

SPORTS OF THE DAY

Base Ball Men Look Fondly Forward to Days of Next Summer.

MAGNATES HAVE NOT SETTLED ANYTHING

Deals for Two Circuits Still Talked About and the Fate of Louisville and Washington Occasions Much Speculation.

The base ball nabobs called a halt on their annual confab without consummating the much-desired double eight club circuit, but there is little doubt that there will be much interchange of opinions about this perplexing problem betwixt the present time and the next session of the league, which is scheduled for the last Tuesday in February.

No official action was taken, but before the managers from the eight metropolitan clubs majority expressed themselves in no uncertain phraseology as in favor of the adoption of the two-circuit plan. In fact, the secret wirepulling of the base ball engineers has narrowed the case down to this: Every club is willing to enter into the scheme except Louisville and Washington.

The latter are willing in a way, too, but they believe they have a chance to dictate terms. If they persist in holding up the deal there is every indication that the magnates will conclude to go ahead with a ten club circuit.

In such an arrangement the Capitol City and Bourbonville would be by way stations from a financial point of view and would be forced to the opinion that they could do better if they were in a circuit consisting of eight club class.

Wagner of Washington gave an indication of the way the wind is blowing by admitting the advantages of an eight-club major circuit, but including the senatorial city in the bunch. This is looked upon as a token that Wagner is getting ready to make a bid for big money.

The Louisville delegates gave an even stronger indication of a desire to get in out of the wet, but worked it a bit too strong. They offered to sell the Louisville club and franchise to New York for \$500,000.

From now on until the February meeting the fans may look for an out-and-out case of bluff. The Bourbonville have already commenced it by announcing to their supporters at home that the team will stay in Louisville and that the Colonels will be in the race for the flag next season.

Washington has done little but hold out for \$500,000 of money each. Will they get it? The answer to this question is the only thing that stands in the way of the establishment of two eight-club circuits next season.

Owing to the chaotic situation there was not much trading transacted as a result of the meeting, although a few deals were put through. Louisville has sold Pitcher Frazier to the Quakers and William of Minneapolis bought "Germany" Smith from St. Louis for \$200, and Abbatello from Philadelphia for a similar amount.

Washington is angling for McGraw, as Mugby has declined to go to Brooklyn on account of his Baltimore home. Pittsburgh made a bid of \$250,000 for McGuire, but Washington could not see it. Burns made overtures for Winnie Mercer, but was also advised to attach a Jackerew to his price.

tions for the fight—that a big enough purse be offered by some club, that a finish fight shall be waged, and that he be allowed to take full advantage of the middleweight poundage limit.

Impartial opinion admits that Fitz is on no uncertain ground when he refuses to entertain these demands of the new middleweight—providing that he can make good his claim that he is still a member of the division.

There are a brace of fakirs who manage to get away with \$60,000 between them. One is a Hindu, the other a Mohammedan. The Hindu is a fakir who has been in the middleweight championship from Dempsey in 1931, has steadily improved, up to the time that he met Corbett, at least, since that time he has kept himself in good shape.

A cloud of doubt of brunette hue will arise in the mind of any fight promoter who may be tempted to offer a \$20,000 prize for Ryan and Fitz to nibble at, for experts can hardly see it that the Syracusean would have much more than a fighting chance with the lanky one.

There is every reason to believe that his coach is doing his best to get him in remarkably strong shape still stay with him. On the other hand, Ryan has only just graduated from the welterweight class, in which he was summarily beaten by Kid McCoy and also failed on two memorable occasions.

The Queensberry program arranged for January 10 gathers not a little additional interest from the showing that Kid McCoy made against Joe Goddard, the old barrier champion, in Philadelphia a week or so ago.

Something of this same character is being engineered by the Denver Wheel club at the present time. This organization is working on a plan to form an intercollegiate association in Colorado which will include all the colleges in that state.

While on this matter that seems to indicate an increase in state sporting interest, it may not be amiss to mention a sort of reawakening in the same line that is taking place in this city.

In the very near future the well known billiardists Carter and Schaeffer, will probably give a series of exhibitions in this city for the edification of the lovers of the ivory.

The Omaha Curling club is preparing for the most successful season of its history. The park commission has set aside for its use the upper lake in Hanscom park, which is too small for skating purposes, but is ample for the "roarin" game.

There are tricks in all trades, but no trade, if such may be called, has so many tricks as pugilism. From the time fighting by man and man for man's amusement has been recognized as a sport, tricks of many kinds have been introduced to win or lose fights.

BITS OF MISCELLANEOUS SPORT

New Life in Field and Track Athletics the Aim of a Movement Just Started.

Track athletes are yet in their infancy in this state. The Young Men's Christian association branches occasionally hold a meeting, the University of Nebraska holds a rather loose spring meet and a professional foot race takes place once in awhile.

Prof. Bernstein is a man who is able and competent to succeed in his object if any one can attain it. He is a Nebraskan and an Omaha and graduate of Dartmouth. While in this energetic little New England college he took considerable part in athletics.

From a financial point of view the foot ball season but lately closed has been a bonanza for the big eastern eleven again. In this financial column Pennsylvania heads the list, the receipts from her games being in the neighborhood of \$75,000.

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The Omaha party left on the first of the month and journeyed to Wood river, where several days were spent in camp. They finally landed in De Queen and from that town struck into the territory. They went but a few miles and then they were met by a first camp they brought themselves in pretty close communion with primal nature.

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is in a position to set the ball a-rolling. A carnival of this character ought to be made successful with the assistance of a few prizes and will bring out many a man, and girl, too, who is able to cut a few capers in speed and fancy figures.

A skater has come over the pond who is ambitious to skate rings around anything in the way of an ice cutter that America can produce. This individual is Oscar Julius, a Swede.

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\$162,000 a year by the rage for cycling. Naturally the department of the Seine contains the largest number of machines, nearly 86,000, while the mountainous departments have the fewest.

The object of a new contrivance just patented in England is to overcome any vibration or jolting on rough roads. The invention consists of a steel plate or tube with a hole to allow the saddlebar to pass through into the down tube of the cycle.

CHESSES With the aid of members of the Nebraska Chess association a problem-solving tournament is announced to begin with problem No. 53. Each position will be graded in proportion to its difficulty and each person solving a correct solution will be credited with the number of points offered on the position in question.

JAPANESE SANTA CLAUS. The Feast of Hotel Similar to the Christian Festival. The Japanese little folks know nothing of the mysterious joys of Christmas, but the name of Hotel, a celebrated Chinese prize, has recently been given to the Japanese boys and girls, in a measure, what Santa Claus does to young America.

WHITE. The following notice to chess players has been issued by the secretary of the Nebraska Chess association: Members of the Nebraska Chess association are hereby notified that it is desirable that our next tournament be held as early as possible in January.

Arrangements are about completed for the Omaha Keokuk and Nebraska chess players, probably eight on a side. For purposes of competing the players on each side will be ranked and each two contestants of equal rank will play two games, each having the first move in one game.

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SOME LATE INVENTIONS. In a newly designed folding umbrella the lower portions of the ribs are attached to sleeves sliding on a spiral spring, with the braces fastened to the sleeves to force them outward as the umbrella is opened.

A door knob has been patented for use on office doors, composed of a dial set in the face of a ordinary knob with a bi-stable band on it to be set by turning the knob until it indicates the hour of the user's return.

Doors can be easily kept closed by a new spring attachment formed of an expandible spiral spring fastened at one end to the door frame, and at the other to the door, the spring stretching when the door is pulled open.

A railway spike has been designed which will not pull up when the rail is turned, a slot being cut in the spike near the head, in which an auxiliary spike is inserted at nearly right angles to be driven into the tie and fasten the main spike in place.

An Ohio inventor has patented a carpet fastening which does away with the use of tacks to hold the carpet in place, a metallic border being inserted under the edge of the carpet and having clasps along its outer edge in which the carpet is fastened after being stretched.

For use in washing women's hair a new device is formed of a tin trough with a tension on one end which can be attached to a common chair, with a slotted portion to fit over the neck and prevent the water from getting on the chair.

An adjustable bed has been designed, which can be altered to fit long or short persons, the side rails telescoping and carrying a cog mechanism by which the foot-board can be pushed out to the desired length, a chain gear being run by a crank to turn the cogwheels.

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BLATHER OF THE PUGILISTS

Probability of Bob Fitzsimmons and Tommy Ryan Meeting Recomes More and More Remote.

The lovers of boxing may as well give up all hopes of seeing Red Robert Fitzsimmons and Tommy Ryan paired off in a fight, for the champion has taken a position regarding the proposed battle that is equivalent to the sheathing of the weapons of his rival as the two fighters are jointly concerned. He has laid down three condi-