

LOCAL PUGILISM.

Members of the Lincoln Athletic Association, which association embraces nearly all the sports in Lincoln who are entitled to be known as "dead game," waited for two weeks to see Stout of South Omaha, stand up before McIntyre, of Lincoln.

Having waited two weeks they had the felicity of seeing the puny man, Stout, stand up in front of McIntyre's strong right hand for about 30 seconds.

That was all there was of the fight. At this second "social" in the Athletic association's popular series of entertainments the attendance was, if anything, larger than at the first, but not quite so distinguished. The "boys" and men about town were out in force; but that portion of the city's masculinity that expresses its gentility in the length of its cutaway coats and the pointedness of its patent leather shoes, was not as conspicuous as before. A roll call of the Pleasant Hour club, for instance, would have brought out but few responses. But some of the men who affect society were there, as well as representatives of the legal, medical and dental professions. There were a few well known and moderately sedate business men there. One of the most striking figures was a be-whiskered lawyer who was formerly attorney general. He stroked his beard in token of keen enjoyment.

While the crowd was waiting for the fight to begin someone suddenly said—"There's Chancellor Canfield!" There was a man present who looked like the chancellor, but he assured THE COURIER pugilist that he was not Canfield.

It was pretty late when the president, who is very imposing at these socials, with his soft hat and crooked stick, announced that the fight would begin.

Chief of Police Melick and a goodly number of officers were on hand and the president discreetly announced that the contest would be "twenty rounds for points." But he gave the wink and the crowd settled down to witness a fight to a finish.

Frank Parkington entered the ring as referee, and then came the fighters McIntyre weighed in at 145 and Stout at 125. Stout is a little bit of a fellow, almost a head shorter than McIntyre.

Stout started out in a manner that promised a hot fight. He smashed his antagonist. McIntyre thereupon stopped smiling and went after the Omahog. He knocked him into the ropes and pounded him all over the face and body. The gladiators were pulled apart, and then Mack continued his belligerency. He landed a blow that sent Stout to the floor in a weakened condition. The little fellow got up slowly in time to receive another blow on the face that knocked him over backwards. He struck on his head with an audible thud. By this time he was badly dazed. He managed to crawl outside the ropes and time was called. McIntyre was declared the winner and he was lifted on the shoulders of a dozen or more enthusiastic sports.

It was claimed that Stout was intoxicated and not in a condition to fight. His friends, were, however, willing to bet money on him.

McIntyre got seventy-five per cent of the receipts and Stout the balance.

The match that was arranged between McIntyre and Billy King has been declared off.

O'Neil who is McIntyre's sparring partner, has been matched to box Stout, and this will be the next event in the pugilistic events.

THE NATIONAL GAME.

Will our club finish 1-2-3?
Inks is playing short for Rockford.
Cole started his base ball career as a pitcher.

The grounds are in better condition than ever.

Jesse Burkett is leading off for the Cleveland.

Ernie Moehler is playing fast ball in Des Moines.

Lincoln won three out of sixteen exhibition games.

Omaha has given Whalen, Bear and Dwyer the chase.

Pittsburg has an eleven year old club named after Billy Hart.

Six of the Rockford players batted over 400 in their exhibition games.

It is said that Ebright has had an offer to trade Taylor for McKibbon.

Peek-a-Boo Leach has jumped the Ft. Wayne club and signed with Quincy.

The report that any changes will be made in the team is denied by those who ought to know.

Jimmy Sullivan has got his eye on the ball. THE COURIER predicts that he will hit over 300 this season.

Wallick and Jarvis who played first and third for the Clarkson team in the city league hail from Hastings.

Not one of the players that Buck brought from the coast, with the exception of Johnson, has caught on this year.

Pabst of the Rockford club in six exhibition games had 51 chances without an error and batted up to 614—Oh! yes, he is an amateur.

The Bee intimated that Manager Ebright offered to trade Gragg for Slage—this must have grown in the mind of S. V. Griswold.

The opening game of the city league will take place at M. street park next Monday evening between the Clarksons and the Herpolsheimers.

Preston has not been in the game for some days at Louisville and it may be that he is hunting another job—He would be a fast man in this league.

Jacksonville has released its manager and Deviany has charge of the team—the first man he got hold of was Katz of last year's Rock Island club.

The New York Howlers are making a terrible ado about the way Stafford is showing up at second base and it is probable that Johnnie Ward will be back with the team before a great while.

Californians are after Chicago to sign Ebright, a phenomenal second baseman of the Pacific slope.—Boston Globe. They may as well look some where else—Buck will stay in Lincoln.

Raymond, who once played third base for Lincoln, but who is now with Detroit, is the son of a wealthy Kentuckian by the name of Truman—Raymond's par-



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LOOKS WELL THIS ISSUE DON'T IT?

Well, it will continue to improve in quality, tone and enterprise until it shall have become

THE AUTHORITY FOR ALL.

ents were opposed to his becoming a professional ball player.

Manager. Ebright counts on Clem Kimerer, and he will probably develop into the star pitcher of this league. He has all the necessary qualifications of an A 1 pitcher, height, strength, weight, speed, good control, and above all a cool head.

Pittsburg Post: Good reports come from Lincoln, Neb., of the work being done by George Speer and Billy Taylor, the Pittsburg boys who are playing for the team of that city. Although Speer is considerable over weight, he is putting up a fine game.

Spaulding, the sporting goods man, started his professional career in Rockford, and this season he made the Rockford boys a present of all the balls they will use for the season, as well as furnishing them with uniforms and bats, free of charge.

Youngey Johnson has made his bow in Scranton, Penn., and the press of that city is industriously puffing him. Youngey is a great pitcher—no one will deny this—but he is the hardest man to handle that Lincoln had last year. He is very fond of what he calls "Cold Tea."

In looking over the national league batting averages of last year it will be seen that Duffy of the Boston leads, and then comes three Philadelphia players go down the column three names and you will find two more Phillies—it must make a pitcher have the funny feeling to face Thompson, Delehaunty, Turner, Hallman, Cross and a few of those kind of hitters.

The report comes from Jacksonville that Bobby Carruthers will manage the team in that city. Carruthers was at one time considered a king pitcher in the old American association. Unlike the usual run of pitchers he devoted much of his time to hitting and days when he was not in the box he played the outfield and is what is termed a "hitter from his heart."

Among the best players who gradu

ated out of the Nebraska state league which was organized in 1892 may be mentioned:—Clark, the fast outfielder of the Louisville team; Moran, of the Chicago club; Kennedy, of Lincoln; Holihan, who played short for Sioux City last year; Jones, Howe and Gatewood, who are with St. Joe; McKibbon and Moehler of Des Moines, and Fear of Grand Rapids.

Some people imagine that the life of a base ball player is the snappiest kind of a snap, and that to receive pay for playing the great national game is like getting money from your wife's folks. They seem to think that all the sphere tosser has to do is to get out on the diamond and play ball when the season opens, filling the rest of his existence by trying to make a corpse of time. Those who have visited the ball park this spring, in the morning, when Manager Ebright had his colts at practice have seen their error in this regard. A regular course of exercise has been dished up to the players for the last three weeks and it seems to have taken all the ginger out of them; but after a time they will feel the good effects of their hard work.

Last season there was not a second baseman and catcher in the association with the exception of Ebright and Speer who could work the throw back and get his man. Patrons of the game will remember that when a man was at first and another at third the instructions were for the man at first to lead off for second and coax a throw down to second; and if the catcher did throw the ball for the man at third to score. The teams worked this play in every city until they struck Lincoln; and after they had tried it several times on Ebright and Speer they were told to look out, as they were powerful sure on that return. This season will be the same in that respect, as last. In the Des Moines exhibition games Traffley's Indians tried to see if the Old Man and the Kid were as sure on the throw as they were last year, and they found they were.

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