RECORD MURRAY'S

Numerous Fans Over the Country Seeking to Get Complete Data on Plucky Ring Man Who In in Assendancy.

By W. W. NAUGHTON. SAN FRANCISCO, March 7 .- Much as it grives us to harp upon a much thumped string, there are dull days in the pugilistic belt.

The White Hopes are a bench show of jokes and the lightweights are either incompetent or railing.

The middleweights have their backs turned to one another and the weltersmeaning Packey and Mike-are as hard to bring together as two bad men of a frontier settlement.

Under the circumstances the smallest cutspaw that ruffles the surface of this fighting pond attracts attention. The fans are hungry for excitement and when that condition prevails it is easy enough to exaggerate the importance of occur rences which in happier times would have caused no partigular commotion.

Just at present San Francisco is ringing with the praises of Billy Morray, the young middleweight who defeated "Stlent Leo" Houck. The more enthusiastic of the devotees of the glove game are calling Murray a second Ketchel. There is a demand that he be matched

right away with Jimmy Clabby and from the heated discussions relative to the possibilities of an affair of that kind that are already in progress, it can be readily seen that local sportdom would be in a rare state of ferment if a meeting between the pair is assured, Want Murray's Record.

The sporting editor's mail bulges with requests for "Billy Murray's complete record," The writer, for one, hasn't such a thing about him. I doubt, in fact, whether Murray himself could tell offhand what he has been through in the way of ring strife.

his "chosen profession" it will all come back to him. Then he will be able to supply the tabulators with the names of all the fellows he has vanquished, and the 1915 statistician will have so much to tell about him that he will wonder we LEAGUES ENTER COMBINATION did not hear of him sooner.

Billy Murray is that for years he led just such a nomadic existence as Stanley Ketchel. He has boxed extensively in oil field regions. Taft being a favorite stamping fround with him. He figured In quite a number of twenty-round bouts at the point named, so that it was quite a mistake to suppose his match with ball trust? Glouck was his initial trip over the long

Muraay war fairly rich in experience when he happened into San Francisco and threw in his lot with the fellows who make a specialty of four round bouts.

Hard School. Now this branch of fistic sport in San Francisco is considered a hard school for young fighters. The fellows who enrage in it box week in and week out, and while there are no championships involved, the average Friday nighter recognizes that the only way he can reand keep in good standing with the matchmakers is to acquire a reputation for whirlwind milling.

It is an old saying in San Francisco; "Championships bouts are all right, but

best in the market, grabbed him and anyone but the player, matched him with Lou Houck.

Close Work His Forte.

He is so effective at both out-fighting that close work was his forte.

that he feints very little. Once within

One great thing in Murray's favor is that he has all the assurance and confiif the affair with Houck is any criterion leaguers, in the same way that the Amerhe assimilated well.

A number of his well wishers seem to think it would be a mistake to send him against a crackajack like Clabby number, who believe that he will defeat

Clabby lacks ruggedness. In his bouts what the National commission dictates with Sailor Petroskey and Soldier Logun at this end Clabby was palpably tire-i at various stages of the contests. He potition that may arise. Isn't that what tackies Mureay.

Well, Mr. Coffroth, please hurry up and sign Lightningstriker Clabby with present powerful proportions the major Fire-easter Murray. The only way to leasue magnates, in cities where only one put an end to the arguments that are vexing the fight fanz at present a to send the men into the ring

JAPS FROM THIS COUNTRY PLAN TO INVADE JAPAN

SEATTLE, Wash, March 7.-The first invasion of Japan by a Japanese base team from America will be made been exponents of the national pastime. The team is called the Scattle Nippons. combination of three former ninesthe Nippons, Mikades and Tacomas. The invaders will remain in Japan about two months and will play a series of games

Doubled Up 斑



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No doubt if he continues to climb in IS THERE BASE BALL TRUST?

Public Says There is, Managers Declare it is a Mistake.

The best information we have about Americans and Nationals Have Practically Everything They Want, with Players at Their Mercy.

> BY PRANK G. MENKE. NEW YORK, March 7.-Is there a bases

There is, say we. There sin't," assert Mesars. Herrmann, Johnson, Tener et al.

Well, then, let's see well-known assembler of words, "Is a combination formed for the control of to reduce expenses, regulate production and do away with or otherwise overcome competition and thus dominate the market and obtain a maximum return for the capital invested."

of Organised Base Ball? years ago when the American league think there is a demand for it, but simply showed that it had become as great a to have it act as a club against the for the real fighting give me the Friday base ball power as the National league? Federals. Did the two leagues continue to wase It was in such company that Billy Mur- warfare on each other? Did the magray fought his way into the good graces nates continue the practice of paying

of the local sports. He hammered the hig salaries to players to keep them from toughest of the Friday night middle- Jumping to the rival outfit? No, they did weights to a frazzle, and Jim Coffroin not. They combined forces. They fig. the player did not figure. It was the who always has his eyes open for the ured that competition wasn't benefiting

Leagues Combine. Murray's style of boxing might be called And what happened afterward? The composite. He is thoroughly at home two big leagues, then combined, decided and offered big salaries the Organizad when standing away and sending in long- to take the minor leagues "under its

range punches, and when he closes with wing." In other words, it coaxed the an opponent he changes gear in an in- minor league teams to join in the Nastant and is as busy as either Battling tional agreement, where they would be the salaries of their players. They did Nelson or Ad Wolgast in their best days, bound by the dictates of the ruling pow- it not because their players had doubled ers of the two big leagues. The major league leaders pointed out because they used trust methods.

and in-fighting in fact that it would to the minor leaguers the big benefits puzzle one to say which he excels in the minor leaguers would derive from know that when I saw him among the this action. The minors would get the have been waging a merry little war on four-rounders I thought he was at his "protection" of the majors and the Organized Base Ball. The chances now best when fighting from range. After minors would have the privilege of sell- are that the Federals will rise to major seeing him with Houck, however, I felt ing their star players to the major league power-that in a year or so they leaguers. It was a beautiful little arg :- will demonstrate to the base ball public A noticeable thing about Murray is ment-and the minors "fell" for it.

But, in passing, it might be said that Base Ball, striking distance he lashes out, and it the major leaguers sought out the minor is a rare thing to see his straight left leaguers and bound them up with such an agreement, not so much because they loved the dear little minor leaguers, but ably from his bank roll. Of course, no The sod will eliminate all that, because such an agreement would prevent dence of a man who has been years at the minor leaguers from some day rising the game. His courage is undoubted, and up and asserting they were major ican league did in 1901.

A trust is a combination of several different corporations, concerns or industries that are under one direction. As we until he has had more experience, but is under the direction of, and must bow view it, every organized base ball league. these are being talked down by a larger to, the mandates of the National com-Clabby as surely as he defeated Houck. minor rules, but when it comes to any mission. Each league can make its own These latter appear to think that thing drastic it is compelled to do Just

Must How to Mandates. A trust attempts to crush out any comoutclassed his men to such an extent organized base ball has done in the case that he was able to set the pace to aut of the Federal league? Hasn't it exerted himself, but it is argued that there will every effort to block the onward rush of be no such chance to "stall" when he the new league that threatens to break up its monopoly in the hase ball world; Peters the Federal league assumed its team operated, had not thought of transferring a minor league franchies to that city and providing continuous base ball Charles W. Somers, owner of the Cleve

lang American league club, and also owner of the Toledo American associaion club, was perfectly satisfied to have the teams operate in this respective cities. But now, since the Federals have shown that they really mean business, Somers has decided to shift the American associnest anningr. The team is composed of ation team from Toledo to Cleveland Japanese living in this city who have lie's doing it not so much because he been exponents of the national pastime wants to provide continuous base ball for the Cleveland fans as he is to forestall.

an invasion of the Pederals. Charles II. Ebbots, owner of the decided by the National Association of Brooklyn National and the Newark Innative teams. American college ternational league clubs never gave a nines have played in Japan, but this is thought to transferring the Newark team the first one composed of Japanese to to Brooklyn, until it was rumored that eat billiard players this country has promake a tour. The following is the line- the Federals would put a team in Brookup: Catchers, Shimuda, Koyama; pitch- lyn. Now he's giving strious thought ers. Takamo, Yonekura, Yama; first to transferring the Newark team to Comelawa; second base, Brooklyn to play there when the Dodgers Brooklyn club, says that contractors have the telephones, both public and private,

he is willing to stand whatever loss is occasioned simply for the sake of cutting into the attendance of the Pederal leaguers.

The Federal leaguers will charge major league prices for admission; the American Association and International league prices are somewhat less. And both Somers and Ebbets figure that the fans given a choice of seeing the Federals perform at high prices and the class A teams perform at moderate prices, will choose to pay the smaller price.

Although Chicago is pretty well cluttered up now with major league clubs, having representation in the American, National and Federal leagues, the ruling powers in Organized base ball would bave placed an American Association team in that city, transferring the St. "A trust," remarked Mr. Webster, the Paul franchise to Chicago, if Charles Webh Murphy had not made a protestand won. Organized base ball wanted to several generally competitive corpora- put an American association team in Chitions under one direction. Its object to case not because it felt that fandom in Chiengo would support it, but simply as one way of fighting the Federals.

Would Club Federals Out. The Organized people long have con-tended there is room for only two majojr Doesn't that about fit the description leagues. And yet, they now are planning the organization of a fourth big league. What happened about ten or eleven They are planning it not because they

> Aren't these trust methods? Until the advent of the Federal league the Organized Base Ball people paid their players just whatever salaries they wished. The demands or the worth of magnate who decided-and that decision meant that the player got just as small a salary as possible.

But when the Federals came along People knew then it was a case of "loosening up" or losing those players And in many cases they almost double! in value, in their estimation, but merely

Wage Merry Little War. Up to the present time the Federala that they are worthy foes of Organized

And then what will happen? the magnate. And it detracts consider- the grandstand. magnate in Organized Base Ball now wants to take in the Federal outfit. But if the Federals continue to show

Organized Mogula will do the only thing possible to save themselves from bank-

that they never will enter Organized Base Ball will make a frantic grab for the sprig, and so make base bail even a bigger trust than it is today.

Chicago Youth After Billiard Honors

.CHICAGO, March 7.-There is a li-yearold that belongs to this city who is after national billiard honors. His name is Walker Cochrane and he wants to take part in the national class A 18:2 balkline championship tournament this year, In a recent match Cochrane defeated Fred Conklin, the former amateur champion, 300 points to 294, with an average of 8 4-37 and high runs of 55 and 37. Conklin's average was 5 6-36, and high runs of 22 and 29. In another game the boy played to an average of \$ 11-14.

Cochrane will not be able to settle his plans until his amateur status has been Amateur Billard Players. The association Hopes that Cochrane's record is clean, for the boy is undoubtedly one of the greatduced.

Fed Park Nearly Beady. Brooklyn when competing against the ing of the middle of April.

Federals as it would have drawn in M'BRIDE WILL BE A GREAT AID Two Vets of Game TO GRIFFITH.



George McBride, the classy shortstop of the Washington Senators, who has been Clark Griffith's most valuable aid, bar ring, of course, Walter Johnson, in developing a -winning- combination for the fana of the national capital. Griffith describes McBride as being as good a short fielder as Honus Wagner.

Planning for the Season's Work at Rourke Park

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cause of the disagreeable manner in Base ball warfare does not appeal to which the dust blows from that path to

As for players, worry no more. All but Marty Krug and a few of the old boys are in, and nobody is manifesting any strength, if they continue to grab off concern. Kruz probably will not be here. the major league stars and continue to but his absence will not materially affect force the Organized People to pay huge the outfield with Thomason, Congalton, salaries to players to keep them from Bell and Payne on hand. The acceptance jumping, it is a 160 to 1 shot that the of terms by Bert Brenner puts the pitching staff in first class condition. With Brenner, Ormsby, Stevenson, Stevens. ruptcy-and that is to wave the olive Alexander, all right-handers, and Closbranch in the general direction of the man, Hicks and Brady, all left-handers. Federals. And they'll wave it lustily, Omaha is pretty well fortified in the box. Behind the bat Shestak, Gonding, And it is another 100 to 1 shot that the Rogers and Smith make a formidable Pederals, despite their declarations now array, but when the man arrives from Cleveland the staff will look more than formidable to the opposing teams. In the infield there is Chase, Clancy, Thomas, Ward, Schipke and Wallace. All are good and it only remains for Hourke to discover which four are the best.

Spring training will start a week from tomorrow if feasible. Provided the weather is not inclement the early arrivals will start to work the kinks out of ers will not arrive promptly at the training date, but will straggle in within three or four days afterward. By the middle of next week all should be here and then Rourke park will be a seething mass of uniformed figures, all bent on outdoing each other.

Whether Kane, Justice and Robinson will report to Omaha is not known. None of the three has signed and neither has expressed any disposition to sign. Neither of the three is important to Omaha. If Rourke can trade Robinson to the coast he will probably do it. If anybody will offer anything for Kane or Justice he will trade them.

Building in Baltimore.

At Baltimore the Federals are now busy arranging details for their plant. The concrete pillars for the pavilions have been finished and work is being concen-Business Manager John M. Ward of the trated on those for the grandstand. Even Takimoto; third base. Kimura; short- are not at home. Ethets realizes that the assented the promoters that they can have have been contracted for, and by the last shop. Kimura; right field. Kamijo; con- Newerk club will not draw as well in the Washington Park ready for the open- week in March the plant is expected to be almost ready for occupancy.

Who Need Have No Worry About Future

(Continued from Page One.) days are over, Wagner will probably give all his time to the automobile busi-

The case with Mathewson and the New York Club is very much the same. It is stated that Manager McGraw has RxB. through as a player he could still sign kt-Kt3...
with the club as a coach and adviser kt-Kt4...
Kt-Kt3... for as long a period as he pleased.

But when Matty is through pitching, RxKt..... he will quit base ball. He is without doubt the most prosperous player in the game. He has always been a high sal-

come, while he has carried on an exten- chess play. The game follows: sive insurance business. During the last Panks, White. wrote a number of big policies.

Mathewson, if he decided to stay in base ball after his playing days are ended, would make a good manager. His B-Kt5 ch. 7 keen knowledge of the game, and his Kt-KB3. judgment of players is unusually valuable. For many seasons he has been the right bower of McGraws's board of

STIEHM ANNOUNCES FOOT BALL SCHEDULE

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South Dakota has uniformly put a great team in the field and the game should prove an important early season engage- B-BE. ment. Wesleyan university, given a game KR-K sq., in 1913, demanded the Huskers should QR-B Sq..... play next fall at University Place and RxR...... the Methodists were dropped. The schedule is well balanced and un-

ers a breathing spell between the crucial battles of the season. It is rounded out with the Iowa game at Iowa City as R-Q6 .. the closing battle of the year.

Schedule of Games. R-QKt5.... Following is the schedule as arranged R-Kt7 ch... by Coach Stiehm:

October 3-Washburn college at Lincoln. October 10-South Dakota university at per 17-Kansas Agricultural college

Manhattan, Kan. October 24-Michigan Aggies at Lincoln. October 31-Ames Aggies at Lincoln. November 7-Morningside college at Lin-November 14-Kansas university at Lin-

November 21-Jowa State university at

The curtain raisor for the season will be Washburn college-a team which has been in the habit regularly of providing a stiff practice game for the Cornhuskers. The South Dakota collegians for second game will test the Cornbuskers severely and put them in prime shape for the first of the Missouri Valley conferences battles with the Kansas Aggies, which is played away from her

In the Michigan Aggies the Cornhusk-

ers will have a formidable rival. The Aggies were one of the four schools rated for the highest honors in the Western conference last season, with defeats of Wisconsin and Michigan to their credit. Under the contract between Ames and Nebraska: the Aggles come to Lincoln this year and will be followed by the their saytems. Probably all of the play. strong Morningside team. The Kansas same representing all of the oldtime rivairy between the two schools, will probably be made the homecoming date Ky., in November, 1909. for the alumni. Iowa is the last game of the season at Iowa City.

While Stiehm was anxius to close ne gotiations with Minnesota, he is in every way satisfied with the schedule and believes it will provide excellent competition for the Huskers.

Buffulo to Stick.

Secretary Goldman of the Baltimore club was in Buffalo last Saturday night looking over the grounds of the Federals in that city. The park has been leased by the Feds since that time, which lends color to the beljef that Buffalo will remain in the circuit. The Buffalo park is just one block from the main stem of the street car line, while the Bisons' home is fully twice that distance.

Delahanty with Feds. Jim Delahanty, former Detroit second beseman and last season with the Minne apolls American association team; has signed with the Federal league. He expects to play with the Buffalo team. Delahanty was given his unconditional release at the close of last season and is a free agent.

usually, he was not called upon to play lyn Chess club. opponents of quite the same caliber that he meets in the international tournaments. And yet, in these meetings of with the third prize. the great masters. Marshall is a player to be feared by the best of them, and frequently he captures the highest prizes

Jose R. Capablanca's latest exploit among the great chess experts of Russia was to defeat Dr. J. Bernstein, who. with Rubinstein, the Russian champion, has received the hosfor of an invitation to play in the forthcoming international masters' tournament to celebrate the jubiles of the St. Petersburg Chess club. The Cuban champion, who had previously worsted such opponents as Afechine, Dus-Chetimirski, Snosko-Borowski and Niemzokitsch, scored one and one-half points at the expense of Dr. Bernstein in a match of two games. The first of these names, which is printed below, is a real tit-bit, which will delight the lovers of pretty chess the world over. After twenty-nine moves and in open position, Capablanca, having parted with a passel pawn, offered the sacrifice of his queen. Dr. Bernstein dared not capture under penalty of mate forthwith, and any, ther move on his part led equally to destruction. Consequently he resigned without further ado, and the Cuban was overwhelmed with congratulations upon the Minler, Oakland, Neb.; W. E. Fenion. combination, which no one had foreseen Garrison; Mrs. B. L. Darting, Fremont; In the second game Dr. Bernstein played L. A. Tyson, Elmwood; Jacob Sass, Bendead safe throughout, taking no chances, son; Ernest Frisch, Glenville; A. L. Joand the game ended in a draw after seph, Grand Island; G. E. Cypher, Polk; thirty moves. Capablanca, White. Bernstein, White.

Kt-KB3 Q-K2 KR-Q sq.... Resigns.
The following game was played by

aried man with the New York club, and dent of the Nebraska State Chess ashas won several bonuses by winning a sociation, during Banks' visit to Omaha certain number of games in different seaan able champion of the honor of the Mathewson has more interests outside association and forced Banks to concede of base ball than any player in the a draw. The game is pronounced by game. His pen brings him in a good in- LaRue Williams to be a fine sample of Dr. Curtis, White

> P-Ka P-QB4...... P-QB4 F-QRS. P-OKH. KtxKt. B-Kt2 B-K sq. P-B4.... PxB. P-Ra K-B2 RxKtP ch. B-B3: P-Ra. DIMW.

Negotiations are in progress for a United States championship match at chesis between Frank J. Marshall, titleholder, and Norman T. Whitaker, of Washington, the clever young college player, who is now a practicing patent lawyer in the capital. Whitaker is prepared to play in the fall, and is waiting for Marshall's decision, in order to close with a number of the leading clubs of the country where the games will be played. The champion, on the other hand, may decide to attend the international tournament to be held in St. Peteraburg, in which case his return may be postponed to such an extent as will make it impossible for him to meet Whitaker this year. Marshall expects to be able to give Whitaker a definite answer within the week. There has been no match for the title since Marshall defeated J. W. Showalter at Lexington

According to last accounts, Alechine and Niemzowitsch, who tied for first place in the recent Russian national tournament, had played two of the four games of their supplementary match to decide which of them should take part in the international congress along with Capablanca and the other foreign mas-The first game, with Niemso ters. witsch playing the white side of a four knights' opening, was won by Alechine after forty-four moves. Niemsowitsch then tied the score by winning the second game with a French defense, after a hard-fought contest lasting eighty-five moves. It was not until the seventyfirst move that Niemzowinson was able to break through the seemingly impregnable position of his opponent.

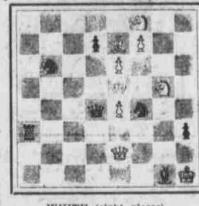
As was the case last year, a tie for first place resulted from the play in the annual tournament for the chess champion-

The latest failure of Frank J. Marshall ship of New York state, the fourth and to carry off the highest honors in the final round of which was concluded last New York state championship tourna- week. R. T. Black and J. Rosenthal ment has again given occasion for gen- finished with totals of 3% points each out eral comment. It is the third time that of a possible 4, and will play off for the the United States champion has essayed championship in a supplementary series to annex this title without success. It is of games, three of which have been noteworthy that Marshall encountered scheduled for March 16 at the Manhatsimilar disappointments in the cable tan Chess club, March 22 at the Rice matches against Great Britain, in which. Chees club and March 29 at the Brook-

T. J. Marshall, the United States champlen, with three points, had to be content

W. E. Fenlon of Garrison, Neb., having found a good problem, is willing to pass it along. The following two-mover, he predicts, will prove to be a hard nut to crack:

BLACK (eight pieces).



WHITE (eight pieces).

Tourney Problem No. 7-P-K4. Solved by F. C. Swearingen, Yymore; L. E. H. S. Nielsen, Blair; Dr. J. M. Curtis, Fort Calhoun; Dr. J. W. Brendel, Avoca. P-Q4 Neb.; W. M. Campbell, Lincoln; Otto Kt-KB2 Kruse, Fort Calhoun; H. Thomsen, Omaha: H. D. Lanyon, Little Sioux; Verne K. Viele, Norfolk; J. G. Fort,

> Correspondents are particularly requested to note the editor's change of address.

Omaha; Mrs. L. R. Marr. Fort Calhoun.

A pleasant way to spend your noon hour, especially during rainy weather, is to play chess or checkers at the Omaha Chess and Checker club. The monthly dues are a trifle; the pastime is a clean one and will benefit you instead of injuring you mentally and morally, and the location is convenient, being on the third floor of the Continental block, Fifteenth and Douglas streets. The best players in the club will be delighted to teach you the game of chess if you are not an expert, or to beat you at it if you are.

A correspondent inquires if it is artistic to build a problem wherein white captures or checks on the first move, provided the problem is not a two-mover. A key-move which is either a capture or a check is considered a blemish in any problem, regardless of the number of moves, though a problem may possess other beauties of combination which will in a measure offset this blemish. No canon of good tasts is violated by capture or check on the second move, though the problem is more admirable if, other things being equal, white is able to mate at the proper time without such aid.

A correspondent asks for the rule gov-Cartles erning the capture of a pawn by a pawn P-QRS | "en passant" or in passing. Owing to the fact that a pawn may move two spaces on its first move, it sometimes happens that it passes a pawn of the opposite color without being liable to capture in KtxKt the usual way. In order to remedy this B-B2 defect, a rule of the game allows the Kt-B5 pawn which is thus passed to capture the QR-B sq passing pawn in exactly the same manner as if the latter had moved only one space instead of two. For instance, if black has moved his king's pawn three spaces to K5, and white then moves his queen's pawn two spaces to Qt. black may remove the white pawn from the board RxR and place his king's pawn on his queen's sixth space, which is the position he would arrive at if white had moved his queen's pawn only one space and black has captured in the regular way. It is to R-QH2 be noted that the capture "en passant" BxP must be made on the move immediately R-B8 ch following the double move of the white K-K2 pawn, if it is to be made at all.

Rules of Tournament-Contestants must reside in Nebraska or Iowa. Solutions must bemailed within two weeks after the appearance of the problem. The tourney consists of twenty-six problems and the contestant who solves the greatest num-B-Q6 ber shall be declared winner. In case of B-K5 a tie other problems shall be submitted to the contestants who are tied until the P-KRI tie is broken. The prize is a \$5 set of chessmen for anything of equal value selected by the winner). Address all correspondence to E. M. Aikin, 1908 Harney street, Omaha. Tourney problem No. 10.

BLACK (five places)



WHITE (four pieces).

Built by Friends. It is understood that the Washington Park stand, Brooklyn, will be built by some one closely connected with the E. H. Litchfield estate, from which the lease was acquired.

