caused by his head striking the floor, but indicates that the knockout blow on the jaw did all the damage. Gardner is out on bonds. He declares that he will never fight again. The seconds and other officials of the fight were arrested, but were released, because no charge could be preferred against them, in view of the fact that a permit was issued for the fight. Gardner's attorney declares that he can clear his client on the same grounds.

claimants for championship honors. The reliheaded boy's show is turning into a fissle and he will have to look elemewhere shortly in order to acrape in the dollars. There is, however, a reful lack of enterprise shown by presenters in arranging a fight for him, and is, the face of the lack of may solid inducement sone of the champion aspirants want to put up money and fight for it. In the meanwhile Fits and Corbett seem to have fallen into the background, no doubt due to the fact that the newspaper lads are greiting a little sick of publishing their respective flow of words.

The reports that Joe Choynski would never be able to fight again as a result of the strain he has been put to id idaining for the many fights he has had seems to have been considerably exaggerated. At any rate he has come out with the many rate he has come out with the amouncement that he proposes to challenge, the winner of the Ruhlin-McCoy fight. Insamuch as it looks from this distance is if the kid ought to have the best of this go if it ever comes off, the San Francisco man is after some of McCoy's game.

Parson Davies has accepted the terms of the manager of "A Trip to Chinatown" end will hereafter appear as the laudiord of Cliff House in that play. The parson has had some stage experience—while with Peter— Jackson's "Uncle Tom's Cabin"—and as the part is one that suits the astute ex-manager

SHOTGUNS REST IN THE CASES.

Little to Call Out the Wielders of the Breechloaders.
The snipe shooting is very unsatisfactory in this territory this year, and for the most part, the local guns are snugly resting in their cases waiting for more alluring prospects. There has been practically no shooting at all during the week, although a num-ber of the more enthusiastic hunters are out

today in a desperate hope of running a few feathers to earth. The result of the Parmalee-Gilbert match was very surprising to the friends of both men. The fact that the wind was very un-favorable for good scores does not account for the fact that Parmalee was only able to grass eighty-two of his birds, while the Spirit Lake crack only won by a margin of four. It was mighty poor shooting, and Parmalee undoubtedly lost the best oppor-tunity he will ever have to win the trophy.

The annual meeting of the Omaha Gun club was scheduled for Tuesday night, but it was postponed on account of the failure of

The first annual amateur tournament of the Lincoln, Neb., Gun club will occur on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of this

The business of supplying live game birds for the stocking of eastern preserves is becoming larger and larger every year, some of the birds, however, being purchased by game and fish commissioners for public use. Individuals also buy in small lots. A dealer in New York City is said to sail from 2000. in New York City is said to sell from 20,000 to 25,000 a season, generally, and this year his orders will be nearly 35,000, the clubs being the largest buyers. The unsatisfactory way in which the stocking was done formerly way in which the stocking was done formerly has given place to better methods, and the good effects of careful observation are showing themselves yearly. Last winter, in the eastern states, was a particularly favorable one for all kinds of game, and even at this early day the promise of better shooting in the fall is apparent.

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J. W. Lash, who shipped a lot of horses to Europe, brought hack with him a brother to Pat L. Ho wanted more money than be could get for him over there.

The total value of stakes won in England during 1897 was \$2,327,440; in Irreland, \$111.540; in Scotland, \$44,150; a total for Great Brithin of the large sum of \$2,503,130.

It is reported that J. W. Keene has offered \$15,000 to Phil Dwyer for a 2-year-old coil named Miller, by Hindoo, out of Bonnie Gal, but Dwyer would not sell.

A bill has been introduced in the Ohlo legislature providing that in each city containing over 200,000 inhabitants the mayor shall appoint two master horseshoers and one veterinary has point for the fuse of the sportsmen of the sportsmen of the promoters of the enterprise. Among those who of sells, who was the carried the sportsmen of the promoters of the enterprise and a large number of representative according to the championship and to defend in Chicago. Ives, however, proposes to assist in the enterprise. Among those who of solution to the finishes that challecagers must play according to this dictation. He insists that challecagers must play to the championship only in a heavy promised to co-operate are John Otten, but in finishes that challecagers must play to the championship only in a cacording to this dictation. He insists that challecagers must play to the championship only in a cacording to this dictation. He insists that challecagers must play to the championship only in a heavy promised to co-operate are John Otten, but in finishes the major the championship only in a cacording to this dictation. He insists that challecagers must play the championship only in a cacording to the dictation. He insists that challecagers must play the championship only in a cacording to the championship only in a hear of the sporting of the sporting of the championship only in a cacording to the championship only in a cacording to the dictation. He insists that challecagers must have promised to co-operate are John O

and William Hardin of Council Bluffs; W. E. Nason, Dr. Summers of Omaha; Louis Verveer, Robert Milner, Dwight L. Jackaco, J. C. Arcold and A. Mendenhall of Oskaloosa; M. Clark and John H. Erbacher of Ottumwa; G. H. Bathrick, M. Bruce, J. W. Pederson, F. H. Perry, George Keenhold, N. M. Stark, L. J. Tuttle, Matt Kane, Fred C. Whitney and C. W. Budd of Des Molees; E. R. Shannon, M. D., of Waterloo; George Waddington of Geneva; H. A. Barber of Iowa Falls; S. L. Dows of Cedar Rapids; B. A. Turnbull of Belle Plaine; M. W. Clark of Maquoketa; W. H. Hutchinson of Manchester; J. C. Paulson and C. J. Persh of Emmetsburg; John A. Gregg, C. E. Perkins, J. W. Blythe, Carl Leopold, W. L. Cochran and W. W. Parsons of Bullogton.

SOME GENERAL SPORTING GOSSIP

Appual Effort to Bar Ten Eyek from Henley Regatta in Progress.

It looks very much as if the beefeaters over the water are just a bit afinid of E. H. Ten Eyck, the American holder of the diamond sculie, and thus incidentally the

culling champion of the world, for there is very evident desire over there to bar him a very evident desire over there to bar him from the Henley regatta this year. There has been nothing but walls from a certain class of Englishmen ever since young Ten Eyck beat Bhicketaffe so handily in the final heat last July. Some have said that he showed a professional spirit in the way he raced and others have been hunting diligently for anything that would show up the young 'American in a bad light. The English don't like to be beaten and it is pretty evident that if Ten Eyck could beat their best men at 18 years of age he would be likely to be faster at 19 years, and for that matter should improve in the years to come. This would that if Ten Eyck could beat their best men at 18 years of age he would be likely to be faster at 19 years, and for that matter should improve in the years to come. This would mean that the young American has, barring accidents, the diamond sculls practically at his mercy for any number of years.

On Wednesday of hist week the Henley stewards met to consider the foreign entries, other than the Continental. "No American eight," says the cable dispatch, "was entered. The principal discussion was upon the entry of Ten Eyck, the American sculler. There is considerable feeling against him, owing to his attending a banquet at Putncy, upon which occasion all the Thames professionals were present, and also because of statements made in American newspapers that the Ten Eycks received on their return to the United States last year the sum of \$2,000, which is considered among sarsmen here as if they had been given pay for their time. However, if Ten Eyck is disqualified, it will be on the statement athat the Worcester Boat club at a meeting agreed to provide the funds for Ten Eyck's trip, which is forbidden under the Henley regatts rules. Dr. W. S. McDowell, the Chicago carsman, has entered, and so bank H. T. Blackstaffe, the English carsman who defeated Dr. McDowell last year. The latter, though he thinks Ten Eyck is not qualified, will compete against the Americans; but he says he is afraid that all the 1897 scullers who proposed to enter will not compete, in order to mark their replie of the atewards' decision in admitting Ten Eyck. Therefore, the atewards have decided to refer the matter to a subcommittee, which will report in two weeks' time. They are anxious while preserving the infer strict interpretation of the regatta fulse, not to do anything which might siye rise in the United States to a charge of unfairness, which, maturally, would tend to cause other American scullers to refrain from participating in the historic rowing conteols."

TenEyck is mot borrowing trouble about the matter. He is working hard at Phila

Lawn tennis enthusiasts will be interested in the final settlement of the foot-fault controversy which attracted so much attention last year, as definite action will be taken by the executive committee of the National Lawn Tennis association in a short time. Some four weeks ago President Wright eppointed a committee composed of R. D. Weeen, E. P. Piacher and Richard Stevens to report as to the advisability of altering

or amending the present rule, which reads as follows: "The server shall serve with one foot on the ground immediately behind the line; the other foot may be anywhere except touching the base line or the ground within the court."

The committee was chosen with a view to representing the different styles of play that would be affected by the change, in order to insure the widest discussion. They began their labors by sending out between forty and fifty circular letters to the most prominent players in the country, asking for opinions and suggestions bearing on the subject, and by getting personal interviews whenever possible. They have now reported to the executive committee as follows:

"The committee is of the opinion that a change in our rule for service is advisable which will simplify the duty of the official who has in charge the calling of foot faults, and which will prevent the server from infringing on the spirit, if not the letter, of the present rule, by taking a running start while in the act of serving. We desire, therefore, to offer for the consideration of the executive committee three rules, one of which in our opinion, should be adopted

the executive committee three rules, one of which, in our opinion, should be adopted by the association. They are as follows: "1. Revised American Rule—The server shall serve with one foot on the ground immediately behind the biss line; the other foot may be anywhere except touching the base line or the ground within the court. He shall not serve with a running or walk-

The sporting editor is in receipt of a communication from Al Miles, the colored Chicago fighter, who says that he is back in the city looking for somebody to eat up. He intende to stick at 140 pounds, believing that he is a winner at that weight. Miles is in good condition.

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service is delivered.

"3. Revised English Rule—The server shall stund with both feet beyond, that is, further from the net than the base line. It is not a fault if one of the server's feet does not touch the ground at the moment at which the service is delivered.

"The advantages of each are then appended as follows: (1) It would do away with rushing to the net. (2) Would give a uniformity with the English game. (3) Would prevent complications and difficulties which would arise in determining what the expression upon the base line means." expression upon the base line means.

The report that W. A. Larned, the tennis it does not seem probable that any of crack players will be able to return the of the English team this year. On other hand, there are strong grounds for the report that two prominent English players, Pim and Stocker, will compete in our biggest tournaments, and try once more to win the national championship at New-

The formation of the F:derendence Profesviocal Athletic association of Philadelphia recently marks a new era in track and field recently marks a new era in track and field sports of this country, since it is the first professional athletic association ever formed. The first meeting is to take place in Philadelphia on Deciration day, and it is said that some of the best professionals in the cartern section of the country are getting ready to train for it. Professional athletics have long been looked upon with suspicion and there has been frequently good grounds for it, but it is believed that this has been for it, but it is believed that this has been caused by the fact that the athletes have been subject to no governing body, and the new association is to remedy this. That athletes who compete for money can be as honcut as those who compete for prizes has been proved by the experience of the League of American Wheelmen in professional bleycle races. The competition for money prizes under that organization has been end is now cleaner and more honest than the competition for the so-called area. than the competition for the so-called ama-teur prizes often has been and there seems to be no reason why the rule should not be made to hold good in other form of ath-

to settle the question of skill and superiority. The billiard company which engineered the championship match announces that Ives has forfeited the championship and that another tournament will probably be beld in the near future.

Ernest Roeber has decided that he will try for another fall with the Turk, Youseuf, who threw him off the platform in New York a short time ago. Roeber is taking a rest now, but he declares that he will be ready to go after the Mohammedan on Seturday, April 30. By the terms of the agreement between the two men the winner is to be pitted against George Heriklides, a Greek, who is some pumpkins at the wrestling line himself.

A communication has been received from Nelson Hald, president pro tem of the Nebreaks Chess essociation, relative to the correspondence chees tournament which it is proposed to have in the near uture. Ten members have complied with the requirements and will be entered in the contest. Any other desirous of entering may be informed of the terms by applying to Mr. Hald at Dannebrog, Neb., who must be notified of their intention by 6 p. m. April 20. Constitutious and tournament rules have been printed and may be had on application. At the request of the executive committee the chess department of The Bee will act as referee and the prizes, which will consist of standard works on chess, will be in charge of the same department. A number of the best games will be published and the results will be announced as the tournament progresses. The contest will probably continuo until July 1. Nebraska chess players are requested to give this undertaking their encouragement as it is the first effort of the kind that has been made in this state and will advance in many ways the interests of the game. Hald at Dannebrog, Neb., who must be

The following invitation to Nebraska cheef players is contained in a letter from J. M. Crosby, Fremont, Neb.: "I am very fond of chees and have considerable time to devote to it as I have to live in a wheel chair and have not walked for thirteen years. I would be glad therefore if you would let the chess players know when they are in Fremont they can get a game at my residence, on the corner of F and Eleventh streets, and that they will be assured of a cordial welcome. I hope they will come at any time as the table is all set."

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As had been anticipated for some time Pillsbury won the match against Showalter and thereby retained the title of champion of the United States. It was felt by many of Showalter's friends and even by Pillsbury that Showalter had played below his real strength and the young champion has offered to play him another match in the fall. In the meantime both men are preparing for the international contest at Vienna, in which they both expect to take active part.

The following interesting game was be-tween Mesars. Wright and Schroer of New York, in a tourney conducted by the Tribune of that city: RUY LOPÉZ.

White, Wright,

1—P to K 4.

2—Kt to K B 2.

3—B to Kt 5.

4—B to R 4.

5—Castles.

6—P to Q 4.

7—R to K sq.

8—B to Kt 2.

9—P to H 3.

10—B to Q 5.

11—P takes Kt.

12—P takes P.

14—B to B 4.

15—B to Kt 2.

16—Kt to B 6.

17—B takes B.

3—Kt to K 4.

30—R takes Kt.

18—Kt to K 4.

20—R takes F.

21—P takes P.

22—P takes P.

23—Kt to K 4.

24—P takes P.

25—R takes Kt.

25—R takes Kt.

26—R takes Kt.

26—R takes Kt.

27—R takes F.

28—R to K 7 (ch.)

28—P takes P (e. p.) OPÉZ.

Black, Schroer.

1-P to K 4.

2-Kt to Q B 2.

3-P to Q R 3.

4-Kt to K B 2.

5-P to Q 3.

6-B to Q 2.

7-P to Q Kt 4.

8-B to K 2.

9-Cantles.

10-Kt takes B.

11-Kt to Kt sq.

12-P takes P.

12-B to Q 3.

14-B to B sq.

15-Kt to Q 2.

15-Kt to B 3.

17-Q takes B.

19-Kt to B 3.

19-Kt takes Kt.

20-B to Kt 2.

21-P takes Kt.

22-P to Q B 4.

23-Resigns.



Problem No. 18, done by Q to K sq., followed by P to K 5, mate. Solutions received from T. N. Hartsell, Kearney, Neb.; A. Rusmussen, South Omaha; E. J. K., Omaha; J. M. Crosby, Fremont, Neb., and C. Q. De France, Lincoln.

Whist Notes.

An interesting tournament was played recently by twenty-five teams of four players each representing different clubs within a radius of fifty miles of New York City. A series of six games on the Howell-Mitchell progressive system was completed, one deal being played by each club against every other at each sitting, making the total a match of six hands. The winning team, from the Brooklyn Whist club, together with the other players, adopted what is now generally known as the "common-sense system," a partial definition of which is to "play for the long suit when there is any chance to make it; leading short suits and supporting cards

The Women's Whist congress, which will be tield in Philadelphia April 26, 27 and 28, is now the absorbing topic among eastern players. While the chief event will be the ontest for the championehip for teams of four, interest will be quite as strong in some of the other matches. The play for the Toledo trophy, for teams of four women from different clubs, will attract a large entry list and bring out the best women players. Contests will also occur between mixed doubles.

during the last winter with different systems of play, but the results have not been player, would go abroad this season to compete in all the big English tournaments was without foundation, and if he plays at all it will be in the most important even; sufficiently striking to enable a decision to be made as to which is absolutely the best, all it will be in the most important even; search whist department gives preference to its own favorite, and, also, it is often difficult to distinguish between the merits of the players, and the abilities of the players. cuit to distinguish between the merits of the systems and the abilities of the players. The New York Sun points out particulars in which all of these new systems resemble one another, and which entitle them to be classed as belonging to the "common-sense" school. It is explained that "they all avoid leading from tenace suits of less than six cards, leading away from single honors and leading trumps just because you have five. They all recognize the disadvantage of opening new suits, and most of them make the originew suits and most of them make the origi-nallead of a small card carry with it something more than the bare indication of a long suit while few of them seem to attach any importance to showing number.'

The solution of the problem published last The solution of the problem published last week is for N to lead trumps three times. S discarding both his spades. E will also discard a spade, but W cannot discard either diamonds or spades without making a tenace good in S's hand so he gives up ace and queen of clubs. N now leads the spade queen, and E must give up the club or unguard the dismond. S discards accordingly guard the diamond. S discards accordingly and makes two diamonds, or one diamond

positions. Hearts are trumps, N is to lead and with S for partner to win all five tricks: C-9, 4.

S-3. H-7. 5. C-Q, 7, 2. W.E.

state by a majority of 48,494.

OMAHA, April 15.—To the Sporting Editor of The Bee: 1. When did Frank Mayo, the actor, die? 2. Where were his remains laid in this city? 3. During the ceremony of naming large vessels, such as the Maine was, is the word "baptize," or the word "christen" used? 4. Is the word "baptize" ever used upon such occasions.—L. L. Campbell.

Ans.—1. June 8, 1896. 2. In the Elke' lodge rooms in the Ware block. 3. Christen. 4. Never. It is simply custom, since the words are synonimous. The form is, "I christen thee, Maine."

OMAHA, April 13.—To the Sporting Editor of The Bee: Was there any indemnity paid

OMAHA, April 13.—To the Sporting Editor of The Bee: Was there any indemnity paid by the wate of Nebraska or the government of the United States for the beating of an English family a few years ago in Sarpy county by Vic McCarty?

Ans.—The United States government paid about \$2,000.

SOUTH OMAHA, April 14.—To the Sporting Editor of The Bee: Please let me know through the sporting columns next Sunday if it is too early for good croppy or bass fishing, and where in twenty miles of Omaha would you advise one to go for such sport?—Sport.

Ans.—If you go fishing before May 1 you

Sport.

Ans.—If you go fishing before May 1 you may find yourself in jall if you have no pull with country justices and constables. Croppy and bass get good about the middle of May and stay so through June. They are spawning now. Lake Manawa and Cut Off lake have both croppy and bass, but the nearest fishing point that is at all good in Nobles lake, thirty miles from here, in lows.

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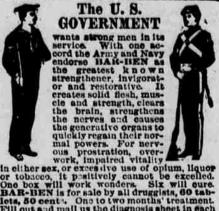
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