WEEKLY REVIEW OF TRADE

Existing Conditions Are Satisfactory and Were Not Unlooked For.

STRIKES ARE GENERALLY BEING SETTLED

Reduction in Prices of Iron and Steel and Their Products Went Far Enough to Bring Out New Business.

NEW YORK, May 4.—R. G. Dun & Co.'s Weekly Review of Trade says:

Failure returns for April are especially valuable because they show that there do not exist in the most important branches of business the conditions which threaten disaster. They call attention to one line in which some curtailment had seemed from previous returns to be in progress and has been hastened by strikes in the building trades.

The state of business has been represented to fit and used to support several hundred theories already. The simple fact is that some reaction from the abnormal excitement and expansion and rise of prices last year was necessary to continued prosperity. Its duration may therefore be expected to depend on the promptness with which production and prices adjust themselves to actual demands. Much progress in that adjustment has been made during the last week, with increased activity already resulting. Strikes springing from disputes about the terms of work and wages for the coming year have also made distinct progress toward settlement.

The reduction in prices of iron and steel and their products has gone far enough to bring out much new business. At the end of last week cut nails were reduced 45 cents per keg and in plates and bars somewhat lower prices have been reported. Prices for sheets have not yet been named, but in pipes and tubes there is some yielding, with larger business in fence and other wire since the reduction. Not a sale of Bessemer pig is reported, the association still asking $24.90, while eastern pig is offered at Pittsburg below $23, and local forge is lower at $20, with eastern at $19.75. Chicago coke has declined 50 cents and southern also. Eastern markets are irregular, with growing belief that an output exceeding consumption will reduce prices until the demand again expands. There are large foreign contracts for pig pending and important sales of finished products for export have been made. It helps toward better adjustment that coke is quoted $1 per ton lower than a month ago and anthracite coal has also declined. The close of the wool year has come without the scarcity which some expected, but with the average of quotations by Coates Bros. reduced in April about 1 cent. Sales have been small and yet much in excess of purchases for consumption. Manufacturers have so far refrained from showing that they were much better supplied six months or a year ago than dealers are willing to believe. The market for goods, excepting the most favored staples, has been so far unsettled and irregular as to give small encouragement for buying wool at current prices.

Interior holders are still strong, hoping that the end of the season brings the end of manufacturers' stocks. Cotton goods have also shown similar weakness in transactions for future delivery and new business is narrow. Until prospects for the new crop are more settled the pressure of English spinners for supplies tends strongly to hold up prices here, though foreign mill stocks are now heavy. April exports of breadstuffs have been large, both wheat and corn surpassing last year's record. Atlantic exports of wheat in five weeks, flour included, have reached 11,080,993 bushels, against 10,744,798 bushels last year. Pacific exports 3,513,250 bushels, against 2,090,737 last year, and corn exports 15,773,337 bushels, against 12,740,942 last year. In spite of conflicting stories the movement of wheat from the farms continues larger than a year ago. The price closed as it opened, while corn declined 2 cents.

All exports from New York in four weeks have been 33.4 per cent, or over $11,000,000 larger than last year, and with the gain of $15,000,000 in cotton from other ports the month's aggregate for merchandise should rise above $100,000,000. Imports show a small gain, but will hardly exceed $70,000,000.

Failures for the week have been 209 in the United States, against 158 last year, and twenty-seven in Canada, against twenty-three last year.

BRADSTREET'S REVIEW OF TRADE.

Business is in Good Condition Despite the Apparent Dullness.

NEW YORK, May 4.—Bradstreet's tomorrow will say:

A further subsidence of demand of the level of prices is noted in several lines this week, this process being, no doubt, aided by the unsettling effect of the rather more than usually disturbed conditions in labor circles. The net result is something approaching dullness in many channels of distribution, increased conservatism in the making of ventures and a disposition to digest business already arranged for before making engagements. That the basic condition of general business such as the outlook for crops, export demand and the increased purchasing power of the people at large have not been much reduced, but on the contrary actually improved, seems evident from the advices received this week.

Business at wholesale is relatively quieter, which is not unusual at this period, but more than ordinarily marked attention is being concentrated on the retail demand, which is of course relied upon as a measure of the progress of the actual consumption. Touching this particular demand it may be stated that relatively best reports come from the Pacific coast and the northwest. Good crop prospects and the weakness in provisions, charged partly to increased receipts of hogs, but also attributed to bear operations by packers, have exercised a depressing effect on corn and to a less extent on wheat.

The weakness of print cloths is confined as yet to outside manufacturers' quotations, the pool prices being maintained unchanged. No effects from this source or the dullness at wholesale in cotton goods are yet reflected in the market for the raw material, which remains strong, owing partly to the reduced movement of the crop, the April movement being 14 per cent lower than a year ago, and partly to the expected small surplus to be carried over to next season.

The shoe and leather trade at the east is notably quiet. Jobbers are apparently expecting a break, but manufacturers remain firm. Restricted supplies of raw sugar have imposed a slight marking up of quotations this week, but no change of refined prices is reported. The situation in iron and steel is still a mixed one. No diminution of strength of pig iron is reported at such centers as Birmingham and Pittsburg, and predictions are that the ruling price of Bessemer pig will not be shaded during the last half of the year. Some cutting of pig iron prices is reported at the west, however. The report from Birmingham is a most encouraging one, due mainly to the reawakened export inquiry heretofore noted. An order for 100,000 tons for Germany, for delivery next year, is under negotiation with the differences between buyer and seller so small that expectations favor a satisfactory outcome.

Structural material remains as strong as heretofore, favorable features being the placing of a very large order for bridge material for Canada, while domestic demand is reported exceptionally good. Billets are unquestionably lower, but it is doubtful if much business is being done at the extreme low quotations being given by some authorities.

Flour shipments this week are very large. Wheat, including flour, shipments for the week aggregate 4,537,022 bushels, against 3,893,983 bushels last week, 3,884,081 in 1899, 1,799,322 bushels in 1897 and 1,882,718 bushels in 1896. Since July 1 this season the exports of wheat aggregate 166,025,434 bushels, against 199,774,902 bushels last year and 198,876,461 bushels in 1897-8.

Corn exports for the week aggregate 4,041,059 bushels, against 3,069,664 bushels last week, 2,847,290 bushels in this week a year ago, 6,185,904 bushels in 1898, 3,127,781 bushels in 1897 and 1,891,756 bushels in 1896. Since July 1 this season corn exports aggregate 173,113,075 bushels, against 14,553,000 bushels during the same period a year ago and 157,335,246 bushels in 1897-8.

For the week failures number in the United States 153, as compared with 182 last week, 184 in this week a year ago, 240 in 1898, 228 in 1897 and 267 in 1896.

Failures for April in the Dominion of Canada were fewer than in April a year ago, but liabilities were nearly 15 per cent heavier.

WEEKLY CLEARING HOUSE TABLE.

Aggregate of Business Transacted by the Associated Banks.

NEW YORK, May 4.—The following table, compiled by Bradstreet, shows the bank clearings at all principal cities for the week ended May 3, with the percentage of increase and decrease as compared with the corresponding week last year:

CITIES.	Amount.	Inc.	Dec.
New York	$1,158,778,036	.....	19.8
Boston	141,800,140	.....	14.0
Chicago	140,960,398	.....	2.6
Philadelphia	99,964,546	.....	5.4
Pittsburg	35,055,957	.....	1.6
St. Louis	31,688,738	.....	0.8
Baltimore	26,256,437	.....	27.6
San Francisco	21,507,352	10.8	.....
Kansas City	15,618,648	27.7	.....
Cincinnati	14,931,900	6.1	.....
Minneapolis	14,700,835	38.9	.....
Cleveland	9,940,734	.....	14.6
Louisville	8,886,033	3.0	.....
New Orleans	8,415,092	13.4	.....
Detroit	8,360,169	.....	3.1
Providence	7,075,600	9.9	.....
Milwaukee	6,107,302	13.7	.....
Houston	6,078,089	16.8	.....
OMAHA	6,020,465	49.3	.....
Indianapolis	5,585,805	.....	14.4
Galveston	5,632,000	.....	2.8
Buffalo	5,140,735	.....	3.9
St. Paul	5,104,091	5.3	.....
Columbus, O.	4,955,800	5.3	.....
Savannah	4,111,521	56.7	.....
St. Joseph	4,293,112	1.4	.....
Denver	3,918,995	.....	18.2
Richmond	3,147,735	.....	.....
Memphis	2,522,357	47.9	.....
Washington	2,485,316	.....	13.6
Hartford	2,454,879	.....	7.4
Salt Lake City	2,404,808	.....	4.8
Fort Worth	2,319,362	19.1	.....
Rochester	2,311,421	1.1	.....
Peoria	2,251,843	5.2	.....
Los Angeles	2,224,498	40.9	.....
Toledo	2,087,822	.....	23.2
New Haven	1,373,474	.....	3.9
Worcester	1,406,994	.....	22.7
Atlanta	1,275,196	.....	26.8
Springfield, Mass.	1,415,201	.....	35.5
Portland, Me.	1,174,363	.....	28.6
Portland, Ore.	1,683,338	8.7	.....
Norfolk	1,531,065	33.1	.....
Syracuse	1,287,260	.....	.....
Des Moines	1,877,878	26.5	.....
Nashville	1,481,708	.....	.....
Scranton	1,218,541	19.7	.....
Grand Rapids	1,614,703	5.0	.....
Dayton, O.	1,205,552	26.0	.....
Seattle	1,702,026	10.6	.....
Sioux City	1,298,509	30.0	.....
Wilmington, Del.	991,492	14.4	.....
Fall River	967,789	9.1	.....
Augusta, Ga.	833,511	25.9	.....
Lowell	638,601	.....	33.4
Tacoma	999,742	35.3	.....
Spokane	969,804	.....	34.4
New Bedford	433,429	.....	28.8
Knoxville, Tenn.	562,917	4.2	.....
Topeka	483,546	.....	7.6
Birmingham	789,146	18.1	.....
Wichita	491,447	7.4	.....
Binghamton	479,900	23.7	.....
Lexington, Ky.	417,302	5.0	.....
Jacksonville, Fla.	293,071	14.9	.....
Kalamazoo	385,123	18.0	.....
Akron	417,000	.....	9.5
Chattanooga	410,715	39.4	.....
Rockford, Ill.	310,988	.....	.....
Canton, O.	261,000	.....	.....
Springfield, O.	276,846	.....	6.4
Fargo, N. D.	222,496	.....	11.2
Sioux Falls, S. D.	117,618	.....	20.9
Hastings, Neb.	188,347	68.8	.....
Fremont, Neb.	115,528	.....	16.4
Davenport	692,259	.....	.....
Helena	426,613	.....	34.9
Evansville	978,479	32.1	.....
Macon	632,000	.....	11.1
Little Rock	611,183	27.7	.....
Springfield, Ill.	427,615	.....	.....
Youngstown	205,038	.....	18.0
Saginaw	324,158	.....	8.2
Totals, U. S.	$1,845,882,647	.....	14.5
Totals, outside N. Y.	687,103,711	.....	3.6
DOMINION OF CANADA.			
Montreal	$ 12,776,914	.....	30.5
Toronto	9,054,472	.....	17.8
Winnipeg	2,102,778	15.1	.....
Halifax	1,343,229	.....	10.4
Hamilton	884,548	6.4	.....
St. John, N. B.	694,154	56.6	.....
Vancouver	759,066	.....	6.5
Victoria	427,696	.....	42.2
Totals	$ 27,932,856	.....	2.2

BRADSTREET'S FINANCIAL REVIEW.

State of Inaction is Feature of Past Week's Markets.

NEW YORK, May 4.—Bradstreet's review of the New York stock market tomorrow will say:

Apart from the above the principal noteworthy circumstances was ... heavy tone of the industrials and the readiness of the steel stocks in particular to sell off, either on liquidation or bearish attacks. But for the covering of short contracts there would seem to be very little support in that portion of the market and the adverse influence of the industrials of course again aided in creating a weak tone in the railroad share list, except where manipulative support was extended. There were no declines of great importance, however, and the market was comparatively indifferent to the engagement and shipment abroad of $2,600,000 gold. Money is easy and the steady increase in the national bank circulation under the new financial law justifies the conclusion that the transfer of a certain amount of gold to London and Paris this spring will have no bad effects on the situation here.

The London market, it may be observed, is in a state of inaction closely resembling what prevails here, and the gold shipments, troubles among industrials and sagging of the railroad stock list have checked the foreign disposition to buy American stocks. The European participation in the market here was accordingly much smaller this week than for some time back, and represented as much selling as purchasing, the interest therefrom being on the whole adverse on our markets. The same situation is given to political matters, though the street is not as yet inclined to consider the approaching presidential canvass a positive factor in the market, although in some quarters it is claimed the dullness which has often prevailed at such periods is already beginning to assert itself. Views of this kind, however, do not find general assent and it would appear that large interests are firmly holding railroad securities in large blocks with a view to further advance in all income yielding stocks when the liquidation in industrials has spent its force and the expansion of the circulation has its due effect on money rates and the financial situation throughout the country.

Railroad earnings continue to be favorable and, though no large or important deals are on foot, there have been further examples of process of construction, notably the acquisition of the St. Paul & Duluth's control by the Northern Pacific. The strikes of railroad employes at Buffalo this week were watched with interest as well as the symptoms of unrest on the part of the workmen in many trades, but the prompt steps taken by the New York Central management to settle the dispute in which it was involved gave the matter only a minimum effect on prices.

GILBERT CAPTURES THE TROPHY.

Shoots Ninety-Seven Out of a Possible One Hundred Birds.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., May 4.—At the Illinois Gun club's tournament, which closed today, the principal contest was for the Schmelzer trophy, a silver cup, which was won by Rollo Heikes of Dayton, O., last year at Nashville, with ninety-one birds. The cup was won today by Fred Gilbert of Spirit Lake, Ia., who shot ninety-seven out of a possible 100 at expert trap shooting at reverse pull. W. R. Crosby was second, with ninety-two; Rollo Heikes and R. M. Kline of Spirit Lake third, with ninety-one each, and Thomas Marshall of Keithsburg, Ill., and J. A. R. Elliott fourth, with ninety each. The previous record was ninety-six birds by C. W. Budd of Des Moines, in 1897, at Des Moines.

QUAKERS KEEP UP THE GAIT

Hot Pace Set at the Beginning of the Season Hasn't Slackened.

LEADERS OF THE LEAGUE ARE STRONG

Boston Gets Another Taste of the Slugging Ability of the Sheets-line Crew of Stick Artists.

Philadelphia, 12; Boston, 4.
Cincinnati, 5; Chicago, 3.
New York, 6; Brooklyn, 5.
Pittsburg-St. Louis, cold.
Milwaukee, 4; Minneapolis, 3.
Cleveland, no game; cold.

BOSTON, May 4.—Lewis started in to pitch for Boston today but after giving five passes to first and making two wild pitches retired in favor of Pittenger in the second inning. Bernhardt pitched a good steady game, being especially effective when men were on bases. Flick's batting and the work of the Philadelphia outfield were features. Attendance, 2,700. Score:

BOSTON.	R.	H.	O.	A.	E.	PHILADELPHIA.	R.	H.	O.	A.	E.
Hamilton, cf	0	0	0	0	0	Thomas, cf	2	0	3	1	0
Tenney, 1b	1	3	7	0	0	Slagle, lf	1	1	2	0	0
Collins, 3b	1	1	1	0	0	Delehe'ty, 1b	2	2	11	0	0
Stahl, rf	1	1	4	0	0	Lajoie, 2b	1	1	2	6	0
Freem'n, lf	0	1	2	0	2	Flick, rf	3	3	2	2	0
Lowe, 2b	0	2	5	4	1	McFar'd, c	1	1	4	1	0
Barry, ss	0	0	4	2	1	Wolv'tn, 3b	0	3	0	2	0
Sullivan, c	0	0	3	3	1	Cross, ss	1	1	0	5	0
Lewis, p	0	0	0	0	0	Bernhardt, p	0	0	0	1	0
Pittenger, p	1	1	1	3	1						
Totals	4	10	27	12	6	Totals	12	12	27	19	0

Boston	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0—4
Philadelphia	4	1	2	0	0	1	1	2	1—12

Earned runs: Philadelphia, 3; Boston, 1. Two-base hits: Flick, Cross. Three-base hits: McFarland. Home runs: Flick (2). Stolen bases: Freeman, Flick. Double play: Pittenger to Barry. Sacrifice hit: Collins. First base on balls: Off Lewis, 5; off Pittenger, 5; off Bernhardt, 4. Hit by pitched ball: Barry. Struck out: By Lewis, 2; by Bernhardt, 3; by Pittenger, 1. Passed ball: McFarland. Wild pitch: Lewis. Time: 2:35. Umpire: Emslie.

Orphans' Poor Fielding.

CHICAGO, May 4.—Garvin pitched a fine game for Chicago today, but his work went for naught because of the ragged fielding back of him, in which the Cincinnatis' runs resulting from misplays. Ryan's hitting was a feature. Attendance, 1,000. Score:

CHICAGO.	R.	H.	O.	A.	E.	CINCINNATI.	R.	H.	O.	A.	E.
Ryan, lf	1	3	2	0	0	Barrett, rf	1	2	1	0	0
Childs, 2b	0	0	1	7	0	Corcoran, ss	1	1	3	5	0
Hungan, c	0	0	9	1	0	Crawford, cf	1	2	2	0	0
McCart'y, rf	0	2	1	0	1	Smith, lf	0	0	2	0	0
Everitt, 1b	0	1	12	0	2	Beckley, 1b	1	1	8	0	0
Bradley, 3b	0	0	0	0	1	Steinf'dt, 2b	0	0	5	1	0
Clingm'n, ss	1	1	3	3	0	Irwin, 3b	0	2	1	2	0
Donahue, c	0	1	7	0	1	Wood, c	0	0	4	2	1
Garvin, p	1	1	0	4	0	Newton, p	0	0	1	2	2
*Nichols	0	0	0	0	0						
Totals	3	10	27	13	6	Totals	5	8	27	12	3

*Nichols batted for Garvin in ninth.

Chicago	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	—3
Cincinnati	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	2	0	—5

Earned runs: Chicago, 2. Left on bases: Chicago, 9; Cincinnati, 6. Two-base hits: Ryan (3). Sacrifice hit: Childs. Stolen bases: Ryan, Clingman, Crawford, Beckley. Struck out: By Garvin, 5; by Newton, 4. First base on balls: Off Garvin, 2; off Newton, 3. Time: 2:02. Umpire: Swartwood.

Giants Beat Superbas.

NEW YORK, May 4.—The New Yorks managed to win a game from the Brooklyns today by superior batting. Dahlen got into an argument with the umpire and was removed from the game. Attendance, 3,000. Score:

NEW YORK.	R.	H.	O.	A.	E.	BROOKLYN.	R.	H.	O.	A.	E.
VanH'n, cf	0	1	2	0	0	Sheckard, lf	2	0	2	2	0
Mercer, 3b	1	1	2	3	2	Keeler, 2b	1	1	1	1	0
Selbach, lf	2	2	3	0	0	Jenn'gs, 1b	0	2	8	0	0
Davis, ss	0	1	4	0	0	Smith, 2b	0	1	2	0	0
Doyle, 1b	0	2	8	0	0	Jones, cf	0	1	2	1	0
Gleason, 2b	1	0	4	3	1	Dahlen, ss	0	0	1	2	0
Foster, rf	1	1	4	0	0	Kitson, rf	0	0	1	0	0
Grady, c	1	0	1	4	0	Dem't, 2b-ss	0	2	4	6	0
Carrick, p	0	2	0	2	0	Farrell, c	1	1	4	2	0
						Dunn, p	0	1	0	1	0
Totals	6	10	27	12	3	Totals	5	9	24	15	0

New York	0	3	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	—6	
Brooklyn	0	0	2	0	3	0	0	0	0	—5	

Earned runs: New York, 2. First base on errors: Brooklyn, 2. Left on bases: New York, 5; Brooklyn, 6. Two-base hits: Carrick, Jennings. Stolen bases: Mercer, Selbach, Doyle (2), Smith, Dement. Double plays: Grady to Davis, Gleason to Doyle. First base on balls: Off Carrick, 3; off Dunn, 5. Struck out: By Dunn, 1. Umpire: Connolly. Time: 1:55.

PITTSBURG, May 4.—Pittsburg-St. Louis game postponed on account of cold weather.

Standing of the Teams.

	Played.	Won.	Lost.	P.C.
Philadelphia	13	10	3	.770
Cincinnati	12	8	4	.667
Brooklyn	13	8	5	.615
St. Louis	13	7	6	.538
Pittsburg	12	5	7	.417
Chicago	13	5	8	.385
New York	12	4	8	.333
Boston	12	3	9	.250

GAMES OF THE AMERICAN LEAGUE.

Minneapolis Gets a Taste of Umpiring and Defeat Combined.

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., May 4.—Minneapolis tied the score in the eighth inning and in the ninth Wheeler, while attempting to pass Werden to first, made a deliberate balk. Davis was on third, but McDonald would not allow the balk and Minneapolis did not score. Lally's error allowed Yeager to score the winning run in the tenth. Attendance, 2,000. Score:

MINNEAPOLIS.	R.	H.	O.	A.	E.	MILWAUKEE.	R.	H.	O.	A.	E.
Davis, cf	1	3	1	0	0	Waldron, rf	0	3	0	0	0
Nance, 3b	0	0	2	2	0	Barry, cf	1	1	3	0	1
Lally, lf	1	1	2	0	1	Conroy, ss	0	3	2	4	0
Werden, 1b	1	2	8	0	0	Anderson, lf	1	1	2	0	0
Smith, ss	0	1	3	4	0	Clark, 1b	0	1	15	0	0
Abby, 2b	0	1	3	2	0	Fultz, 2b	0	0	1	2	0
Wilmot, rf	0	2	2	0	0	Yeager, c	1	0	4	0	0
Dixon, c	0	0	8	2	0	Burke, 3b	1	2	1	3	0
***Grim	0	0	0	0	0	Wheeler, p	0	1	1	5	0
Parker, p	0	0	1	0	0						
**Fisher	0	0	0	0	0	Totals	4	12	29	[illegible]	1
Totals	3	11	30	12	1						

***Grim batted for Dixon in tenth. **Fisher batted for Parker in tenth. *Grim out on bunt strikes.

Minneapolis	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	—3	
Milwaukee	0	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	1—4	

Earned runs: Minneapolis, 2; Milwaukee, 1. Two-base hits: Burke, Wilmot, Lally, Davis, Abatachio. Stolen bases: Burke (2), Anderson, Conroy, Werden, Davis, Nance. Sacrifice hits: Nance, Dixon, Abatachio. First base on balls: Off Parker, 5; off Wheeler, 6. Struck out: By Parker, 3; by Wheeler, 4. Hit by pitcher: Anderson. Wild pitch: Wheeler. Time: 2:30. Umpire: McDonald.

CLEVELAND, May 4.—No game here today; cold.

Standing of the Teams.

	Played.	Won.	Lost.	P.C.
Milwaukee	13	9	4	.692
Cleveland	11	7	4	.636
Indianapolis	11	6	5	.546
Chicago	13	7	6	.537
Buffalo	11	5	6	.455
Kansas City	14	6	8	.429
Minneapolis	16	6	10	.375
Detroit	11	4	7	.364

Sioux City Starts on Trip.

SIOUX CITY, Ia., May 4.—(Special.)—Sioux City's base ball nine, in charge of Manager A. B. Beall and Captain Etright, started this morning for Des Moines to begin the season's professional games. The Indians have been putting in some good hard work in the last two weeks and Beall thinks he has one of the strongest teams in the league. He says he is going after the Des Moines' scalps.

YALE AND CALIFORNIA CONTEST.

Result of Athletic Contest Much in Doubt.

NEW HAVEN, Conn., May 4.—Tomorrow's athletic contests between the University of California and Yale on the latter's home grounds, are anticipated with much interest by lovers of good sport.

There will be eleven events, Yale sending twenty-four men with twenty-six entries and California nine men with fifteen entries. Only first place shall count, because of the small number of Californians, so that it will take six firsts to win the meet. Yale feels reasonably confident that five of the eleven events will be carried off by the blue and looks for one more in the hurdles, thus taking the meet. The 100-yard dash, high jump, broad jump, pole vault and hammer-throw are conceded to the visitors, leaving 220 hurdles an unknown quantity.

The 100-yard dash will probably go to Drum of California, who has an easy record of 10 1-5. Gleason will, in all probability, win the 220-yard for Yale. In the quarter-mile run Boardman of Yale is considered to be good, with his record of forty-nine seconds. The half-mile should go to Yale, Smith having run it in an even two minutes. In the high hurdles Thomas of Yale ought to win. Thomas has done twenty-six seconds in the 220 hurdles. There will be a sharp fight for first place in the pole vault between Captain Johnson of Yale and Hoffman of California. Coleman of California has cleared twenty-three feet repeatedly in the broad jump, while Cheney, Yale's best man, has never done better than twenty-one. In the high jump Hoffman of California has cleared five feet eleven inches, to Taintor's five feet ten inches for Yale.

It is in the field sports, however, that California is expected to do its best. In the hammer-throw Plaw is a consistent performer, with a record of 150 feet. Stillman, Yale's best hammer-thrower, has done no better than 140 feet. Beck, Yale's crack shot-putter, should win easily in the shot-put, with forty-three feet.

WALCOTT GETS THE DECISION

Puts Up Much the Better Fight in His Fourth Meeting with Billy Smith.

NEW YORK, May 4.—Joe Walcott and "Mysterious Billy" Smith fought twenty-five rounds at catchweights before the Broadway Athletic club tonight and Walcott got the decision. This was their fourth meeting. They fought two draws and Smith gained the decision the third time they got together. Smith did not fight with his usual snap and vigor tonight, but he put up a very game battle.

Walcott was the first to enter the ring. Smith did not follow him for nearly a quarter of an hour. Both men looked to be in perfect condition. Walcott was the favorite at 2 to 1.

The men were announced to box twenty-five rounds at catchweights under Marquis of Queensberry rules.

First Round—They got together without any delay and Smith went to the neck. He whipped his left over again to the eye and Walcott sent back two hard blows to the body. Smith swung his left to the jaw and planted a hard left over the colored man's heart at close quarters. Smith worked better and more quickly and had all the better of the round.

Smith sent his right over to the head in the early part of the second round. Walcott kept in close, sending left twice very hard to the wind. They mixed it up cleverly and neither had any advantage at the close of the round. Walcott sent several hard ones with both hands to Smith's body in the third and Billy swung his left to the head and right on the body and ear. Both were cautioned for holding. Walcott was the aggressor until the bell rang.

Walcott Takes the Lead.

Walcott fought splendidly in the fourth round and outpointed his man five to one. The next was a very lively round, with Walcott getting the better of the honors. Walcott sent right and left to face and body in the sixth and cut Smith's left eyebrow with a right-hand smash. Smith fought back viciously, but the fight found Walcott still in the lead by a good margin.

In the seventh round Smith sent his right on Walcott's jaw, forcing the negro to clinch. Joe fought back cleverly and each exchanged hard body blows. Walcott landed some awful left swings on Smith's head and law in the eighth and was well in the lead at the sound of the gong.

The tenth was also a fast round and honors were about even at its conclusion.

In the eleventh round Smith landed one good left-hand punch to the head, but Walcott discounted this easily. Smith played for the head in the twelfth and landed there half a dozen times, getting his left in a very stiff manner to the lower works. Smith grew wild in his delivery in the thirteenth and at the clang of the bell 5 to 1 was freely laid on the negro.

The men fought very evenly during the fifteenth, with the odds in Smith's favor, but the colored boxer woke up in the sixteenth and cut a very lively pace. Smith fought back cleverly and landed two good rights on the negro's head.

Walcott broke ground three times in the twenty-first, but he got out of reach each time and sent in a few left ribroasters on Smith's right side. Fighting at short range was the feature of the next round and both were very tired when the bell rang.

Both men lost their heads in the twenty-second round. They slugged each other regardless of science and Smith had the call at the bell. Billy was heartily cheered when he went to his corner. Walcott fought furiously in the twenty-third and cut Smith's ear with a right hand smash. Smith was slow in the early part of the round, but he spurted toward the end of it and pummeled Walcott with both hands on head and body.

Smith's ear was bleeding profusely when he came up for the twenty-fourth. Walcott kept on the aggressive and had a very decided lead when the gong called the men to their corners.

Both were well played out when they got together for the last round, but Walcott still was the aggressor. Smith was always ready to take a chance and countered heavily, but Walcott always had the upper hand of him and at the end of the bout both men shook hands very good naturedly.

Smith Covered with Blood.

Smith's body was covered with blood and his face was besmeared, while Walcott's black body did not show a mark. The Barbadoes negro's face wore a broad smile as he went back to his corner and was awarded the decision.

The preliminary bout was between Whitey Lester of Philadelphia and George Jansen of this city. The men had fought nearly five rounds when the referee disqualified Lester for unfair tactics and awarded the bout to Jansen. Lester persisted in wrestling. The referee's action was loudly applauded.

PARKER DRAWS WITH MATTHEWS.

Colorado Lightweight Champion Puts Up a Stiff Fight.

DENVER, Colo., May 4.—Kid Parker, Colorado's lightweight champion, demonstrated that he is among the topnotchers in the lightweight class by fighting Matty Matthews of New York, who holds the title of welterweight champion of the world, to a draw in ten rounds at the Colorado Athletic association tonight. Both men were aggressive throughout the go and if there was any advantage it was that Matthews landed oftener, though his blows were not possessed of any greater steam nor were they put in more telling places than Parker's. Both men were wild at times, but fought cautiously and well as a rule.

In the sixth Matthews brought down a smart swing on Parker's jaw, turning him around and felling him to the floor on his stomach. It would have been a knockout to an ordinary person, but Parker rose quickly and went to shooting in jabs as if nothing out of the ordinary had occurred. Later Matty was straightened by a stiff jab from Parker's right to the nose. He staggered a second, but balanced himself and went in for business almost instantly. Each finished strong and each had a cut over the eye as a result of their fighting.

Billy Wood, the ex-pugilist, officiated as referee. About 2,000 persons saw the go.

Forbes and Rauch Draw.

CHICAGO, May 4.—Clarence Forbes and Maurice Rauch, bantams, fought a six-round draw at the Fort Dearborn Athletic club tonight. Tom Sharkey, the heavyweight, who was in Forbes' corner, when called on for a speech, said that as he had whipped all the heavyweights he was going to start in at the bottom again and repeat this trick.

Mrs. Rusie Asks Police Protection.

MUNCIE, Ind., May 4.—Mrs. Amos Rusie, wife of the ball player, came home from Indianapolis tonight and at once called upon the police to guard her home. She believes that her hsuband followed her to Muncie.

CHEER BECH-OLSEN'S BRAWN

Danes Lead a Great Throng to Washington Hall to See Him.

CHAMPION A MOUNTAIN OF MUSCLE

Crowe of South Omaha Makes an Unexpectedly Good Showing on the Mat with the Giant.

Magnus Bech-Olsen, champion wrestler, was accorded a generous reception by his countrymen, the Danish people of Omaha, and other admirers of the sport which has been a popular athletic amusement from the days of the Greek gladiators, in his exhibition at Washington hall Friday night. Those who witnessed Olsen's performance at this time noted his magnificent physique and muscles of iron, wondered not that he has never met his equal on the mat. The surprise of many of them when Roeber's recent defeat at his hands became known turned to amazement that Roeber or any other man should even succeed in throwing the mighty giant once.

Bech-Olsen had three adversaries Friday night. Two of them, Emil Klank and Michael Crowe, are local favorites, both living in South Omaha, and the third was H. P. Hansen, the champion's trainer. Crowe's contest with the giant was somewhat of a revelation to the big fellow from Copenhagen. The champion's estimate of Crowe was given as he sat in his dressing room after eight and three-quarters minutes of fierce wrestling before he succeeded in throwing the South Omaha champion.

"He is a very good wrestler," repeated the big champion over and over again, referring to Crowe. "A very strong man." Olsen's familiarity with the English tongue is limited and he could add no other words of praise, but spoke to his trainer and Danish associates most complimentary of Crowe. That he was surprised to find a wrestler so expert and scientific, of whom he had never heard before, was evident. He sat panting and puffing for breath as energetically as a steam engine, repeating again and again, "A very good wrestler!" "A very strong man!"

The main floor and galleries of Washington hall were packed. The program opened with an exhibition of lifting heavy weights by H. P. Hansen. Seizing a dumbbell weighing 145 pounds in his right hand, Hansen lifted it above his head at arm's length ten times, permitting it each time as he lowered it to touch the floor but momentarily. He then shouldered a dumbbell weighing 348 pounds and twenty-six times bended his knees almost to the floor, raising each time to his full height.

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