PUGILISM IS HARD PRESSED

Has Been Placed Under the Ban in Nearly All the Large Cities.

DUBIOUS OUTLOOK AT CINCINNATI

Present Indications Are that the Jeffries-Ruhlin Championship Go Will Not Be Pulled Off —Mayor Stands Pat.

The opening of the new century has been far from auspicious from the standpoint of the pugilistic gladiators. Unable to practice the art of self-defense and estopped from appearing in ring contests in any of the big cities of the land the pathway of the fighter is by no means rose-strewn. There is little of consolation to be gleaned from the seeming unanimity with which the larger cities are shutting down on the boxing game and the outlook is by no means bright.

It is a virtual certainty that Cincinnati is not going to pan out as the Mecca in the wilderness of pugilistic distress. From present indications it is an odds-on bet that the championship fight between Jeffries and Ruhlin, scheduled to take place in that city February 15, will not materialize. Such opposition as has been stirred up against this match is almost unprecedented in the annals of ring history.

Politicians, jurists and ministers are working hand-in-hand to prevent the match being held, and now a Cincinnati labor union has gone on record as opposed to the match. A supreme court judge stands in readiness to instruct the return of an indictment against any one who shall be a party to the fight, even the spectators coming under the contemplated ban.

Notwithstanding this situation of affairs, however, Mayor Fleischmann is standing pat and asserts that a permit will be issued in accordance with his original promise, which will carry with it municipal protection for all who attend or participate in the affair. How far the Cincinnati mayor's authority extends in this direction will doubtless be tested in case an attempt is made to hold the fight.

W. A. Brady, who has been selected as the manager of the Jeffries-Ruhlin fight, seeeks to justify the go in a somewhat extended interview, saying in part:

"I see no reason why the fight should not take place. It is not to be a prize fight, as generally understood by the uninitiated, but a scientific boxing contest between two big, husky men, who will be trained down to the hour, and in no sense a brutal affair. If it should be I would be the first one to stop it at the ringside.

"I am as much opposed to boys and untrained men fighting as any one and have never promoted a fight of that kind. The ministers mean well, but they do not understand it. I am willing to discuss the matter with any representative of the ministry of Cincinnati, and if I cannot convince an unprejudiced committee that I am right I am willing to call the fight off so far as I am concerned. The records show that the fatalities and injuries attending foot ball games are 50 to 1 as against prize fighting, yet your best people will take their wives and daughters to see a game between college teams.

"I am a member of St. Leo's Roman Catholic church of New York, and my wife is a devout worshiper and worker in the same church, while my daughter is being educated in a convent, and I would not promote any exhibition that was immoral or degrading. The contest will bring a much better element to your city than you anticipate, and will leave at least a half million of dollars with your people.

"As to the threatened boycott by union labor, I can only say that that is something with which I have nothing to do. I am not responsible for something that occurred some years ago, and do not think any real friend of organized labor will let that interfere with his patronage. If I had built the hall I might properly be held responsible."

It begins to look as though the only available place for holding the next big championship event is at Carson City, where Fitzsimmons and Corbett did battle in 1897. Dan Stuart, who managed that fight, is out with a proposition to hold a tournament in Carson City and hopes to have Jeffries and Fitzsimmons as the star performers.

An open air arena, all necessary accessories for the pulling off of a fight and laws that permit of any number of rounds make Carson City a desirable place for contests, despite the difficulties encountered in reaching such a remote fighting ground. Stuart is one of those "I will" fellows and fighters and public will have confidence in his ability to carry out any plans he may propose. California sports, and they are numerous in that state, can reach Carson City quite handily, and while few from New York could be counted on, Chicago St. Louis, Hot Springs, Kansas City and the middle west will be well represented at the ringside any time Stuart announces an important battle.

The beginning of the end seems to have been reached in the case of Oscar Gardner, whose pugilistic star has been on the wane for some time. Last Monday night he was put to rout by Tim Callahan and though it took the Quaker fifteen rounds to turn the trick he had the best of the game from soda to hoc and it was only at occasional intervals that Gardner gave a flash of his old-time form. Oscar's next go will be at Memphis Tuesday night when he will meet Tommy Hogan.

Terry McGovern has consented to meet Hogan in case he gets the decision over Gardner and with this incentive Hogan is likely to give the "Omaha Kid" a pretty stiff argument.

FOURTH LIVE BIRD SHOOT

Marksmanship Contest Between Teams of Omaha and Kansas City to Take Place This Week.

The fourth of the inter-city team shoots between Kansas City and Omaha will be held in the city on the banks of the Kaw next Friday and Saturday. Three times already have twenty men cracked away at a thousand birds loosed from the traps and twice in that time have the ten men representing Omaha come off victorious, having succeeded in getting the higher score.

It was only by reason of a combination of unfortunate circumstances that the third shoot, held in this city on Thanksgiving day, went against the Omaha team. Ill luck in drawing the worst kind of birds and the lamentable failure of one man on the team to shoot anywhere near his average mark gave the shoot to the Kansas Cityans by a score of 455 to 451.

Confident as can be, however, the Omaha shooters will go down to Kansas City Wednesday night, prepared to retrieve the reverse met with in the Thanksgiving shoot and convince their friends in Missouri that Omaha is entitled to the championship when it comes to shooting live birds.

Thursday the Kansas City gun club will hold a sweepstakes shoot, in which several of the Omaha shooters expect to participate, more for the purpose of getting themselves in form for the team shoot on the succeeding days than with the expectation of carrying off the prize money. The contest will be the same as preceding ones. Each team will consist of ten men and the shooting will alternate, each man shooting at fifty birds.

"We ought to win this fourth contest by at least fifteen birds," said Goodley F. Brucker in discussing the match yesterday. "Omaha has a team composed of crackerjack shooters and this, too, must be said of the Kansas City team. However, our team has given an example of superiority by winning two of the three shoots already held and, if for no other reason, this is sufficient to warrant the prediction that the next match will be won quite handily. There is no question but that we would have won the last match held here if it hadn't been for a good deal of ill luck suffered by our team.

"In the event that no unforeseen mishap occurs the Omaha team will certainly bag the victory in this coming shoot. The team has been strengthened and the members have been devoting a good deal of time to diligent practice."

The members of the Omaha team will be Smead, Parmelee, Grant, Bray, Loomis, Kimball, Lindeman, Crabill, Townsend and Plumber. Hardin and Watson will accompany the team and be substituted in case the necessity arises. Lindeman and Townsend are new men on the team. They take the places of Hardin and Biershiem, who were members of the team in the last contest.

ATHLETES PLAN A SMOKER

Prospects for a Large Membership in the New Omaha Athletic Club Are Bright.

The interest taken by the amateur athletes of the city in the new Omaha Athletic club, which has come to the front so rapidly in the past few months, suggests that the membership will overreach by far the mark established by the most sanguine promoters of the club. The directors have had the new ground surveyed and grading for the club house and grounds will start in the near future.

Some very unique buttons will soon be circulated among the members of the association, and these are expected to be proudly worn in the coat lapels of all the members. The button will have the association's monogram, in dark green and white—the colors adopted for the association at a recent meeting of the members.

The directors are now considering the holding of a smoker for members some time the latter part of this month. Mr. Simms, organist at All Saints' church, has volunteered to render a musical program and other features of entertainment will be provided.

CARDINAL POINTS IN WHIST

With Seven Tables in Play, the Omaha Whist Club Practices the Old English Game.

The Omaha Whist club had seven tables in play Wednesday night and the following score was recorded:

NORTH AND SOUTH.		
Alice and A. W. Scribner	233	*12
Brill and Sheldon	255	* 5
Wheeler and Brown	226	* 5
Wilkinson and Heth	218	- 2
Sumney and Burrell	215	- 5
Rogers and McDowell	215	- 5
Gilchrist and Bartlett	208	-12
EAST AND WEST.		
Bushman and Thomas	243	* 8
H. G. Jordan and Boulter	241	* 6
Shriver and Cahn	235	0
Coe and Redick	234	- 1
Melkle and Burness	232	- 3
Shipley and Crummer	231	- 4
Polcar and Fowler	230	- 5

Innocent Old Man.

Indianapolis Press: "I'm lookin' for a feller by the name of Smooth Mike," said the old farmer to the policeman. "He said he'd pay me the $5 he borried of me last circus day, the first time I come to town."

"Got any idea where to look for him?" asked the officer.

"W'y, I don't know the number, but jist after he got the money, I heerd him tell another feller he was livin' on Easy street."

BOWL FOR TEAM SUPREMACY

Clarksons and Omahas Meet in Magnificent Contest of Skill.

GAME IS WITNESSED BY LARGE CROWDS

Clarksons Win by a Close Margin—Schedules of Bowling Games for the Coming Week—Gossip of the Alleys.

One of the most notable bowling contests ever held in Omaha was that between the Clarksons and Omahas Monday night. Both teams are members of the city bowling league and each is from the same alley. There has long been a decided rivalry between the members and the question of supremacy has all the season been in dispute.

Monday night's match offered a splendid opportunity for settling the much-mooted question, for in the season's league race it happened that these two teams were tied for first place. It was decided, under these circumstances, that the team winning Monday night's contest should be hailed as the champion of the city league, until such time as it may be deposed by some other ambitious organization, and further, the defeated team was to recognize and admit the other's supremacy.

The match attracted such a crowd as never before turned out to witness a bowling contest in this city. The sides of Clark's alleys, where the match was held, were filled with interested spectators, including sedate judges, grave professional men and prosperous business men, all of whom, by their presence, signified their endorsement of the popular game of bowling. Many women were among the spectators and these evinced quite as much interest as did their escorts. Any doubt that might have existed relative to the popularity of bowling in this city was certainly dispelled by the enthusiasm manifested by players and lookers-on during the progress of this contest.

It became early apparent that if the members of the teams maintained the gait at which they were starting out the scores would surpass any previous records in Omaha alleys and, sure enough, the match proved a real record-breaker. As in all of the team contests, tenpins was the game employed, and when the three games had been finished the Clarksons had run up a score that would have been a credit to any team in the country. Their team score was 2,774, against the team score of the Omahas of 2,327.

The performance of the players was really remarkable. Successive strikes and the toppling over of all ten of the pins at one fell throw indicated the scientific ability of the members of both teams. It was a nip and tuck race all the way through, until the latter part of the third game. Then the Clarksons forged ahead and secured a lead which their opponents found themselves unable to overcome. The members of the two teams were as follows:

Clarksons—Denman, Brunke, Lancaster, F. Conrad, Clarkson.

Omahas—Flanagan, C. Conrad, Read, Emery, Zarp.

The next match game between these two teams will be held March 18 at Clark's alleys, and it will be for both of them the closing game of the season.

The schedule of games for the coming week in the city championship race is as follows: Monday night, Omahas against St. Charles, at Clark's alleys; Tuesday night, Gate City against Clarksons, at Gate City alleys; Wednesday night, Peerless Cabinet against Sterlings, at Lentz & Williams' alleys; Thursday night, Nationals against Krug Parks, at Heyden's alleys.

"Tenpins continues to be the favorite game with Omaha bowlers, as it is the country over, unless perchance St. Louis, the home of the game of cocked hat, be an exception," said R. W. Clark. "Because of the general popularity of this game regulation alleys are constructed with the idea paramount of furnishing the best possibilities in tenpins. In the aggregate there are few games with bowls and pins other than tenpins in any of the Omaha alleys, the number of all other games combined being small in comparison. Next to tenpins comes ninepins in point of popularity.

"Bowlers like to use the big balls, and when a man is hardened so that he can bowl them without becoming sore their use furnishes much better exercise. Beginners, however, make a great mistake in attempting to bowl with the big bowls for long at a time. Until a man gets in condition where he can stand the exercise it is better to be careful and not play too long at a time. Little by little one's muscles are hardened and he gets into condition where he can bowl for hours at a time without feeling any bad effects. On the contrary, the beneficial results that come from the exercise cannot be overestimated. The growth of the game in Omaha proves beyond question how generally accepted is the truth of the advantages and benefits of bowling."

Mr. Clark last week succeeded in smashing all previous records made at his alleys in tenpins. He bowled a beautiful game and ran up a score of 256 points. Other high scores at tenpins among the Omaha players are as follows:

Davey, 218, 204, 203; Zarp, 203, 205, 220; Reynolds, 203, 218; Stanton, 219; Amburster, 208, 214, 201; Schneider, 215, 203; Clarkson, 201, 203, 214, 203; C. Conrad, 222, 213; Potter, 223, 235; F. Conrad, 201, 235, 212, 224, 237; C. L. Wills, 203; J. L. Krage, 200, King Denman, 203; Lehman, 209; Brunke 213; Flanagan, 203; Clark, 236, 218, 256, Emery, 225; Kolls, 209.

PLAY CHESS WITH OHIOANS

Nebraska Association Begins Match with Buckeyes—Chess News of State and Local Interest.

Notwithstanding the trouncing received at the hands of the Mississippians, the Nebraska Chess association is not disheartened. Last week it began a match against the Ohio Chess association, sixteen boards having been allotted, with several more to be placed this week. The opposing teams are as follows:

OHIO.
1—Mrs. A. E. Russ, Cleveland.
2—A. E. Russ, Cleveland.
3—R. B. Evans, Cincinnati.
4—W. C. Cochran, Cincinnati.
5—H. A. Smith, Dayton.
6—A. D. Hillyer, Cleveland.
7—W. R. Smith, Groveport.
8—Prof. L. Odebrecht, Columbus.
9—L. Burnham, Woodstock.
10—Colonel Cyrus Sears, Harpster.
11—F. B. Mead, Cincinnati.
12—Willis Bacon, Tiffin.
13—M. Freidel, Cleveland.
14—Dr. Fisher, Portage.
15—A. Toger, Cleveland.
16—Dr. F. B. Van Nuys, Tiffin.

NEBRASKA.
1—Mrs. C. Q. DeFrance, Lincoln.
2—Nelson Hald, Dannebrog.
3—J. M. Bruner, Omaha.
4—P. J. Barron, Lincoln.
5—T. N. Hartzell, Kearney.
6—D. R. Kinnibugh, Adams.
7—R. B. Rice, Grand Island.
8—Judge S. H. Sedgwick, York.
9—W. W. Wyckoff, York.
10—A. Powell, St. Edward.
11—M. F. Winchester, Dannebrog.
12—R. E. Bregg, Callaway.
13—Dr. A. E. Bartoo, Arcadia.
14—H. B. Hammond, Wymore.
15—N. G. Griffin, St. Edward.
16—C. Q. DeFrance, Lincoln.

A three-mover by H. W. Barry, Boston. White to play and mate in three moves.

BLACK.

WHITE.

Lee Edwards, Dunlap, Ia., is rapidly forging to the front as a blindfold chess player. Recently he paid a visit to a neighboring city and while there gave a little exhibition to seven of his friends. First he played seven simultaneous games, giving each of his opponents the odds of Q Kt, and winning all the games. Then the seven consulted at three boards while he tried the blindfold act. Here is a specimen of the play sans voir:

CENTER COUNTER GAMBIT EVADED.

White—Lee Edwards.	Black—Amateurs consulting.
1—P-K 4.	1—P-Q 4.
2—P-K 5.	2—P-K 3.
3—P-Q 4.	3—B-Kt 5 ch.
4—P-Q B 3.	4—B-R 4.
5—B-Q 3.	5—K Kt-K 2.
6—P-K B 4.	6—Castles.
7—P-K R 4.	7—P-Q B 4.
8—Kt-K B 3.	8—P x P.
9—B x R P ch.	9—K-R.
10—Kt-Kt 5.	10—P x P.
11—Q-R 5.	11—P x P dis. ch.
12—K-Q.	12—P x B (Q) ch.
13—K x Q.	13—Q-B 2 ch.
14—B-B 2 dis. ch. and mates next move.	

Again the Mississippians score in the Mississippi-Nebraska match. This time it is Dr. G. N. Seeley, Kearney, who goes down before the mighty men of the sunny southland:

RUY LOPEZ.

White—Seeley.	Black—Waddell.
1—P-K 4.	1—P-K 4.
2—Kt-K B 3.	2—Kt-Q B 3.
3—B-Kt 5.	3—P-R 3.
4—B x Kt.	4—Q P x B.
5—Castles.	5—Q B-Kt 3.
6—Q Kt-B 3.	6—K B-Q 3.
7—P-Q 4.	7—Q-K 2.
8—Q-Q 3.	8—Castles.
9—P-Q 5.	9—P x P.
10—Kt x P.	10—Q-K 3.
11—Kt-Kt 5.	11—Kt-Kt 3.
12—B-K 3.	12—P-K R 3.
13—Q-B 4.	13—R P x Kt.
14—B-R 7.	14—K-Q 2.
15—K B P-B 3.	15—B-K 3.
16—Q R-Q.	16—P-Q B 3.
17—Kt-Kt 6 ch.	17—K-K 2.
18—Q-K 2.	18—Q-R 3.
19—P-K Kt 4.	19—Kt-B 3.
20—R-B 2.	20—B-Q Kt.
21—B x B.	21—R x R ch.
22—Q x R.	22—R x B.
23—P-Q B 4.	23—R-Q.
24—Q-Kt 3.	24—Q-R 5.
25—Kt-R 8.	25—Kt x Kt P.
26—Q x Kt P ch.	26—K-B 3.
27—P x Kt ch.	27—K-Kt 3.
28—Q-Kt 3.	28—Q x P ch.
29—Q-K Kt 3.	29—R x Kt.
30—Q x Q.	30—B x Q.
31—P-Kt 3.	31—R-Q.
32—R-B.	32—R-Q 7.
33—P-Q R 3.	33—R-K 7.
And Black wins.	

J. M. Crosby, Fremont, has finished his games in section B of the Nebraska tournament, winning three and losing one. The game he lost was a French defense to W. W. Wyckoff, York. Score is appended:

White—Crosby.	Black—Wyckoff.
1—P-K 4.	1—P-K 3.
2—P-Q 4.	2—P-Q 4.
3—P-K B 4.	3—Q P x P.
4—P-Q B 3.	4—P-K B 4.
5—Q B-K 3.	5—Kt-K B 3.
6—P-K R 3.	6—B-Q 3.
7—B-Q R 4.	7—Castles.
8—Kt-K 2.	8—P-Q B 3.
9—Q-Kt 3.	9—Kt-Q 4.
10—B x Kt.	10—B P x B.
11—Kt-Q 2.	11—P-Q Kt 3.
12—Castles.	12—Kt-B 3.
13—Q-B 2.	13—R-Q 2.
14—K-Kt sq.	14—R-Q B sq.
15—Kt-Q Kt 3.	15—Kt-Q Kt 5.
16—Q-Q 2.	16—Kt-Q 6.
17—P-K Kt 4.	17—P-Q R 4.
18—P-K Kt 5.	18—P-Q R 5.
19—Kt-B sq.	19—R-Q Kt 4.
20—Kt x Kt.	20—B x Kt ch.
21—K-R sq.	21—P-Q Kt 4.
22—P-K R 3.	22—Q-K 2.
23—R-K R 2.	23—R-Q B 3.
24—Kt-Q B sq.	24—B-Q B 5.
25—Kt-Q R 2.	25—K R-Q B sq.
26—Kt-Q Kt 4.	26—B x Kt.
27—R P x B.	27—B-Kt 6.
28—R-B sq.	28—Q-R 2.
29—K-Kt sq.	29—B-B 5.
30—P-K R 4.	30—P-Q R 6.
31—P-Kt 3.	31—B x P.
32—Q-K sq.	32—Q-R 5.
33—K-R sq.	33—B-B 5.
34—Q-K B 2.	34—B-Q 6.
35—Resigns.	

IN THE WHEELING WORLD.

The annual meeting of the assembly of the League of American Wheelmen next month promises to be a lively one. Some very serious questions are up for sober consideration. Means of checking the decline in membership is the hardest problem the assembly will go against. Several changes in the constitution are proposed. An effort will be made to move the headquarters from Boston to New York. Last, but not least, is the proposal to hold the assembly sessions at the same time and place as the annual meet.

The removal of the league officers to New York, according to a well known critic, will mark a second epoch in the League of American Wheelmen because the headquarters have been so long in Boston that no one ever expected to see them leave there. Under reasonable conditions their removal to New York seems unavoidable. The incorporation of the league under New York state laws will necessitate the location of the headquarters in New York. This cannot be accomplished without a change in the constitution. Incorporation elsewhere than in New York state is not possible owing to the peculiar character of the organization. The advantage of incorporation is the ability to contract debt and lifting the liability of such debt from the members in general. The change in the date of assembly is intended for the good of the assembly as well as the race meet. It is calculated that both would gain in interest and attendance by being in the same week and in the same city.

The veteran officials of the league are much concerned over the loss of the membership in the organization and the prediction is made that some plain truths will be spoken at the annual convention at Philadelphia next month. Conway W. Sams of Baltimore says he will not stand for reelection. While he does not favor any man in particular for the office, he seems to be of the opinion that Robert Kingsbury of New Hampshire, the present first vice president, is the most likely candidate for the place. The membership has dropped steadily ever since the cry was made against racing, and many people are of the opinion that the veteran members made a woful blunder when they decided to cut away from all connection with the sport. Today the total membership is less than 25,000. The high-water mark was over 100,000.

The Detroit Free Press announces that H. S. Earle of that city will be "in the race for the presidency to the very end, and he will be backed up by a solid western vote. With the majority of the southern states also on his side, Earle will have almost as many votes as the candidate that gets the New York and New England delegations. But the fight may rest with the Pennsylvania delegates. It is known that Earle is favored by many in the Keystone state and has many followers in Pittsburg and Philadelphia, who will aid him materially when it comes to balloting. One thing is certain and that is if the New York delegates realize at the annual meeting that their man Belding has little chance to secure the presidency, it is said they will throw their strength to Earle, with a hope of heading off Kingsbury, in which case it is safe to say that Earle would be elected. Again, Belding may withdraw his name at the meeting. All along he has modestly refrained to declare himself a candidate, alleging lack of time as the cause. Yet he has not notified his friends to quit their efforts in his behalf. This neglect on Mr. Belding's part does not denote double-dealing or any intent at unfairness. It merely shows that Mr. Belding is not a candidate of his own volition and will not accept the presidential nomination unless he finds it is the will of the New York state division that he do so. This is the first explanation of Mr. Beldin's attitude that has been made."

A good story of other days in cycling is told by "Happy Days" Pitman, who won the first bicycle race in the country and has been ever since perennially fresh. "Pit," as his intimates call him, was referee at a race meet near the city, and during a contest between professionals he heard a clinking noise every time the string of men passed him. "Pit" did not believe in standing at the tape with the other officials and taking their word for what there was doing. So he moved about to different parts of the track and in the back stretch listened to the strange sound. He made up his mind that one of the wheels of the racers was so much out of order that there was likely to be a breakdown at any time. He calle out as the men went past: "Hey boys! whose wheel is making that noise?" One man in the string of riders answered him. He said: "Go to thunder!"

The referee marked his man and waited till the race was ended. Then he interviewed the impudent one. What he learned was that the boy lived up the state at a place where it took just $2 to get to on the railroad. He had two silver dollars, and that was all he did have. He was so fearful of losing the two discs of silver that he would not leave them in the training quarters, but had put them together in the heel of his racing shoe. As he rode about the track the silver dollars clinked together and made the noise that the referee had heard. He was forgiven for being saucy to the referee when the facts came out. If all the professional bicycle racers at the present time should put what they had left for car fare in their riding shoes there would be a lot of clinking noises on the track.

Those who see the motors go around and around at a race meet have little idea of the work entailed upon the caretakers of the infernal machines. Constant watchfulness alone prevents trouble. Day by day the motor men study their mounts and yet at the close of a season they know but little more of its eccentricities than when they started. Something new and strange is always developing. Even the makers find themselves stumped when it comes to repairing a motor after it has been through a hard campaign. Fortunate is the team which has connected with it a practical mechanic, for then it is possible to repair the motors without the great expense brought on by sending the machine to a factory. It has been the case this season that a motor has been shipped away to the factory at an expense of $25 to $50 when all that was necessary was the tightening of a small bolt, the finding of which troubled the motor men. Just at present the tires give the most trouble and new tires have constantly to be fitted. An exploded tire and the fall that follows often causes a week of work to find where the machine is wrong. The wiring goes wrong and the current is grounded in the frame. The batteries may be weak without the riders knowing it, the gasoline may be of the wrong kind, the igniter may be out of order or a thousand and one things may be wrong.

The cushion-frame bicycle is to have a boom this year. The American Bicycle company, otherwise known as "the trust," has officially adopted it. This is significant of the present tendency in bicycle riding—ease and pleasure. Some think that the increasing popularity of the cushion frame is a sign of degeneracy in cycle riding. Those of this opinion are mostly athletes, racing men or scorchers, who do not believe in pleasure except through violent exercise. The chief argument against anything of this kind has always been that it involved "lost motion." The contention has been that a rider when he puts pressure on a pedal should have a solid backing and no "give" in the seat, or else part of the leg power put forth would be taken up in the "give," or spring of his seat. It was as familiar an argument and as reasonable as that of a man having a stone wall at his back instead of a spring-board or a feather bed when he wanted to push with his arms and legs to the greatest possible advantage. The belief in this argument has always been so strong that "spring seat posts" and other devices of the kind have prospered little. The faith in the validity of the theory led to a demand for "rigidity" in frames and for hard saddles without springs. For years "rigidity" was a watchword. The new movement, therefore, marks a change that is in every way notable.

LABOR AND INDUSTRY.

The railroads today employ as many men as America contained in 1800—900,000.

To carry a ton of wheat from Buffalo to New York in 1860 cost $100; today it costs $1.50.

There are about 3,000,000 women and girls employed in the mills, workshops and factories throughout this country.

Labor organizations of Pennsylvania will endeavor to have a law passed limiting the hours of labor of women and minors to fifty-five per week.

The early American settlers ate their bread with lard or gravy; butter was rare; last year America produced one-third of all the butter in the world.

In the manufacture of a pocketknife in France twenty-two workmen are employed for the handle and blade, eighteen for a tableknife, nine for scissors and six for razors.

A canvass of the cotton-mill operatives taken in Augusta, Ga., shows that there are employed 449 children under 12 years of age, and of this number only 119 can read and write.

Colorado's State Federation of Labor is negotiating with the state authorities for a lease upon a large area of coal and mineral lands. Mines will be opened and worked on the co-operative plan.

The annual report of Typographical union No. 6 of New York City, the largest trades union organization in the world, gives its gross receipts as $185,601.25, and places the total expenditures at $186,838.22. The organization has now nearly 6,000 members.

Georgia has led the United States in textile mill building during the current year, with North Carolina a close second and South Carolina in third place. The two Carolinas still have each a larger number of cloth factories than Georgia, but the latter is steadily forging to the front.

The New York Journal of Commerce figures up an aggregate fire loss of $163,362,250 for the United States and Canada during the last twelve months, which compares with $136,773,200 in 1899 and $119,650,500 in 1898. The most destructive fires were those at Ottawa and Hull, Ont., rated at $12,000,000, and on the Hoboken water front during the summer, where the loss is placed at $5,350,000.

Application is to be made by officials of the Pittsburg Coal company for a charter for the Pittsburg Coal Company Employes' association, the object being to inaugurate the co-operative idea prevailing in the Pennsylvania railroad and other large corporations. Any of the 25,000 miners of the combine will be permitted to purchase preferred stock on small monthly payments, and it is hoped by this plan to create a new loyalty and interest in the employe. The company will later develop the relief and insurance system in force in many corporations.

The emigration of watchmakers to Warsaw, Poland, is alarming the manufacturers of Switzerland. The conditions offered to them in Russia are very advantageous—a salary of 4,500 francs a year, with all expenses of the journey paid. The contracts for Warsaw are legalized by the Russian ambassador at Berne. Watchmakers in Neufchatel, La Chaux de Fonds, St. Imier and Geneva get very low wages; many do not earn 1,500 francs a year. The watchmakers' association has declared that workingmen who leave Switzerland for Russia will never be accepted as members if they return again to their own country. The association fears the competition of the watchmaking industry of Russia.

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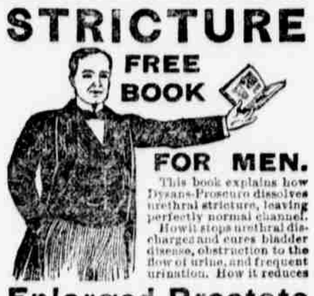

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