SPORTING GOSSIP OF THE WEEK

When the war between the Western and American association was declared off we all looked forward to what the politicians call a season of unexampled prosperity, but it doesn't appear to have struck either of the leagues so far. Omaha is the only western town that Is furnishing anything like decent attendance, and even the crowds here have not threatened to break down the grand stand yet. In Denver, which always was good for a crowd, less last Omaha game, which was described by the Denver papers as being the fastest contest full of brilliant plays and sensational features, in which Omaha made no errors and Denver made but one. Colorado Springs has been to the bad from the start. Des Moines has turned out fair crowds, and Sloux City has done much, better than could have been expected from the position of the team in the race. St. Joseph, with the fastest team it has had in years, is giving the poorest support ever noted in the Missouri town. Why is this? In Colorado some excuse exists, for the business affairs of the state have been practically prostrated for months on account of the labor troubles. Colorado Springs suffers especially from this condition, and Denver has had more than its share of the prevailing stagnation; but no such conditions exist in the valley, and the teams along the river are all located in towns where business is good and the peaple prosperous. Some other reason must be

In the American association the same condition is true. St. Paul, with a splendid organization, a new down town park, and pennant, is turning out week-day attendance around the 100 mark; Minneapolis isn't doing much better, and the Kansas McCarthy City figures are right around the spot they touched during the war times. One doesn't know just what reason to ascribe for this state of affairs. One thing is certain, the attendance must improve or the team owners will be further behind than they were at the close of the war.

It is a mistake to think that because the war is ended and some of the fancy salaries have been out down that the article of ball furnished is not up to the standard. Nothing could be farther from the facts. All the teams are playing bang up good bdil, and every game is an example of this. In the Western league, for example, the wide disparity between the teams, as shown by the standing table, is not at all an indication of the merit of the clubs as playing organizations. All the valley teams were handicapped by the weather that prevented preparatory work, while the mountaineers were favored with weather that permitted them to get into good condition for the opening of the season. With long series on the home grounds, both Denver and Colorado Springs got big starts, but they did not repeat the string of victories when they got away from home, nor at home on the next showing. St. Joseph has so far played the fastest and most consistent ball of any of the teams, and is making a good stand right now. Omaha has not yet quite got into the season's stride, but is coming fast, and Des Moines is in the same condition. Sloux City has suffered to such extent from difficulties attending the organization of that has been put into the club seems to with all the way from now on. It is absolutely certain that the race for the pennant is going to be as close as any ever held in the west, and with the normal degree of interest, the attendance ought to be on a paying basis.

Denver has been the scene of the most persistent assaults on the part of the home roasters ever known to history. Omaha has a squad of these delectable gentry that would rank fair in almost any sort of contest, but the Omaha home roaster is a llly-white amateur compared to his Denver brother. Out in the mountain town the team could do nothing that would please a large portion of the populace. It is roasted if it wins and roasted if it loses. Not a good word of any kind is heard for the players or the management. The team is one of the best that ever wore the Denver uniform. It has played good ball and deserves good support. If it were in Omaha it would have it, and it should get it in Denver. For that matter, the quality of base ball being presented by the Western league just now will compare with that furnished anywhere in the country, and the pennant race promises now on. The home roaster should be labor, and then he would probably go to that gait it will soon be able to furnish

chased out of town and the game given liberal support from now on in every one of the towns in the circuit. Omaha's crowds are still of the right size, and the other cities should try to equal them.

There is much consolation in the statistics for the last week's performance of the Rourke family. Six games were played, and all were of the fastest sort of ball, with an even split as to results. The batting and fielding of the Omaha team were than 100 people paid their way in to see the all that could reasonably be expected; in fact, the team batting average of .363 for the six games is away up. Jack Thomas game of ball ever played in the town, a led in the slugging, his average for the week being a little above the .500 mark. Others made marked improvements in their standing, and the season's record for the team was jumped up twelve points in batting and two points in fielding, thus continuing the improvement referred to inst week. The figures, including the game of Friday, for the season are: BATTING AVERAGES.

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Jimmy "Chippy" McGarr, well remembered in Omaha as a member of the team iere in 1888 and of other Western league cams in other seasons, who played with Brooklyn and other National league teams, and who was an umpire one season for the National, is dead at Worcester, Mass., his life going out in an asylum where he has been for some time incurably insane. His insanity is ascribed to his sufferinfs from eczema, with which he had been afflicted for some years. Jimmy McGarr was one of the best third basemen in the business in his day, and was a player stand, the umpire and everybody else about the grounds during the progress of business, good and bad, and was in the oull off something. If he couldn't think ball or a bat from the opposing feam, and get the players stirred up that way. There were few dull moments in the game when Chippy was feeling right,

Sloux City turned Tommy Hess loose during the veek and Colorado Springs put a can on Dusty Coons. His Dustlets is due in the Cotton States or some other refuge for aged and decrepit ball players. Omaha Theo Breitenstein are doing well in the

there ought to be something doing.

It is surprising how much faster a man ure purposes than when it is to be done in omes to mechanics. But if the same man

backwards for the first month or so. Gould Diets, who recently purchased a White "steamer" surprised a number of his friends the next day after he acquired his purchase by calling around to take them out for a spin. He has thus far never had the least, trouble in controlling the animal nor has he run over a cat or a dog, so far as heard from.

George Holmes of Lincoln has been among the Omaha visitors during the pre sent week, and while he came on the cars went home on his own chug wagon over-He, saw and fell in love with a White and purchased it on the spot. The rain had made the road into rivers at some points, but with a man to wade ahead and cast a lead occasionally, he reports that he got along very well. Holmes was accompanied on the trip by Mr. Sidles of his own town, who drove a Cadillac.

One of the quickest auto trips that has been made in this vicinity this season, considering the condition of the roads, was that taken by O. C. Christianson of Fremont Wednesday afternoon. He left here in his auto at 2 o'clock in the afternoon and was at home all unharnessed at 4 o'clock. Then he came back the next day to brag about it in about the same length of time.

Would that some of the doubting Thomases, who believe that sailing a boat is but another way of loating, could have been at Lake Manawa last Saturday and Sunday while the races were in progress. They certainly would have been obliged to take a reef in their opinions. It was a wild hike for the high side of the boats from start to finish, with a mixture of "low-bridge" on a smashing libe when those big sails swung around, and a good deal of gymnastic work when the light sails had to be set, On Saturday the Manawa won in a heavy breeze. The Argo lost, partly_through the crew getting its wires crossed when they tried to shake a reef. The Manawa crew on that day sailed a perfect race, and worked with a rush that was right. Everything seemed to come their way except the swash, and they shook their reef in an instant. But the next day the pride that goeth before a fall got in its work from the call of time, and the crew went down to ignominous defeat. Maybe it was the bright new oilskins that the Manawa men donned for the occasion that spoiled their luck. Anyhow they operated like land lubbers while the Argo sailors hove away like true sea dogs. The Manawa's crew didn't come to until the other boat was so far in the lead that there was nothing doing. They were beaten by two full minutes. This gives the Argo three of the trial races and the Manawa one, with four more to be sailed. The interest as to which will defend the cup when the St. Joe men come after it is becoming intense, and while the Argo has the better of the argument so far it is no sign that who always had the attention of the grand it will have when the other races have been finished. It is the general opinion that either of these boats will do all kinds the game. He knew all the tricks of the of fancy blowing around the craft from down the river. But that suggestion, too, game from start to finish, and no one could is subject to change without notice, for no ever tell when he was getting ready to one knows the first thing about the kind of boat that will be sent against the cup f anything else to do, he would swipe a defenders, whichever it may be. One thing is certain, it will have to be of the flying machine order to turn the trick. Empkie, Hass and Rogers compose the committee to select the defender, as between the Manawa and Argo, and upon their judgment much of the happiness of the club depends.

Manager Chambers of the Field club ball team is a long way from being cast down or broken up over the failure of his greenan entirely new team that it appears to be hopelessly last, and yet the new blood that has been put into the club seems to solace to Papa Bill to see Coons get it, for Rourke hasn't forgotten the jump of six tries on a very logical ground, too. For Dusty from Omaha to Louisville. And one reason and another he has been obliged maybe Dusty will remember it, now. Still, to switch the positions of his men in nearly there's hope for him. Podge Alloway and every game that has been played, and if there is one thing more than another that south, and there's where Coons should head will file off all the fine points of a team's playing, as a team, that is it. Put a man onto first base or into left field, or any Young Brown, who joined the Omaha other position, and let him stay there until eam at Lincoln and won from Des Moines he has demonstrated that that's his posion Thursday, appears to be all that his tion or that it isn't and very seon the men coiliege record promised for him. He has will begin to fit together in a way that will splendid control, plenty of speed and a win games, but where a manager has to great assortment of curves. With the play his shortstop on first one day and be-proper coaching he will become a great hind the bat the next there are bound to The Rourkes are pretty well fixed be errors that will do things to the best in the delivery department just now, and nine players that ever chewed gum. Chamber's middle field man who had to cover second bag in the hard-fought game with the Thurston Rifle team the other day, oan learn to do a thing when it's for pleas-ting in two runs in the tenth inning, when the line of work. It doesn't take the the Field club men had the game practiordinary man more than a day or two cally won by one tally. And there you are to get on the knack of running an auto- for a case in point. You couldn't blame mobile, no matter if he doesn't know the the man, either. He did the best he could, difference between a steam guage and a but he was out of place and proved it. washing machine—and most of those who purchase augos are of this order when it in its final form for the first time the other day is no slouch, either, judging by the were to undertake to run an electric car way it tore up the diamond dirt around to be a scramble and not a procession from it would take him weeks of painstaking the vicinity of the home plate. If it keeps

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That much talked of base ball game betime at the city hall and those who eke out a miserable existence at the expense of the county seems to have dropped out of sight with a loud kerplunk. The county plodders had a challenge all framed up and partly written by the master hand of Charlie Moriarty of the district clerk's office, but whether it died a-borning or what did become of it nobody seems to know, and if they do they won't tell. It's too bad, too, for that game was to have been for blood and other liquid things of a more inspiring and cheerful nature and to have it passed up just as the heated term is getting in its strong licks seems a pity. Meantime, now that the county boys have crawled into their holes and pulled the holes in after them, the city fellows are all swelling up and saying: "Course they didn't dare to challenge US." But then, the good old summer time hasn't gone by and the county laborers may screw their courage up to the sticking point yet.

Speaking of scientific games of ball, about at in this village for a good while took place last Sunday between the married men and those who are not known to be married who compose the Heidelberg club and vote, most of the time, in the Second ward. There were three policemen, two doctors of medicine, one of law and none of divinity, and the rest butchers and various things, and Clyde Sundblad, whose occupation is somewhat a matter of doubt. He played on the unmarried men's side. The game took place on a back lot in the Second ward and with the score 67 to 53, or something like that, at the end of the second inning was called on account of darkness and because the third base commissary department had all turned to foam on account of exposure to the hot sun. But they are going to try it again and by starting the day before see if they cannot finish the nine innings.

The nice things that she members of the Omaha Driving club are saying of themselves and each other these days are perfectly natural, as well as excusable, under the circumstances that attended their first and now their second meet of the season. In view of the unparalleled success that deemed it advisable to go a step further, is of the loving cup style, with and in conformity with this last project Secretary Carr has issued circulars to all Omaha." Without stopping to deny that it must be won for three seasons. will permit, the next meet being this tirely informal, and any owner of a fast the general play of the club. horse or one threatened with speed will be welcome to contest. Incidentally, in response to the expressed wish of a number of Council Bluffs horsemen who desire to become members of the club proper it has been decided to make a material refuction in the membership fee for such, who are so far removed from the track that they will not derive as much benefit therefrom as local members.

enthusiasts, upon whom the enervating

The pink journals of Chicago are getting up on their hindermost legs and printing at the Garfield Park Driving association's owners. That's nothin'. A week before the Chicago performance at least four well qualified to sustain the reputation of fingers are almost useless, and he strikes horses owned in this city clipped this mark the St. Croix club against all local racket the right hand keys mostly with the secby from one to three seconds; and they players. The rains of the last week or two ond joint of the thumb,

a very unhappy hour and a half for the had to be mud horses to do it at that, have caused the St. Croix managers lots while the Chicago bunch had a fast track of trouble and cost them no little money to and two or three bands and things to go keep their courts in condition, but they are with. As a matter of fact, there isn't a not alone in this annoyance for the same ween the hard worked employes who kill there are mighty for all the statement that cause is assignable for a depression in all there are mighty few cities in this country kinds of sports throughout this part of of twice the size of Omaha that can show | the country. up as speedy and altogether as prepossessing a string of nonprofessional performers as this same Omaha, and when a town like Chicago does dig up a matinee race in professional time there's some display advertising done right away. Meantime the Omaha Driving club is showing up some horse flesh that is matinee stuff now-but keep your optic on a few of the leaders and see where they land in the course of a year city in the kingdom which forbids begging

> The Country, club has been challenged and accepted the defl to play a return match with the Field club on the morning of the glorious Fourth. It is to be an eighteen hole match, and whether the Field club managers have selected the morning of the Fourth in the hope and belief that the opposing players will have celebrated so vigorously the night before as to be unable to handle their sticks-beg pardon. clubs as effectively as heretofore, does not to \$50. appear on the surface. It is a fact that in played the same players will not be pitted against the took the Country club players as were so unregular play on the course then Mr. Highclass man steps down a peg and the chalenger moves up a notch. By the same token, any player of the club not a member of either of the four classes may challenge the play of any man in the lowest way to the society of the high five. this way it is expected to determine who are the best players in the organization, without any regard to race, color or previous condition of servitude.

attended the first venture the president and the magnificent silver cup that has been by the corners and lift them clear of the other officers of the organization have presented them by Charles D. Beaton. It ground. ebony handles, heavily mounted, and stands upon an ebony pedestal. The cup itself the club members in which he notifies them stands eighteen inches high, is gold lined, that the park commission has finished the and, altogether, a truly beautiful souvening construction of what is known as the that cost something more than \$100, and is speedway, along the southwest boulevard, a trophy that any man might be proud to about two blocks south of Hanscom park, possess. It is engraven with the name of 'and have taken great pains and incurred the donor and is to be known as the Beaton much expense in preparing the same for golf cup. In order to become the absoexhibitions of speed by the citizens of lute property of any member of the club any of the "citizens of Omaha" are par- is to be played for at handicap medal ticularly fast it has been demonstrated to play the second Saturday of each month, everybody's satisfaction that they have the first game of this series having taken some fast horses, and for that reason it place yesterday afternoon. At the end of has been thought best to ask the club the season the winners of the summer will members and their friends to join in a line up and play off to see who shall have against such action. The plans were parade and practice exhibition each alter- the custody of the trophy for the first nate Saturday afternoon, when the weather year. Besides being valuable in itself, the cup cannot fall of creating an interest and that the danger from accident might be coming Saturday. These races will be en- rivalry that will unquestionably improve

Croix Tennis club are at last in perfect condition and have so been for several days, lage of Anastasevka on April 12 and anand already two or three of them are under games all of the afternoon and evening was coming along in an iron box, and that hours. The club house itself has not as if the Mir (Communal Council) voted a sum yet materialized and, discouraged with the of 2 roubles the peasants would be allowed difficulties encountered, the managers of to hear him squeal for mercy and afterward the organization will make no further effort sing his national war song. The Mir apto get the house built for the present. They parently voted the money, for the perform-One amusement institution that has have come to this conclusion on the ground served to while away many a weary hour that they would rather have the courts for the muscular youth of this city went without any house during the time that the in the roadway was a small box, from a by the board last week, when the Gate game can be played than have the tennis City bowling alleys were torn up and out spoiled for a major part of the season, as smong the first and best in this city since | Meantime a large tent has been erected the time when bowling under present rules that serves for a shelter and nearly every and regulations became a fad in the middle other purpose that a really and truly house still in his teens, who is in great demand as west, and many are the hard-fought team could be utilized for and the game goes a plane player at dances and parties, is the battles and many the hair-raising shots and merrily on without interruption. Already scores that have been made upon them. a handicap tournament has been arranged ica, winning the distinction when he lapped Meantime the Omaha Bowling association's and begun, the first sets having been played. Champion Waterbury's record of twentyalleys are drawing their usual crowd of yesterday afternoon. The entries number six hours by thirty-five minutes. Sherry nearly thirty of the best known players of started in playing at 8 o'clock in the eveeffects of summer weather seem to be the city, among them being Young and ning and at 10:35 the following night he Chase, who figured so prominently in the was forced to quit by Dr. Evrand, who had Field club tourney last week, and a number been constantly at his side, giving him of other equally good players, not members nourishment, chafing his swollen wrists and of the Field club, who will give the young- arms and refreshing him with application big beadlines over the fact that the horses sters mentioned a good run for their of cold lotions. Sherry played 1,102 pieces at the Garfield Park Driving association's money. One of these is Ovitt, who has a of music without cessation in his world's matinee went a half mile in and around back hand stroke and a return ball that is record performance. His right hand was 1:12 hitched to a cart and driven by their a revelation to those who go up against crippled at the steel works two years ago him and who, the wise ones say, is amply by a beavy hammer that crushed it. The

QUAINT FEATURES OF LIFE.

There are 196,227 professional beggars in Spain. In some of the cities beggars are licensed to carry on their trade. Seeking alms is recognized as legitimate business and the municipality demands a percentage upon the collections. Seville is the only

Prof. Drum of Bucknell university, Lowisburg, Pa., went on a fishing excursion Decoration day. While on his way home he fell in with an affable stranger, who, seeing the professor's fishing tackle, asked him; "What luck?" The doctor showed his catch, whereupon the stranger remarked: "Mphm. I'm Fish Warden Burkley. You've been fishing out of season," and the day's outing cost the professor something close

Among several orders posted at the St Louis World's fair camp of the West Point mercifully walloped by the latter a week cadets is this one: "Cadets, darleing with or two ago. Under a new order of things ladies, must dance with their left arm exthe men selected to uphold the golf prowess tended, and under no circumstances will of the Field club this time will have to they be allowed to bend the right elbow so win their spurs to wear them on the as to draw their partners close to them." Fourth of July occasion. In other words, a The dancing instructions are the subject of team of twenty men is now enrolled at the much discussion in and around the camp. Field club, divided into four flights of five The cadets think that as they are away men each, graded according to the work from school and on a semi-vacation trip they do. It is the privilege of any man they should be allowed more liberty, even n any of the subordinate classes to chal- to the extent of drawing their partners at lenge a man in the next class above, and the dance a little closer, if she has no obif he succeeds in putting him into clear in jection, and bending up the arm to the shoulder, as is in vogue generally.

Peter Sater of Sloux Falls is the name of a strong man who is surprising all by his marvelous feats. He is a Norwegian, about class, and thus, if he be able, work his Northern between Bloux Falls and Garet-24. Sater is a section hand on the Great son. On one occasion he fastened a strap around an anvil in a blacksmith shop, placed the end of the strap between his teeth and walked away with the anvil. At another time by means of a rope and his teeth he lifted a 200-pound granite hitching Speaking of the Field club golf and its block clear of the ground. Another feat players: They now have something that is is to take three sacks of sugar, weighing worth striving for, if ever a club had in 100 pounds each, grasp them with his teeth

> Some comment has been indulged in because Secretary Hay, so closely associated with Lincoln during the civil war, had no speaking engagement on Decoration day. The explanation is that the president and the man next in succession to the chief magistracy seldom if ever loave Washington at the same time, as it is not thought advisable that both should be exposed simultaneously to the dangers of travel. While McKinley and Hobart were serving together they once planned to make a trip to New York together. As soon as this was announced a number of senators hastened to the White House and protested changed and although both went to New York they went over different railroads minimized.

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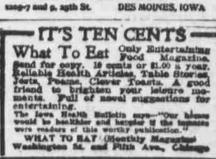
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