## ONE BIG PUGILISTIC MENU on his part, if late reports from across the

Great Card for Short-Haired Cranks During the Coming Week.

Gotham is to Be the Meeting Place of Many of the Boys Who Are Handy with Their Gloves.

If fisticana was on the square, what a pugilistic menu is spread out for the edification of the sports in glddy Gotham during the coming week! Tomorrow night Dave Sullivan and the rough-and-ready Oscar Gardner are scheduled for a journey which is not at all unlikely to end in the arrival of one or the other in Dreamland. On Tuesday is the much-advertised Sharkey-McCoy tralian star. Joe Brown, alias "Pluto," are The latter match has been arranged, but there is some question t whether the Australian will be ready to fight so soon.

Popularly the premier event in this carnival of the glovemen is the battle beman. If it should be on the level it will be a struggle worth witnessing for it is not at all a cinch that that champion walloper, Sharkey, will pound his opponent into cleep as readily as most "dope" figurers are able to see. But Sharkey's record in his Fitzsimmons' bout, the part he took in the more recent Corbett flasco, McCoy's shady actions in the past, O'Rourke's smoothness. and the by no means lily white reputation of the Lenox club, are calculated to make Mr. Sport shy of entering any books on the result.

The Monday night program gives more assurance of the genuine article, for the brace of fighters who will participate have not been tainted with the mark of fakism and their future in a large measure depends upon the result of the bout. It is almost certain that the winner will be given another chance with "Little Chocolate," and the victory may therefore be a stepping stone to the championship laurels, for it must be admitted by Dixon's most ardent supporters that the colored wonder will soon be forced to give up his title.

As has been intimated, the "done" mer can see but one result to the Sharkey-McCoy battle if it is not faked. The ex-sailorman cannot lose, because figures are not guilty of fibbing, is the way these prognosticators talk and argue. Sharkey, they declare, wafted Ruhlin into a nap with one swift punch and this sleep overtook him after but a minute's fighting in the first round. Didn't Ruhlin stay the twenty rounds with McCoy, even if the Kid was awarded the round and in one punch, and Ruhlin struggled through twenty rounds with McCoy

fair and the men in condition, it looks very questionable whether Sharkey will succeed

Luck is one of the elements in the Queensberry arena and Sharkey's victory over Gus Ruhlin in that surprising onepunch contest was of the luck-and-chance year. If I had a remarkably good filly, batting and if this can be strengthened blow order. Mace always claimed that a chance blow was impossible, that a blow in the first round was no more of a change than a finishing stroke in the fiftieth. But the ring records prove to the contrary. To fell such a burly physique as Ruhlin like on the track had he been raced, but he was has been dead and was burled by reporters probably be favorable. in one of the gamest affrays that was ever this infinite quality to trot fast. Cross a every spring and manages to land the pressed himself in favor of the selection of scathed. That McCoy's ring generalship and masterly tiger-like assaults upon Ruhlin was a finer effort than the one-punch victory of Sharkey even the warmest admirers of Sharkey will admit.

Gardner looks like an easy conqueror of Dave Sullivan. He has been pursuing his usual course of training by taking on second and third-rate "good things" in ten, fifteen and twenty-round engagements. Sullivan has been hard at work and the two laddies are expected to be in perfect conclass quite recently. Gardner stood twenty slaughtered in ten rounds by Dixon. Sullivan will have an advantage of ten pounds in weight in the fight.

"Young Pluto," the Australian who may meet Dixon during the week, looks like a soft mark for the colored lad. He has a long record, but there are one or two flaws in it. For instance, he was down and out before Abe Willis in Sydney in four rounds, while Willis was shortly afterward put to sleep by Dixon in five rounds in San Francisco. The Australian's best fight was a draw with "Young Griffo" when the latter was in his prime.

Dobbs' win over Dick Burge in England was by no means a red letter achievement

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pond are reliable. In fact, it is charged that the whole fight from beginning to end was a fake, with Charley Mitchell, Burge and Dobbs as the jobbers. The veteran Englishman in the eighth round gave the colored lad a blow that staggered him, and Dobbs, falling forward on his opponent, hung on for dear life. While this was going on NUMEROUS STAR EVENTS ON THE SLATE Mitchell jumped into the ring and claimed the fight from Dobbs for repeated fouling. Mitchell then shoved Burge out of the roped arena and there was nothing for the As Burge was an easy first with plenty left up his sleeve and in his bellows, and volunteers. as he was the favorite, there seems but one inference possible and that is that all the principals in the fight wagered their coin on the American and took this means of winning.

But Dobbs will probably have to be still counted in as one of the aspirants for the shoes which Kid Lavigne now wears. As the conqueror of Joe Gans, who is in the affray. And finally, if Tom O'Rourke can lightweight laurels, he is entitled to the the solution of the problem whether next arrange it, George Dixon and the new Aus- place. By the by, the time is slowly ap- year's circuit should be made up of eight ov stitute. to be the entertainers on some other night to defend his title. The number of his however, is being played over the matter ago. tween the Hoosier and the man-of-war's Cans. The winner of this seito must have it must be passed up. out with Frank Erne and "Spike" Sullivan, the championship mantle.

> For the first time in his game, checkered that the bout should be cancelled, as he was for what it is worth: Choynski has acted very queerly since the last bout with Ruhlin was arranged. He ran up against big Gus in Philadelphia. and if the argument had lasted another round Joe would have been doing a horizontal pose act on the floor of Chovnski's friends deny that their man has hoisted the blondine feather, and assert that he is laid up with a poisoned hand, which may put him out of the arena forever

#### Horsemen Predict that Some Records Will Be Smashed the Coming Season.

C. J. Hamlin, the 80-year-old horse breeder who is known as the "Sage of Village Farm," predicts that the two-minute rotter is a sure comer. He recently talked to a newspaper man as follows regarding this:

"While I am talking of records, I want decision over the burly Swiss? Therefore, for the trotter to accomplish the feat we of the Red outgarden were to be displaced, cision is expected in the near future. racing qualities of that horse. I think if minute trotter she would be the champion attempt to pick the winner under all cir- There is glory, but no money, in owning cumstances could be put in the same class horses that are too fast for racing purposes. with the inhabitants of the country precincts, Pacing and trotting are two different gaits, to whom the shell game, the gold brick and and that is why I was not astonished to outfield as a result of the departure of healthful and the most entertaining of all the satchel of sawdust are magnets. Be- hear of Star Pointer cutting out such a sides the elements of fake that have been frightful clip every time he was started enumerated there are other things to con- against the watch. The pacer does not go sider. For example, the condition of the into the air so high and his gait is much men. To be sure reports have it that both caster. I can prove this with our tests scrappers are in the finest of fettle. But by Heir-at-Law. He took a mark of 2:12 such were the reports before the Corbett- flat as a trotter, and we then lightened his Sharkey affray and yet before the ninth shoes, with the result that he paced and made his debut in professional company Sharkey affray and yet before the hinth saves, with the Lincoln club and was draited with round of that comedy Corbett was aweary took a record of 2:05%, although trotting- Kid Speer in 1895 by Milwaukee. They dition. But, granting that the mill will be for racing or stock uses, and I guess he will were known as the pony battery and made be in Geers' stable again next season.

"The breeding and raising of good trotting the Kid's anatomy as the "dope" artists five years on account of the bicycle craze, was stricken with typhoid fever, the effects mation of a dual league has been started. slump in the market, lack of knowledge on fast in her early life, I wouldn't race her. The paddock is the place for such animals.

Speed is inherited. Look at Chimes, by Electioneer. He showed a quarter in thirty-King and out of Belle Hamlin that is worth | will probably see him in form again. its weight in gold. She is only 2 years of ege, stands sixteen hands high, but has a world of speed, natural and graceful."

The Louisville Driving and Fair association will introduce the two-in-three heat system to supplant the three-in-five at the big light harness meeting next September. This reform was decided upon after considerable dition when they enter the ring. The two and the sentiment was overwhelmingly in have never met before, but they have been favor of the change. Great success has atagainst the same two high men of their tended the isolated cases of race shortening that have been tried in the past and rounds with Dixon and lost on a close horsemen will watch with interest the sucdecision of the referee. The Irishman was cess that will meet the reform at a big meeting, such as the Louisville event. Secretary Gardner knocked out Sammy Kelly, while Kenney of the association announces the Kelly stayed to the limit with Sullivan, future plans of the association to be as fol-"Late in May, as usual, we will close lows: about six attractive advance purses, such as, renewals of the Douglas (\$6,000, for trotters), the Seelbach (\$5,000, for pacers), etc., which, together with the Kentucky Matron Stakes (\$7,000, for 3-year-old trotters), will give a most interesting program. Then, about two weeks before the meeting, we will close about eighteen class races, in which will be included races for youngsters at both gaits, making all the heat races two-in-three. Such is our program for 1899.

"But that is not all. We are out with a future stake, which we have named the Louisville Prize, guaranteeing it for \$10,000. Same will close February 15 for yearlings | part of Kansas. (foals of 1898), the race to be trotted by 3year-olds in 1091."

Now that the returns for the year are all n for the trotting season, it is found that six stallions have sired 100 or more performers in 2:20 or better. The first two in the list are dead, Electioneer and Nutwood. The famous Electioneer, who was bred at Stony Ford, Orange County, N. Y., but who made Prof. A. S. Hitchcock, No. 7, A. L. his fame at Palo Alto, Cal., has to his credit 162 trotters and two pacers. Nutwood, on the contrary, though taken to California, made little reputation there, was brought back to little reputation there, was brought back to move in one game, that is to say, No. 1, Ne-Kentucky, and died a few years ago in Iowa. braska, and No. 1, Kansas, shall play two He has to his credit 122 trotters and thirty- games at once, each having the first move in seven pacers. Red Wilkes has 147 to his credit; Onward has 143 to his credit, and Alcantara, who was once owned by the late A. A. Bonner, 127. Pilot Medium, who is

In France the best records at one mile is not so severe or fatal as former ones, sang, bred in France), by Filibustier, son of Phaeton, 2:20, the fastest mile ever trotted French soil; Spofford, American, you carry a vial of "77" in your 2:20 1-10; Mattie H. American, 2:20 1-5; horses obtained records very much better in the United States, which forces the conclusion that the tracks in France are far from

Buckwa, an aged bay gelding, knocked

a week ago at San Francisco. On July 29, 1575, Springbok and Preakness ran a dead heat at Saratoga, establishing a record for two and a quarter miles, running the distance in 3:56%. Buckwa clipped 5% seconds off this, winning a stake in 3:51 flat sumed. In the same race he lowered Ben Holliday's one and three-quarter mile record half a second and Judge Denny's two-mile record one and a half seconds.

referee to do except to disqualify Burge. brought to that town from Kentucky by a returning officer of the Second Nebraska

#### BASE BALL MEN ARE RESTING Magnates Are Still Figuring on Plans for Making Up the

Circuits. The base ball situation remains in statu quo, as the disciples of Blackstone say. far as practicable. In case of referee resignfront rank of the scrappers who want the That is, there has been no progress made in ing or being unable to act, said W. W. Gibproaching when Kid Lavigne will be forced a dozen stations. A great game of bluff, rivals is slowly lessening. McPartland is and those who stand in the way of reduction of the players object, may have a substitute play for him until he is able to resume games. cat at the hands of Hawkins a short time is meant that Louisville and Washington and the other day he downed Jack Daly. It for their franchises and if they continue is now reported that Hawkins will meet, their refusal to weaken the eight-club plan

Stockholder Dreyfus of the Louisville conthe best man to finally meet Lavigne for tingent sprung quite a furore during the last week by coming out with a statement to the effect that the eight-club scheme is a sure go and that the league had determined to career as a gloveman Joe Choynski stands buy out Bourbonville and Washington withcharged with nailing white colors to his out a doubt. This has brought President He was lately slated to box Gus Young of the league forward with a flat-Ruhlin before the Lenox club and wired tooted denial, as follows, which may be taken

"I see that Mr. Dreyfus, one of the stockholders of the Louisville club, has revived the sensation that was sprung at the league meeting regarding a reduction of the league to eight clubs and the absorption by purchase the ring. of the Washington and Louisville clubs. I think I am in a position to know the exact status of the league's finances and I want to say that the Big Eight, as they are called. cannot afford to put up about \$150,000 to buy the franchises of not only Louisville and TRACK AND STABLE GOSSIP Washington, but also Baltimore and Cleveland. I do not know where Mr. Dreyfus gets his information, but I can assure him that he is wofully mistaken. I am sick of repeating this bewhiskered and chestnutty denial. There will be no reduction to the eight-club circuit this year. This is official and all future references to the matter I will disregard."

The base ball sensation of last week cannot expect an owner to give his trotter | for it seems hardly likely that Cincinnati | Manager Charles S. McDonald of the Iowa somewhat for the losses of last season. They matter: figure anyway that Slagel will go far to-Selbach.

Fred Barnes, the old University of Nebraska and Lincoln player, will wear a Baltimore uniform next year, as he has been sold to Ned Hanlon by the Brewers. Barnes with the Lincoln club and was drafted with an excellent reputation in the Western association. Barnes did finely for Milwaukee of which stayed with him until last season. the part of breeders and poor crossing of Toward the end of the year, however, he under the tuition of Ned Hanlon Fred will

The base ball writers along the major five seconds when he was only 14 months league circuit are indicting oblituaries to the receive from the athletic council of the Neold, and would have won fame and money once mighty wing of Amos Rusie. Amos' wing braska university is unknown, but it will too valuable in the stud to use him for any on numerous occasions during past seasons, stallion of extreme speed and good con- majority of his games. Rusic declares that this city. formation with a filly of equal merit and there is nothing wrong whatever with the you will reach the goal I have strived for most durable pitching apparatus that ever twenty years. I have a filly by Mambrino sprouted from a shoulder, and next season

Jennings, the Baltimore infielder, ake hold of his charges on February 15 and months.

Hallman, the ex-Brooklyn second baseman. will hold down second bag and captain the

Billy Hulen, the left-handed infielder who has been with Columbus a couple of years, will be given a trial by Washington. Hulen started out two years ago with the Phillies, but was farmed with Sandow Mertes.

## CHESS.

Play in the Kansas-Nebraska chess tournament was begun on January 5, and will continue until June. The contest is governed by the following rules, in part:

(1) This tournament shall be between Messrs, E. R. Tyson, T. N. Hartzell, Lee Edwards, Nelson Hald, P. J. Barron, A. Rasmussen. John L. Clark and C. Q. DeFrance on the part of Nebraska, and Messrs. N. A. Joss, G. M. Ufford, W. W. Gibson, Dr. John J. Parker, L. C. Molse, Prof. A. S. Hitchcock A. L. Wagenseller and O. A. Bayless, on the

(2) Players on the part of Nebraska are hereby ranked as follows: Tyson; No. 2, T. N. Hartzell; No. 3, Lee Edwards; No. 4, Nelson Hald; No. 5, P. J. Barron; No. 6, A. Hasmussen; No. 7, John L. Clark; No. 8, C. Q. DeFrance. Play-Prof. A. S. Hitchcock; No. Wagenseller; No. 8, O. A. Bayless.

(3) Each Nebroska player games simultaneously with his Kansas adversary of equal rank, each having the first

(5) The time limit between receiving and posting replies shall not exceed seventy-two hours. Sundays excepted, and in case of a violation of this rule without reasonable cause, the player violating the rule shall for-felt the game; provided, however, that a player has, in each game he plays, sever to count as a whole day), or two or more days consecutively; but in taking advantage of this rule the player exceeding his time limit must, in sending his reply to his oppo-nent, upon which reply he has taken over Autrain, American, 2:20 2-5; Prince Herschef. the seventy-two hours, notify him as to the American, 2:23. Most of these American extent or exact amount of extra time taken. (6) The winner of each game, or in case a draw, the first player shall forward in five days the score of the game to W. W. Gibson

at Wakeeney, Kan., and C. Q. DeFrance at Lincoln. Neb. If this is not done, the referee shall the power to cancel said game. (8) Numbers 1, 3, 5 and 7, Nebraska, shall

thetical moves, they shall not be binding unless the adversary makes the moves as-(12) If a player send more than one move. the alversary may select which he pleases, and if a move bear more than one interpre-

tation, the player receiving it must answer with his next move, which shall be final (ex-A splendid son of Black Squirrel is owned at Fairbury, this state, having recently been be made by any player without losing a piece or pawn, the game may be decared drawn by either party.

(17) Every player shall be entitled to a vacation of one month in each year, taken consecutively or a week at a time. The player claiming vacation must forward his to his opponent, stating the number weeks he proposes to avail himself of, and at the same time notify W. W. Gibson Wakeeney, Kan., and C. Q. DeFrance

Lincoln. Neb. His opponent shall not be bound to mail replies until such time. (18) The referee shall decide all disputes (19) A player being sick or otherwise un-able to continue his games, providing none

(29) Members are placed strictly upon their Gans, also, has whipped McPartland are holding out for a fortune in exchange honoor not to consult in tournament play, the other day he downed Jack Daly. It for their franchises and if they continue and any known infraction of this trust will subject offenders to forfeiture of rank and

score.

of the players object, may have a substitute

All members of the Nebrasks Chess association who desire to enter the second annual tournament must send word to the secretary, C. Q. De France, Lincoln, on or before January 21, on which date the entries close. It is expected to have about three sections, or more, of six each. Winners of sections will compete in finals.

Owing to error in position in problem No. 53, previously announced, it is thought best not to include it in the contest. The first problem in the competition, therefore, was No. 54, solution to which, together with problem No. 55, will be given next week. Solutions to No. 53 were received from A Rasmussen, South Omaha; T. N. Hartzell Kearney: Dave H. Carroll, Gothenburg, and Harriet E. Mead, Lincoln, The key move to problem No. 53 is R

Strictly speaking, the variations of three-mover depend upon White's secta1 move; hence, while there are eleven distinct mates in this problem, there are only three ways of forcing Black into a mating posttion: Kt takes P (dis. ch.), this being the 'main play;" Q to K 2 (ch.) and Q to Kt 3.

#### All Kinds of Sports.

There is a strong possibility that during the coming spring a field and track meet, in was the sale of Selbach by the Senators to which representatives of the universities of the Reds. This was one of the big deals of Nebraska and Iowa will compete, will be you to predict for me that the two-minute base ball history, for it is reported on held, and that this event will take place trotter is sure to come. I am as certain of pretty reliable authority that \$5,000 was the in this city. Correspondence with this purthat as I am that I am living today, but fancy figure paid for the German. This pose in view is passing between the athletic until special prize inducements are given looks as if either Miller, McBride or Smith boards of the universities, and some de-

a faster record than is consistent with the would part from so nice a piece of coin for University track team, who is a Council without being knocked out, isn't Sharkey we had trained Fantasy, 2:06, for a two-Any one who from this distance would today, but I want to campaign race horses. price, which will enable them to make up sporting editor as follows regarding the tempted to make the deal on account of the a dual league. He recently spoke to the

"Field and track sports are among the sports. They occupy a high position on the amateur sporting calender and that this is so is proved by the great interest that is felt in them in the eastern section of the country and the support that is given them there. This being so, it will be but a short time before they assume their proper standing out here in the middle west, just as foot ball has secured so substantial a hold during the last few years. The athletic of the University of Iowa simply desire to hasten the time, and it is for in so easily making a carpet sweeper of stock has been neglected during the last in his first year, but in the next season he that reason that the correspondence with the Nebraska university regarding the for-Such a meet should see some first-class blood. As a result there were many bad picked up rapidly and played well in both terial for the track this season, and I under- of the birds. The race will be shot off inand gawky-looking horses on the track last the out and infield. His weak point is his stand that Nebruska is well fixed in this respect, also. Certainly the athletes that the two universities have turned out in the past give assurance that they are capable

of having first-class teams." Just what reception this proposition will

If the meet is arranged it will probably

Stars of the American athletic world have frequently crossed the ocean and have returned to the land of Uncle Sam with bushels of glory and medals, but during the coming summer a collection of products of been engaged to coach the base ball team of the Emerald Isle will visit this country who Cornell university this spring. He will are likely to make Yankee Doodle's athletic representatives hustle to hold their own on will remain with them for a couple of their native heath. The best brawn of Ireland will take part in this invasion and it forms a galaxy of record-breakers who It has been definitely settled that Bill comprise the strongest athletic team the world has ever seen. The troups will be purely amatuer, each man paying his own expenses. Probably the most famous of the bunch is W. J. M. Newburn, the giant broad jumper, who measures six feet five and onehalf inches from scalp to sole. He has been jumping only eighteen mouths, but he now inches, nearly two feet more than the world's record at the time he made his appearance, and he hopes to make it twentysix feet in the dryer atmospheric conditions the present world's record of six feet five aggregation is D. Horgan, who holds the present world's record of forty-eight feet one-half inch for the sixteen-pound weight. He is a strong hammer thrower, also, but the captain of the team, T. J. Kielly, will be depended upon to defeat the great Flanagan, who, while an American, can also claim to be an Irishman, by the way. Kielly holds the British record of 157 feet eleven Flanagan's world's record. Kielly has won the all-around championship of England several times and is after the American title. Huge Welch, the crack mile runner of Edinburgh college, holds the English mile record of 4:17 1-5 and will try to beat the world's record of 4:15 3-5, held by 1:57. The sprinter of the team will be H. frequently upon the 100-yard grass tracks of England, which are held to be a yard slower than the American cinder path. The quarter-male runner will be J. C. Meredith, who has made 50 flat.

Although the frogeaters have refused to will doubtless be the director of sports at the as the best presiding officer in the league. sense, but of limited educational advantages, exposition. The club will scour the country But there is little chance that he will be He was the owner of a large and well conseveral world's records to smithereens about have the first move in first game and num- for the best athletes. This action will un- placed on the ticket, as he has not been ac- ducted farm, but found time, nevertheless,

All the reports that Harvard would refuse o meet the University of Pennsylvania next and Princeton have proved to be without now in sight. George Locke of Illinois is foundation. According to the foot ball agreeall foot ball relations remain unchanged unless notification is given by one of the league work in a national sense to put him other before January 1 of each year. Harvard gave no notice of any desire to have the annual game canceled and therefore it may be regarded as a fixture of next fall. In all probability the financial aspect of the case appealed to the Crimsonites, for there is no question that the annual Harvard-Pennsylvania game is the foot ball money maker of the year.

But, while Harvard and old Penn will play foot ball next winter, it is quite likely that they will not meet in the Mott Haven games this coming spring. In fact the days of these time honored games seems to be numbered. Not only has Harvard given symptoms of a desire to withdraw, but she seems likely to be followed by Yale. Both gave an indication of a willingness to guit when they were snowed under by Pennsylvania and Princeton last spring and now they are talking of forming a little dual meet of their own. There seems to be little doubt that they will quit the association and that will leave Princeton and Penn as practically the only members of the assoclation. There is some little talk of the latter two engaging in a freeze-out game in the shape of a dual league in this branch of sport, also. If this arrangement were carried out it would be but a matter of a short time before these old-time foes would be competitors in the other departments of sport.

In the absence of any competition in an athletic way, representatives of American and English universities may be pitted against each other across the chess board during the coming spring. At the chess tournament just closed between Yale, Harvard, Princeton and Columbia, a plan was arranged to challenge Oxford and Cambridge to an international chess tournament by cable. The proposed match is to be played during the Easter holidays. Six boards are to be used and there is to be a time limit of twenty moves an hour. Laskar has been mentioned as the referee. Harvard and Columbia are to have two players in this match as a reward for the first and second place secured by them in the late tournament, while Yale and Princeton will have each one player.

Antonio Pierri, manager of the Terrible Turk No. 2, comes forth with a tale to the effect that Yousouf, the first terrorizing Mohammedan, who was drowned in the Atlantic, was an ex-brigand of Turkey. According to the yarn that Pierri spins Yousouf was the chief of a dare-devil band of robbers whose lairs were in the mountain fastnesses of Turkey. He was a terror to all, owing to his great strength. Finally he was captured and brought before the a wrestler of him. Yousouf gave up his band of robbers and soon became the star wrestler of Turkey, his immense strength completely winning him the sultan's favor.

The sweeping defi thrown down to all skaters by Oscar Julius, the speedy Swedish skater, promises to result in a skating carnival between cracks such as America has not seen for a long time. Efforts are being made to get a half dozen other n a sweepstakes. Julius, John Lawson, the "Terrible Swede," Joe Donaghue, Johnny Johnson and Nellsen would form a very be pulled off on a big rink in some western

A team race at live birds has been arranged between Henry McDonald and W. W. Watt on the one side and Gus Icken and John "Welch" on the other. The race is to be at fifty birds and the prize consists of a purse consisting of \$25 a corner and the price side of a week.

A big wolf hunt is down for the cards today, to take place on Bill Steven's ranch on the Big Pappio. A large number of the Omaha shooters will take part.

"Spoon Bill" Petty is looking for a chance for a rifle race with anybody in the city for any old kind of a prize,

John Cooke of Arapahoe, one of the true plue sportsmen of this section of the country, was in the city during the last week.

Herman Vetten of the Omaha Sporting Goods company left for Leavenworth last Tuesday to plunge into a matrimonial

#### venture. IN THE WHEELING WORLD

Confidence of the Trade in a Profit able Year-Other Matters of Interest.

The condition of the bicycle trade on the opening of the new year is one of confidence. Some enthusiasts predict that it will be the greatest year in the history of the industry. The fact that like predictions were as common as snowflakes and quite as unsubstantial a year ago should not wholly discredit the present crop. Last year's predictions were holds a record of twenty-five feet three turned loose before the war and in consequence were discredited early in the season The present aspect of the trade certainly warrants the cheerfulness of those in position to feel the early throbs of business n this country. Another of the team, D. booked to bloom in the spring and summer J. Leahy, stands head and shoulders above All the leading factories are running fullanybody else in the amateur athletic world handed and on full time. Cycle shows are in his specialty-the high jump. He holds planned for all the leading cities. Foreign demand is steadily growing. These are and one-half inches. The shot-putter of the cheering proofs of the confidence felt, as well as evidence of the determination of the trade to push business to the limit.

While there is still some talk of candi-

dates to oppose the election of T. J. Keenan,

ir., to the presidency of the League of American Wheelmen, it is of such a nature as to warrant the statement that there will be but one ticket in the field, though there inches, which is only five inches behind may be independent candidates for the other positions. It now is a fact that Keean has more than a working majority for the first place and opposition would be almost useless. His strongest opponent would have been Conway W. Sams of Baltimore, but as that gentleman has been prominently suggested he will be in a good position for Tommy Conneff. He has gone the half in next year. The Keenan supporters have only the kindest word for Sams, and if he M. McNamara, who has done even time wishes the office next year will probably give him their support. No other candidate will appear should the friends of Sams rethis year, and Keenan will be elected unanimously. The principal reason for this conpass a government appropriation to pay the if the lost ground of the organization is to of 2,007. There has been a decrease despite expenses of an athletic carnival during the be made up it can only be by harmonizing the fact that more new members were taken Paris exposition, there is every indication all factions and all working together for the that such an affair will be held and that interests of the whole. This is sensible, in America will be well represented. It is not view of the damage done in the past beat all improbable that Uncle Sam will have cause of internal troubles, and it is not too In his report Arthur characterizes it as the two or three teams to uphold his honor, late to again put the league on a perfectly judging from present indications. The first solid basis. There is some talk of placing steps have been taken by the Chicago Charles F. Cossum of Poughkeepsie, N. Y. Athletic club, which proposes to send a team on the ticket for first vice president, leavthat will represent it exclusively-probably ing to Herbert W. Foltz of Indianapolis the because of the fact that William Hale second vice presidency. Cossum has served Thompson, one of its prominent members, in the same capacity before and is known

elected unanimously. For the second vice presidency Kingsbury now out of the race, as the managers of the ment entered into by the two universities campaign have decided that it would be neither good politics nor for the good of the on the ticket, though there is no opposition to him personally. For the treasurership there bids fair to be

a fight. The place was first offered to D. J. O'Brien of Omaha and he accepted, but it now apepars that the present incumbent, James C. Tattersall of New Jersey is anylous for a re-election, and has made overtures to the commission for a place on the ticket. Without regard to this O'Brien has announced himself a candidate and will run independently if necessary. He stands on the platform that the district lying west of the Mississippi river is entitled to recognition and the office of treasurer is the least that should be given it. He is extremely popular, both in the east and west, and in a fight would probably defeat Tattersall, who is but little known outside of his own state.

What will happen at the next annual

meeting of the League of Amer-Wheelmen is now foreshadican owed by the New York Sun with sufficient distinctness to satisfy most of those who are deeply interested. By those who study and prophesy it is said that, first of all, there will be little politics at the assembly, and that the presidency and other vacant offices will be filled with startling unanimity. In the second place, the League will continue to control racing and support the policy of the racing board. Professional riders, it is predicted, will be acmitted to membership and amateur racing men required to register, the same as professionals. The national meet may be voted to Boston. The reasons for these forecasts being made by New York men who enter into the privy councils of the League seem sound. There are 300 delegates elected to attend the national assembly in Providence in February. Of this number it has been calculated that 263 will be present. It will require a two-thirds majority to pass any amendment, and an amendment is necessary if the League wants to abandon racing control. A poll has been taken by mail of how states have instructed their delegates to vote. All that is necessary to insure the continued control of racing by the league is to have eighty-eight delegates vote in favor of it and against any amendment proposing that it be dropped. The poll of the states show that 137 votes are almost certain to be cast in favor of racing control. This is true with ten states yet to be heard from, including New York and Pennsylvania.

Regarding the national meet of next summer for which Boston and Buffalo have been rivals, the chances seem to be in favor of Boston, although the result is much less certain than is the outcome of the racing deliberation and the election. The New sultan, who pardoned him in order to make York delegates have been instructed to vote in favor of Buffalo, because it is in this state. and the result of a national meet there will be a big increase in the membership of the division. In spite of this the sympathy of many of the delegates is known to be with Boston. Buffalo, in a certain sense, is a hotbed of outlawry and league antagonism. The most available track in the city is owned by the president of the new association. formed to oppose the league. In the way of attraction Boston advances arguments premiers on the steel runners to take part | which rather throw those of the Buffalo advocates in the shade. The west has been strongly appealed to by the Buffalonians to favor their city for the meet and take a warm field. If the race is arranged it will trip to Niagara Falls, but Boston promptly issued a pamphlet telling the westerners that they should have a peep at Bunker Hill Monument and see Niagara Falls on the way. Outside of this state the majority of sentiment seems to favor Boston. The vote on this question is now being taken by mail, each of the 300 delegates to the National assembly being entitled to one vote. An agent of one of the chainless wheel

factories, who is home from a business tour abroad, where he sold hundreds of the new crop, is quoted as saying that the chainless will have the call this year, both on account of its superiority and reasonable price-\$75. Of the orders booked by his factory 87 per cent call for the chainless. Concerning trade abroad he says the reduction in price of English makes is not so marked as it looks. Until recently wheels which listed at from £25 to £30 were disposed of at from 25 to 40 per cent discount for cash. This year the Englishman will follow the policy of the American manufacturer, who puts a fair price on his bicycle and gets it and does little or no cutting. Ho does not think that English wheels would be able ever to compete with the American machine on this side of the water, no matter what the tariff might be. Many of the foreign makers, it is said, are using the cumbersome and heavy pedals which were in vogue in this country in the days of the high wheel. Experts say that the English wheel has not the same style, grace and finish as the American article, and, while it is much heavier, that it will not stand up under a severe strain any better than the American wheel will do.

At a recent cycle show in Paris American wheels scored a signal victory over wheels from other countries. There was a hot fight for space and after an acrimonious controversy the American and other foreign makes were excluded. But the Americans scored by securing from the French Cycle Board of Trade a public declaration of the superiority of the American bicycles and American bloycle-making machinery. It is said that five American wheels are sold in France to every one of French and English manufacture.

It is said on excellent authority that the National Cycling Track association will not commit itself to the outlaw movement nor take any action as an organization until after the National assembly of the League of American Wheelmen. This is significant of the respect that the track owners still have for the power of the L. A. W. Without the tracks the outlaws will be helplass, and with the tracks the league can sit at case and dictate terms when the men come scurrying back to pay their fines for naughtiness and get under cover. The side taken by the track owners will be all-important in settling racing control and it is known that they do not particularly love some of those

who are promoting the outlaw movement. Membership in the Illinois division of the League of American Wheelmen has decreased almost one-half during the last eight months. The condition is one which threatens the usefulness of the organization tain their opinion that he should not run and promises financial embarrassment unless relief is quickly found. Last May the membership books showed 4,075 names-the dition is that all of the leaders of the high-water mark in the history of the divi-League of American Wheelmen realize that sion. Today the names number 2,608, a loss in during Chief Consul Arthur's administration than in any other period of the same length. Old members have failed to renew most discouraging state of affairs he has ever

## TOLD OUT OF COURT.

Away back in the North Carolina mountains there lived in the '80s a justice of the peace gifted with a great store of common sense, but of limited educational advantages.

bers, 2, 4, 6 and 8, Kansas, shall have the first move in first game.

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(12) If a player assumes that his adversary will make certain moves, and sends hypofled with Foltz, and he will probably be neighborhood. Suitors brought before him on the defendant side were sometimes shrewd enough to take advantage of this year and form a triple league with Yale of New Hampshire is the only candidate weakness of the squire. On one occasion the station agent of the Richmond & Danville railroad appeared to defend a suit brought by a mountaineer for killing . scrub cow, and while waiting for the witnesses he spoke of a neighborhood rumor that "Squire B.," a J. P. living a mile or two away, had been guilty of taking some lillegal fees in a recent case tried before him. "Yes," said Squire L., "I been a thinkin' 'bout that ar case a good deal, and been a ponderin' on jist what Squire B.'s seen guilty of. Now, as a matter of course, it's 'malfessance' for he taken fees he hadn't orter have tuck, and in my opinion

it don't miss 'malpractice' fur. First Lawyer-I thought you were retained to defend Gory Dick, the wife murderer? Second Lawyer-I was asked to, but my conscience wouldn't let me. It was such a brutal crime. And besides that, he has no money.

"Do you know any one in these parts." queried a lawyer of one Mrs. Shultz, who was a witness in a trial at Pratt, Kan. Mrs. Shultz dropped her eyes, plucked nervously at her shawl for a moment and then blushingly responded: "Sheriff Keyes over there used to be my beau before either of us were married.'

Attorney Corbett is one of Paducah's most talented lawvers, but on account of his boyish face he is sometimes misjudged by those who don't know him. The other day a negro was brought into circuit court charged with some offense and Atorney Corbett was appointed to defend him. As the lawyer was pointed out to the prisoner and he was told to go over and consult with nua, the culprit looked him over a moment and then said: "Judge, I pleads guilty."

Nine men connected with the newspaper ousiness in Harrisburg, Pa., were members of a jury to take verdicts in state tax cases a few days ago. They were pressed into service by the prothonotary of Dauphin county.

The courtroom was full of newspaper men, attracted because one of their number, as superintendent of public printing, was being mandamused to compel the state to pay a arge bill for printing which he did not think was correct, and the newspaper men were there to report the case. Previous to its being called, however, the attorney general announced that a number of verdicts in state tax cases had been agreed upon and he would like to have a jury pass upon them.

Prothonotary Diffenderfer thereupon summoned the following from the floor of the courtroom into the jury box: E. J. Stackpole, correspondent of Philadelphia, New York and Pittsburg newspapers: George M. Wanbaugh, Associated Press correspondent: Wellington G. Jones, Harrisburg Telegraph; G. Washington Straw, Harrisburg Star-Independent; John Patricius Dohoney, correspondent New York and Pittsburg newspapers; Thomas J. Jones, Harrisburg Telegraph and newspaper correspondent; Howard M. Hoke, author and contributor to a newspaper syndicate; Frederick M. Ray artist and designer, and three others not connected with newspapers.

As the jurors took their seats Congress man Olmsted of counsel for the defense arose and said: "May it please the court." would like to ask that that panel of jurors be quashed."

"For what reason?" asked Judge Pherson "For the reason that it is too intelligent,"

was the witty congressman's answer. The court said it would be glad to have that kind of a jury to try all the cases. The work of taking verdicts took but a few minutes and the tury was discharge the thanks of the court.

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