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THE NUTMEG LEAGUE.

SIR JAMES O'ROURKE SUCCEEDS WITH HIS PLAN.

Six Cities Secured to Make up the New Connecticut League, Which is Built on the Lines of the Defunct Naugatuck Valley League.

Derby, Conn., March 29.—At a meeting held in the club house of the Derby Street Railway employees, Saturday morning, the Connecticut State Base Ball League was formed and will include teams representing Danbury, Torrington, Bridgeport, Bristol, Meriden and Derby. Waterbury, New Britain and New Haven failed to send any representatives. The meeting was presided over by President Sturgis Whitlock, and there were present Arthur Krom, of Danbury; T. H. Graham and Lucius E. Ladd, of Torrington; James H. O'Rourke, of Bridgeport; John Piggett, of Bristol; S. B. Chapman, of Meriden, by letter, and Jerry Denny, of Derby. After organizing the new League, the club adjourned to dinner at the Bassett. The constitution of the old Naugatuck League was adopted. Each club will be represented on the Board of Directors and they will comprise Krom, O'Rourke, Graham, Piggett, Chapman and B. W. Porter.

WHEELING'S WINNERS.

A Team of Sluggers Will Represent the Nail City.

Wheeling, W. Va., March 30.—Editor "Sporting Life":—As the days of spring approach the impression grows that the Nailers will be a team that will make many a pitcher's heart ache this year. Almost every player has a batting average of at least .300, and a number of them came from good leagues, too. Should their fielding turn out to be as good as the West Virginia boys will cut a wide swathe among their fellows. While manager Coyle is making no great pretensions as to the future, doubtless believing that it is a good thing to allow the team to speak for itself, nevertheless all interested parties have the utmost confidence in him and his partner, Mr. Harrington, and believe that under their wise direction base ball will have a great boom this year and will be a success in every way.

The club will play two games in Pittsburg the coming month, but according to present arrangements none will be played here. This will be a great disappointment, since the Pirates, with Dick Padden among them, are hot favorites here. Other exhibition games, however, have been arranged for the home grounds, and the local people will have several opportunities to size up the boys before the championship season opens.

Smith Whalley, our last season's short stop, has written a letter to a friend here, stating that he would be awfully pleased to play here this year, and there are hundreds of his friends in this city who heartily reciprocate the wish. Indeed, the probabilities are that he may yet be seen in a Wheeling uniform. He has signed with Paterson, but if it turns out that they can't use him, he will be just Wheeling's size. PICKWICK.

THE LEAGUE UMPIRES.

Sandy McDermott's Appointment Completes the Staff.

Washington, March 30.—President N. E. Young, of the National League, has appointed "Sandy" McDermott an official umpire. Mr. McDermott met with considerable success last season as an umpire with the Western, Atlantic and Virginia State Leagues. The umpires now appointed by President Young are Lynch, Emslie, Sheridan, Hurst, O'Day, and McDermott. This completes the staff and without doubt it is the best list of umpires ever appointed by Mr. Young.

O'Day and McDermott are the new appointees, although both have had long experience in the game. O'Day is an ex-Giant, having been a pitcher on the New York team several years ago. He has been on the League staff of umpires before, and did excellent work, but for some reason was not reappointed last season. McDermott had a varied experience last season, being with three different minor leagues, but he was considered an excellent official.



HARRY C. PULLIAM,
The New President of the Louisville League Club.

SMITH IS READY.

His Team Made up and His Spring Dates Filled.

Pawtucket, R. I., March 30.—Editor "Sporting Life":—President Michael Moy, Secretary Henry Lynd, Treasurer William H. Dawson, Advisory Committee, Henry C. Tiepke, Max Nathanson. The above are the newly elected officers of the Pawtucket Base Ball Association, and for hustling abilities they will equal the officers of any base ball association in the land. In all probability our team will be selected from the following material: News, Griffin, Mulhall, catchers; Leach, Wilder, Todd, Mullin, Donovan, Sagrus, pitchers; Beaumont, first base; Gilbert or Stouch, second base; Coughlin, third base; Sweeney, short stop; Barton, Whiting and Smith, in the outfield. Of the above News, Leach, Wilder (not Welden, as your New York correspondent would have it), Beaumont, Coughlin, Barton, Whiting and Smith were with us last season.

Griffin comes from Hagerstown, Md.; Todd was our star pitcher in 1894, but last season he and the club could not agree on terms, and he did not sign a contract. This season matters have been straightened out and Frank will again throw left-handed curves for the honor of Pawtucket. Mulhall and Mullin come from the Salems, champions of the South Jersey League; Sagrus played with independent teams in Massachusetts; Gilbert comes highly recommended; Sweeney also played with the Salem team in 1896. Sweeney is well known to local cranks through his connection with Eastern League teams, being with Allentown in 1894 and Scranton 1895. Stouch was with Lancaster in '96.

Games booked since your last issue are as follows: Howard at Cambridge, April 14. The team will make its first appearance at home April 17, entertaining the Providence aggregation. They will be followed by our colored friends, the Cuban Giants, April 20. April 21 will be a red-letter day here, the Bostonians being the attraction. The Beau-caters will bring with

them Yeager, whom they drafted from the Pawtucket team of last season. Portland, of the Maine State League, appears here April 28 and 30. April 29 is still open. Any manager desiring this date should consult John F. Smith, 434 Lafayette street, Bristol, Pa. The players of the Pawtucket team will report to Manager Smith at the Park House, Newark, N. J., April 3.

ZANESVILLE ZEPHYRS.

A Contest Between Ray and Somers For the Local Management.

Zanesville, O., March 29.—Editor "Sporting Life":—The Schedule Committee of the Ohio and West Virginia League will meet this week to put the finishing touches on their work, and that will conclude the arrangements for the season. Except for a little slowness on the Twin City's part, everything is in good shape, and points to a profitable year.

In regard to the home team, arrangements have just been effected by which John S. Ray, of Louisville, Ky., and Enoch Somers, of this place, will pit their respective teams against each other in this city the latter part of April, to decide which man shall have the management.

Mr. Ray's team is composed of players from the Southern and Texas Leagues, and it is his intention to play exhibition games in some of the Southern cities before coming here. Mr. Somers' players are as follows: Toft and Gans, catchers; Melvaine, Beadle, Cross and Herbrand, pitchers; Myers, first base; Brandenburg, second base; King, short stop (also claimed by Ft. Wayne); Wetzel, third base, and Costello, Griffin and either Miller or Locke in the outfield. They have all seen service in the minor leagues, and will make a heated argument for Mr. Ray.

The contract for suits was awarded the Overman Wheel Company, and consists of white shirts, blue trousers and red stockings and trimmings—patriotic if not pretty. Work on the grounds, including the erection of a new grand stand, is under way, and will be pushed rapidly toward completion.

MEN OF MICHIGAN

NOW HAVE THEIR LEAGUE UPON ITS FEET.

A Six-Club Circuit Consisting of Bay City, Saginaw, Port Huron, Lansing, Jackson and Kalamazoo Fully Organized—The Outlook Bright.

Saginaw, Mich., March 27.—Editor "Sporting Life":—The Michigan State Base Ball League is now an assured fact. The organization starts off with the best prospects of any minor league in the country. It contains some of the ablest managers in the profession and is backed by some of the best business men in the State. When the League session closed last week, all of the details had been completed except the schedule, which will be left over for the next meeting, Monday, March 29, at Lansing. The meeting was attended by the following: President Walter H. Mumby, Cornua; R. L. Gates and C. H. Cashman, Jackson; A. L. Goble, Port Huron; Fred Popkay, Kalamazoo; Bert Bergdorf and John A. Murphy, Bay City; John V. Peck, Lansing; W. F. Pierson, W. H. Saltonstall, J. B. Pitcher and Geo. Black, Saginaw; Tom T. Farley, of Chicago. The latter, who represented the Overman Wheel Company, is well known to the different managers, and received the contract for uniforms, supplies, etc.

The season is to open April 28, and close September 12, and 126 regular championship games are to be played. Each visiting club is guaranteed \$25, and in case of rain, \$15. The salary limit is fixed at \$600, exclusive of manager. The guarantee of \$200 for each club was deposited and the League will consist of the following six cities: Saginaw, Bay City, Port Huron, Lansing, Jackson and Kalamazoo.

BURLINGTON BRIEFS.

A Victory Over Toledo Before the National Board.

Burlington, Ia., March 28.—Editor "Sporting Life":—By a decision of the Board of Arbitration we have that fast outfielder, Hartzell, on our playing list. As I stated in these columns some time ago, we had first claim on him and would see it clear through, Toledo to the contrary.

Manager Berryhill has not shown up yet, but is expected at any time now. You know what a young married man is and how he acts. This is the case with Mr. Berryhill. We will all welcome the new benedict and his wife to our midst in this "wild and wooly West." The players will soon commence to arrive and then things will take on a new lease of life in a base ball way.

A rooters' club was organized the other night with Gus Schaaf as president and he is one of the dyed-in-the-wool cranks. C. W. Kirkpatrick, vice president; first yell, John H. Gillespie; second yell, Ora H. Gould; Research Committee—voice charms—Toby Carpenter; Lucky signs and charms—W. W. Woollen. All are first-class "fans" and attended most of the games last season, and will do so this year. More of this club will be given later on. JAS. H. LLOYD.

LOS ANGELES LETTER.

Gossip About Well Known Players Resident There.

Los Angeles, March 25.—Editor "Sporting Life":—George Decker left last week for Chicago in excellent condition to put up good ball this season. He has been playing first-class ball here all winter, and hitting like a fiend.

Bob Shaw, the colored pitcher who goes to the Page Fence Giants, is complaining some of his pitching arm. The last game he pitched he won, but had but little speed.

Milt Whitehead, at one time a crack player, who played last season with Corning, N. Y., has gone insane, and was taken to the asylum yesterday in a straight jacket. Whitehead was at one time a member of Lucas' St. Louis Union.

Phil Knell is still in the city, but expects to be ordered to Kansas City any time.

Tommy Early will not go East this season, as he has an excellent position here.

Charles Franck and Frank Whaling received a letter from Des Moines ordering them to report there April 1. The amateur players of the city are going to give the boys a benefit game next Sunday.

THE WORLD OF BASE BALL.

BASE BALL GUIDES.

THE INDISPENSABLE HAND BOOKS
ARE NOW OUT.

The Harbingers of the Base Ball Season
Unusually Complete and Interesting
to All Who Follow the Game as
Patrons or Exponents.

The standard base ball guides, so indispensable to the followers and exponents of our national game, are out now, and therefore the base ball season may be said to be fairly opened. Below will be found a brief review of the Spalding and Reach Guides for 1897:

Spalding's 1897 Guide.

By all odds the biggest, handsomest, most complete Base Ball Guide ever issued is "Spalding's Official National League for 1897; in fact, it can be said without the least flattery that in this guide the publishers, the Spalding Bros., and the editor, Henry Chadwick, have fairly outdone all previous efforts to make the official hand-book of our national game all that such an important publication should be. To Mr. Chadwick the work is specially creditable, considering his advanced age, and the fact that the bulk of it was done despite a very severe illness.

The current issue of "Spalding's Official Base Ball Guide" is the twenty-second annual edition of the work as published under the auspices of the National League. It is, moreover, the sixth issue of the guide under the government of the existing twelve-club League, the governing organization in base ball. It is, therefore, the only authorized book of the National League and of the National Board of Arbitration.

A feature of the "League Guide" for the past decade has been its interesting chapters of instructions in the scientific points of the game, from the pen of the oldest and most experienced writer known to the national game, Mr. Henry Chadwick. Its statistical features, of course, embrace not only the official records of the twelve clubs of the National League, the averages of which are specially compiled by Secretary Young, but also the statistics of all of the prominent minor leagues.

The Guide, too, has now become the record and reference book of the college clubs of the country, and this year, as last, it contains the detailed records of the college club campaigns of 1896, as participated in by the clubs of the large universities of the country, as well as by those of the lesser collegiate organizations. Of course all the professional organizations outside of the National League also find representation in the way of records and other statistics in the guide. A special feature of the "League Guide," and one that practically compels its use by every base ball player in the country, is that portion of the book devoted to the new playing rules as reported to the League meeting of February, 1897, by the new permanent Committee on Rules. The importance of this will be at once perceived when we state that this is the only authorized and official publication of the rules issued, these rules governing every professional organization in the country, besides the college clubs and the other amateur clubs at large. The changes and additions to the rules are set in italics for the convenience of readers.

The contents in order are: Review of the championship campaign of the big League from 1892 to 1896, inclusive; review of the pitching, batting, fielding and base running of 1896; individual pitching percentages of 1896; League Club pitching; the batting average of 1896; the base running statistics of 1896; the fielding averages of 1896; review of the monthly campaign in 1896; the individual club records for 1896; the full yearly record of the Baltimore, Boston and Chicago Clubs, and complete official League statistics.

A review of the entire minor League arena during 1896 is given, also the official averages and championship tables of the Eastern League, Western League, Western Association, New England League, Southern Association, Texas League, Atlantic League, Virginia League, Inter-State League and the Canadian League. The full pitching records of the New England, Texas, Southern and Virginia Leagues are also given. In the college pages we have full scores of the most important inter-collegiate games of last season; group pictures of all of the college teams; complete records and averages of players of the Chicago, Princeton, Yale, Harvard, Vermont, Virginia, Brown, Holy Cross, Pennsylvania, Dartmouth, Amherst and Williams University teams.

Among interesting miscellany we find a full description of the Temple Cup series; Cardinal Gibbons' famous endorsement of base ball originally published in "Sporting Life"; the Harry Wright Monument Fund movement; the National Agreement Playing Rules, rules for laying off a ball field and the National League's 1890 schedule.

The portraits are handsome half-tones, printed on extra fine paper, and include pictures of nearly 500 individual players. A full list of the pictures was given in the last issue of "Sporting Life." "Spalding's League Guide" will be sent postpaid on receipt of 10 cents to any address in the United States or Canada by the American Sports Publishing, 241 Broadway, New York.

Reach's Official Guide.

"Reach's Official Base Ball Guide" for 1897 is richer in information of the national game than any of its 14 predecessors, and that is saying a good deal, for "Reach's Guide" pretty thoroughly covers the base ball field. Lovers of the national game have come to look to the "Reach Guide" for full data and records of remarkable and interesting events, which transpired during the previous championship season, until it has an enormous patronage awaiting each issue.

The object of the "Guide" is to give full official figures of all professional leagues of whatever class, and also to record every incident of interest which occurred during the previous year. Hence the series of 15 books furnish the most

complete base ball history and work of reference in the national game to be found. The period covered by this volume embraces the year from March 1, 1896, to March 1, 1897, and is a continuation of the series without a break of a single day.

There is no sameness between any two of the issues of the "Reach Guide." Its publishers try to avoid verisimilitude. Of course official averages year by year take the same form, and there is necessarily a certain amount of similarity in the departments of record, but it is the aim of the book to each year present some new and novel features, at the same time continuing all that has been popular in former editions. The present number will be found fully equal in excellence and interest to any of the many popular issues which have preceded it.

The book leads off with an accurate and comprehensive review of the season of 1896. Then follow the official batting and fielding averages of the National League, Western League, Eastern League, New England League, Southern League, Western Association, Atlantic League and Virginia League. Next we have elaborate and entertaining statistics of the League race of last year; the championship tables of all the minor leagues; full score of the Temple Cup contests; the League base running record of 1896; the 1897 reserve lists of all National Agreement leagues; the removals from game during 1896; the movement for the Harry Wright monument; the extra-inning games of 1896; the accidents of 1896; a full history of the Rusie case and the less famous Tebeau suit of last season; a history of curve pitching.

There are also short but interesting articles on League team changes for 1897, the nativity of players, batting feats of the past, the college season of 1896, the dead of 1896, the pitching, batting and fielding feats of 1896, the general features of 1896, miscellaneous records and a prospectus for 1897.

Last, but not least, we have the official schedules of the National League and the revised playing rules for 1897. For the convenience of the reader the changes are printed in italics. The Guide costs but 10 cents, and is for sale by all news companies and the A. J. Reach Company, of Philadelphia.

The Victor Guide.

The third of the great base ball guides, the "Victor Guide," published by the Overman Wheel Company, is due April 1, but at the time of going to press an advance copy had not reached us for review. It is safe to say, however, that the 1897 "Victor Guide" is sure to be equal to the 1896 "Guide," which was a splendid base ball book in every particular.

NEW YORK'S LEAGUE

Is at Last Fairly Started With a Six-Club Circuit.

Special to "Sporting Life."

Auburn, N. Y., March 31.—The New York State League was put on a solid foundation here yesterday at a meeting held at the new National Hotel. The following towns were represented: Lyons, W. H. Bennett and B. L. Gorman; Palmyra, Charles A. Paatz; Auburn, J. H. Farrell; and Timothy Shinnick; Canandaigua, A. B. Priest; Batavia and Hornellsville, applied for admission by letter. J. H. Farrell was made temporary chairman and W. H. Bennett, secretary.

THE LINES.

Lyons, Auburn, Canandaigua and Palmyra were admitted to membership and George H. Geer, J. H. Farrell and B. L. Gorman were appointed a committee to select two towns and the official ball. The championship season will open May 12. Each club will deposit \$200 as a guarantee to finish the season. The Eastern League form of contract was adopted. The election of a president was deferred until the next meeting. The game guarantee was left open for the present. Protection under the National Agreement in Class C will be applied for. The president will appoint the staff of umpires, who will be paid by the game. The committee was instructed to act at once. Batavia's application was looked upon with favor. There was some discussion as to the constitution and the same will be adopted later.

THE MEETING.

was a closed one, none but delegates being admitted and was adjourned to meet at Lyons at call of Chairman Farrell. The delegates were enthusiastic regarding the season's prospects. The double season idea was taken up and discussed, but nothing definite was done regarding the same. The New York State League looks like an established fact, and two good towns will be placed in the circuit after careful investigation by the committee.

MEETING ECHOES.

Rose Bros., of Buffalo, the sporting dealers, had a representative present at the meeting, also the Overman Wheel Company, who put in a bid for their splendid "Victor" ball.

Manager Gorman, of Lyons, reports his team as filled. The Lyons people think that they will be very much in the game this season.

Canandaigua will have new grounds. Manager Priest, who is the celebrated college pitcher, says that his town is ripe for the game and there will be no doubt on his team's uniforms.

Messrs. Bennett and Gorman, of Lyons, say that the delegates will be well taken care of at the next meeting and have a chance to look at about the "warmest" base ball town in the country.

The Committee on Membership will visit Seneca Falls, Waterloo, Palmyra, Hornellsville, Corning and Geneva, and it is a sure thing that there will be no mistake made in the selection of the two towns required to complete the circuit.

CONDENSED DISPATCHES.

Special to "Sporting Life."

Outfielder McCreery has signed with Louisville at the club's terms.

Catcher Grim has surrendered and signed with Brooklyn at a reduced salary.

The New York Club has purchased catcher Bado Myers from the Toledo Club.

Thomas E. Robinson, of Bellevue, Mich., has been engaged as manager of the Lansing Club.

Pitcher Geo. Cross and outfielder Frank Sheldrake have been transferred by Indianapolis to Grand Rapids.

Pitcher Rusie's lawyer, Mr. Roscoe Hawkins, of Indianapolis, says that his client and the New York Club have made no move toward an amicable adjustment of their differences.

NEW YORK NEWS.

SPLENDID REPORTS FROM LAKEWOOD
TRAINING GROUND.

Veterans of the Team in Fine Shape
and Youngsters Showing up Well
—No Stock in the Rusie Yarns—
Beckley in Temporary Disfavor, Etc.

New York, March 30.—Editor "Sporting Life":—Local affairs are progressing, and a general idea seems to prevail that the rebellious Hoosier will come in out of the wet. In the event of a victory for Rusie in the decision on the demurrer of the local club the case could not be finished until fall at the earliest. The rumor that the various League magnates intend to contribute enough money to pacify Rusie and thus end the suit is laughed at in this vicinity. Such a move would be most ridiculous, and President Freedman takes no stock in the report. A dispatch from Chicago, saying that Messrs. Brush, Robison and Hart had left for Indianapolis revived the absurd rumor for a time; to discuss the reasons why such a move on the part of the magnates would prove foolish would be a waste of time and space. President Freedman left Lakewood on a business trip to Albany, and a report from "Up State" intimated that the local magnate is endeavoring to put a team at the State capital to be composed of his surplus players. On the train President Freedman met Frank Robison, and the latter expressed the opinion that the New Yorks would start the season the best conditioned team in the League, and the jovial Cleveland magnate further predicted that our team would be one, two, three. All of which was music to the ears of President Freedman, who is more wrapped up in his team than ever before.

LAKEWOOD TIDINGS.

Aside from a few days of cold weather the boys got in some effective work last week. Several games between the regular team and the Yannisians, as the second team has been dubbed, have been played. In one of these contests the sub won and they became swelled so we are informed. Juett Meekin is the leading spirit among the Yannisians, and Bill Clark is their captain. When it is too cold for field practice Bill Joyce picks all hands on the porch to do "glass case work," as the only Dad puts it.

JOYCE'S SKILL.

Captain Scrappy Bill is watching his men closely and no lame arms will result if he can help it. He knows his men like a book, and is working the fat off the big fellows, and is trying to fill out the light men. The menu is rearranged by Joyce, and all sauces and pastries are scratched at every meal. Late sleepers are hustled out of their nests by the burly captain, and cross-country runs are always in order. It must be beneficial running through the healthy pine woods, and Bill cuts out a lively pace. Joyce fully realizes the danger of field practice on cold days, and he is taking no chances. Billy Muldoon, the famous wrestler and expert trainer, says Bill Joyce is on the right track, and it is reported that he will shortly go to Lakewood to look the boys over. Bill Joyce is not discouraged at the wintry weather, as the following words indicate: "I know the condition of the men and I only need one week of good weather with an even temperature to make them fit as fiddles."

WITH THE BOYS.

Miles Standish is holding his own in good shape and President Freedman has taken a great liking to the Vermont lad.

"Sy" Seymour wears a pair of skin tight trousers on Sundays, and the boys are puzzled to know how he gets into them. Dad Clarke says he drops into them from the ceiling, while Joyce insists that "Sy" puts them on like any other trousers, only that the Albany boy unbuttons his feet.

Mike Sullivan, besides having an Andy Boswell appetite, is showing up strong enough to delight Bill Joyce with his work in the box.

Beam has been sent home as Joyce is not satisfied with his showing.

Charley Zeldner, the twirler hailing from Brooklyn, joined the team last week, and is the tallest man on the team, being over six feet tall. The latter will double up with Napoleon Shea, thus making it a case of the long and short of the team.

Kid Gleason has entirely recovered from the grip and is as lively and chipper as ever, and we all know how lively that must be. The Kid is due to lead the second basemen this year.

Jim Stafford is said to a great dresser. Ever since the Webster had joined the benedicts he has developed into a regular Berry Wall.

Eddie Doherty thinks he will have more speed this year than ever before.

Gettig is showing up so well as an all-around player that the excellent impression he made last season seems to be in no danger of being lost by his work at Lakewood. He is a big, brash fellow and can fill in almost anywhere, not to mention that the way he smashes at all kinds of shots and curves is a surprise to the older members of the team.

BECKLEY SUSPENDED.

For leaving Lakewood against the orders of Manager Lamar, Jake Beckley will be deprived of the advantages offered by the local club at the training ground. Beckley wanted to come to the city to meet his wife upon her arrival from the West. One of the training rules is to the effect that no player shall leave Lakewood. Manager Lamar and order him to meet Mrs. Beckley and send her to Lakewood to spend a few days at the club's expense. Beckley, however, came to the city on Saturday evening. He certainly made a mistake by disobeying the rules, and, as a consequence, he has been ordered to get in condition on his own account and report to the Polo Grounds on April 15 in good condition. Bill Clark will take Beckley's place during the Lakewood stay.

MISCELLANY.

Manager Lamar, of the Cuban N. Giants, announces that after May 1 his address will be 1792 Bathgate avenue, New York City.

Russell E. Harrison, the Terre Haute trolley

magnate, is in town on business, and says he will do all he can to help the game in Terre Haute, but that a general revival in business will do more to help the game in the West than anything else.

Lawyer Abe Gruber, the "little giant," is impatiently awaiting the ring of the gong, and says that another first-class battery would make the New Yorks strong enough to lead the Orioles in the stretch.

Dad Clarke is more than pleased at the prospect of meeting his old friend, Willie Hutchinson again this season. WM. F. H. KOELSCH.

SCRANTON SERENE.

Not Being Over Haughty There Can be No Great Fall.

Scranton, March 30.—Editor "Sporting Life":—There seems to be a general disposition all along the circuit to accuse the Scranton directorate and Scrantonians in general of "swell-head" over this season's team, and they are even suspected of having designs on the pennant.

QUITE MODEST.

Now, as a matter of fact, while every fan in the city thinks this year's team will stand head and shoulders over those which have represented us heretofore, even the most hopeful has not indulged in dreams of the championship. Our natural modesty forbids. Not a paper in the city has advanced such a claim, even by implication, but we do want to see that team of ours up fighting with the leaders. We have decorated the tail-end of the procession so long now that we are hungry for a change, yet we are not craving for first-place honors this year. Give the boys a place in the first division in 1897, and we will begin to hope for pennants afterward; but from eighth place to first would be too great a change. No one here looks for any such honors, and the men who have their money in the club have stated that they will be perfectly satisfied if the team is in the first four at the close.

THE SCRANTON ASSOCIATION.

held its meeting last week, and perfected arrangements for the season. No changes will be made at the Park this year other than fixing up and improving the in and outfield. Thursday of each week has been designated as "ladies' day," when ladies will be admitted to the grounds and stands free. Mr. John H. Brooks, the ex-Princeton shortstop, will again have control of the grounds. Manager Griffin did not tarry here on his way home from the League meeting, but is expected to come here about Saturday next and remain for the season.

ODDS AND ENDS.

Harper and Gunson are the only players who have not yet come to terms, both wanting more than the limit, but both will probably be on hand when the gong sounds. The players have been ordered to report by April 10, the first exhibition game being booked for the 13th.

Some of the fans put great faith in our pitching staff this season because of Pat Meaney's return to the box. That good left arm of his is again in fine shape.

Wilkesbarre is to be congratulated on securing such a player as Abner Powell. He will probably bring some good ones with him, and the Barons may yet have them all guessing.

The local members of the profession, Tighe, Coughlin, Dean, Malott and Hoffer are getting in readiness for the spring flitting. All of them say they are anxious for the season to begin.

The Scranton Club is satisfied with the schedule, even though they have the smallest number of Saturday games at home.

President Powers has given us the opportunity to find out just what our "picked nine" amounts to right at the start. If they can hold their own with Syracuse they should attain a "wood position in the race." EKIM.

CARNEY CHEERFUL.

He Thinks He Has a Good Team and Good Prospects.

Kansas City, Mo., March 30.—Editor "Sporting Life":—The St. Joseph, Mo., team is here for its preliminary practice, and within a week or two with favorable weather I think a fair line can be gotten on what may be expected of the "new guns" secured by Manning. Inasmuch as the St. Joseph team is made up largely of last year's Blues, under the captaincy of "Big Bill" Klusman, there should at least be ground for a fair test of the relative merits of the youngsters.

Captain Carney is in the best of health, and feels that he has lost none of his old-time activity, and furthermore declares he will put up the game of his life. He will put the boys through a course of training, beginning at once, and never letting up until it is time for the championship season to open.

George Darby, who has had a checkered career on the diamond, and who at one time gave promise of developing into a regular "Kid Nichols," is still at his home in Kansas City, Kas., without a contract. He has been "wintering" in his father's boiler-making establishment, and is hard as a rock. He has received some flattering offers, but he fears them. One of the managers of a Southern League Club may make a dicker with him.

The bone of contention lies in the question of salary. Darby's erratic career in the last seven years has led him to all parts of the United States. He was married in California last year, and will make no more trans-continental jumps in the middle of the season. George thinks his arm in much better condition this year than last season, and his many friends here would like to see him regain his lost prestige in Class A. M. J. NIXON.

Exhibition Games.

March 27 at Sacramento—Boston 6, Savannah 4.
March 27, at Hot Springs—Chicago 12, Minneapolis 9.
March 27, at Kansas City—Kansas City 10, St. Joseph 7.
March 27, at Chapel Hill—N. Cordova 6, Virginia 7.
March 27, at Knoxville—Detroit 10, Knoxville 1.
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March 29, at Charlottesville—Virginia 10, Wake Forrest 3.
March 30, at Savannah—Savannah 4, Boston 3.



CHICAGO GLEANINGS.

THE COLTS STRIKE A SNAG AT HOT SPRINGS

In a Wretched Playing Ground Calculated to Kill Off Players—The Permanent Make-up of the Team Still Unsettled.

Chicago, March 30.—Editor "Sporting Life":—The desperate series of games now being played at Hot Springs between the Colts and the Minneapolis Millers must strongly appeal not only to every lover of the fine points of base ball, but to everyone with a fine sense of humor. According to letters from the boys, the grounds are a mass of rocks, hills and excrescences, and the surrounding mountains come down so close to the battle field that a home run can be hit far up the slope, and it is an everyday occurrence to see unfortunate outfielders, skipping their shins and harking their paws in hopeless attempts to climb up the Alps and hold a base-runner on third cushion.

PEPPER'S HARD LUCK.

So far, the Colts have had away the best of it against the Millers, who are described as a merry, noisy, happy-go-lucky gang, of fair strength for a minor league nine, but not as powerful as the formidable champions of last year's Western League. Our pets are doing their best, but no real judgment can be made of them on such awful grounds. Pfeffer is in hard luck—an abscess in his back has kept him from playing much ball, and he has enjoyed the spectacle of Connor covering second fairly well and batting savagely. To add to his sorrow, he has been the victim of a cruel joke. Fred has had a jug of spring water delivered at his room door for some days. Ryan has acquired a habit of stealing Pfeffer's jug, pouring out the spring water and refilling it from the hydrant, and poor old Freddie, after drinking hydrant water for a week, found out the trick and nearly had apoplexy over it.

A NEW CATCHER.

We expect a new catcher to join the team at Kansas City—an Indiana boy, whom Milt Ervin, a Chicago newspaperman, discovered in the woods. Ervin says he doesn't know whether his protegee can catch hay or not, but the old man is going to give him a show, anyway, as he is said to be big and capable of training. His name is unknown.

By the way, I wonder if Grady couldn't be trained into such a catcher as Anson wants? He doesn't seem to be in much demand at Philadelphia, and he is certainly a corking batter and willing, gamy catcher.

EX-CHICAGO TALENT.

I was looking over the springtime lists of the League players to-day, and was noting the distribution of the men who used to be the heroes of the hour in Chicago. Anson's former pupils are indeed scattered far and wide, and most of them are the real thing and the mainstays of whatever clubs they may be with. Boston still has little Hughey Duffy. How nicely Duffy would have fitted in here through all the years since 1890, and how cruel the League was to rob us of him. Brooklyn lets out one of our old pets—Tom Daly—and takes another—Jimmy Canavan. Brooklyn, incidentally, must want to be poetical, with Canavan and Hannivan on the team. There hasn't been such a musical combination since New York had Doyle and Doyle, and Pittsburgh carried Hecker and Decker. Brooklyn also lings Ed. Stein, who was one of us so long ago. Baltimore will swear by Jacob Stenzel, our sub-catcher in 1890. We might have done well ten years ago had we kept Pat Tebeau, and Dwyer, who couldn't win so many of his games for us in 1889, would have about landed us the flag last year. Charley Irwin would look well here, too, and Bill Schriver was not the worst of our catchers. Pittsburgh has a battery of ex-Ansonites—Hughey and Merritt. George Van Hatten seems good for years to come, and we have had poorer pitchers than Dad Clarke or Mike Sullivan. Washington boasts of O'Brien and Farrell, both disciples of the grand old man, and Tom Brown, if my memory serves me, was under Chicago contract one season a great many years ago. St. Louis will have Parrott and Hutchison, and that completes the list.

JUST IMAGINE.

Imagine the ex-Ansonites arrayed against us—Merritt and Schriver catching; Stein, Clarke, Dwyer, Hughey and Sullivan pitching; Tebeau, first; O'Brien, second; Irwin, third; Canavan, short; Van Hatten, Stenzel and Duffy in the field. Parrott, Farrell and Hutchison extra. Say, wouldn't that outfit be good enough to fight for a flag? Oh, I don't know—we're not so warm—there're other brands as warm as we.

There is no other team in the League that can count so many good men now in other clubs as Chicago. We have served as a training ground and recruiting station for the rest of the League, and our discards are the best that ever came over the pike, while the present Chicago team, barring Fred Pfeffer, who was ours by right of former acquaintance, anyway, contains just one man who was a discard from some other team—Bill Terry.

THE TEAM MAKE-UP.

Anson expresses himself as still dubious whom to discard. He will make no mistake in keeping the whole tribe. He can carry 16 men as well as not, farming out two, and having a string ready to yank them back. There is work for every man in the present 18 to do. Thornton would serve very well in case of accidents. Of two men on a team will be disabled at once.

Suppose Lange and Anson should both be laid off at the same time, how splendidly Thornton would fit into centre, and how well Decker would look on first! Griffith and Briggs are the men slated to carry the team, as far as pitching goes, with Friend and Callahan as seconds, while Terry will be used whenever needed, or when one of the regular four is ill or injured. That leaves Thornton and Denzer, and it would be a capital idea to farm them both out to clubs within easy reach, so that they can be recalled on a day's notice. Two utility men, especially such utility men as Decker and Connors, or Decker and McCormick or Connors and McCormick, however, you want to switch the combination, would be none too many.

LOTS OF MATERIAL.

As the Chicago team is now fortified, a double infield or outfield can be presented. There is not a man on the team whose absence could not be filled, and well filled at that, without any need of using some uncertain utility player, or a pitcher or catcher. If Anson is sick or wants to go pigeon shooting any day, Decker or Thornton could hop right in on first; if Pfeffer is disabled, behold Connors and McCormick ready; if Dahlen is absent, McCormick or Everett could fill the job; if McCormick should sicken, in comes Everett from left, and Thornton goes into the garden; if an outfielder is laid out, Connors, Thornton, Decker or Callahan can be sent in. I can't remember any team, not even the champion New Yorks of 1888, so well prepared to resist any inroads upon the forces, infield or out, as the Chicago Club of 1897. W. A. PHELAN, Jr.

MILWAUKEE MEMS.

Joy Over the Acquisition of Tom Daly and Little Lewee.

Milwaukee, March 29.—Editor "Sporting Life":—The news that Esper had signed a St. Louis contract and that Milwaukee would most certainly be minus the services of this great pitcher, upon whom so many hopes had been built, led the dyed-in-the-wool cranks to utter remarks which in many instances were far from complimentary to the Messrs. Hanlon and Von der Ahe. Where the blame or fault is I will not attempt to say, but now that the matter has been disposed of once for all, as far as Milwaukee is concerned, I cannot refrain from saying that the case has the appearance of anything but a fair, square and straightforward, businesslike transaction.

TOM DALY.

The gloom occasioned by the certain loss of Esper was to a considerable extent dispelled by the glorious views of the trade whereby Milwaukee secures the great and only Tom Daly in exchange for short stop Hannivan, and in this case it is a "cinch." We cannot lose Daly by any possible chance. His acquisition will certainly add greatly to the strength of the club in every respect. He is a handy player, a great stickler, and fast on the bases, and will probably captain the team.

OTHER NEW ONES.

Manager Mack received word from third baseman Lewee of the Buffalo Club this morning, practically accepting the terms offered him. In case Myers signs Lewee will be held for a trial at short. He is an excellent infielder, but not a heavy batter.

Connie Mack has added shortstops Corcoran and Steere to the Milwaukee Club's claim list. Corcoran played on the Detroit team last year, but an accident necessitated his retirement after participating in thirty-eight games. Steere was a famous Brown University player, and after leaving college signed with Pittsburgh. Last year he was the best shortstop in the New England League and had an enviable record as a base-runner.

CONTRACTS.

Barnes, Rettger, DeLahanty and Speer have affixed their names to contracts during the past week. Those still to hear from and outside the fold are Myers, Wetover, Weaver, Stafford and McFale, but there is little doubt but what they will all fall into line by the first of April, and if not, well then, there will "be others" and there will always be as good fish in the sea as out of it. H. H. COHN.

LANCASTER LINES.

Some Minor Officials Appointed and Other Business Looked After.

Lancaster, Pa., March 30.—Editor "Sporting Life":—At the last meeting of the directors several officers were elected. Mr. J. Fred Fisher, who performed the duties of ticket seller in such an admirable manner last summer, has been re-elected to the old office. The managers of the various teams in the League last season will remember Mr. Fisher as being a thorough gentleman, and at the same time a business man in his methods. The men who will collect the pasteboards the coming season are Messrs. Samuel Herzog, Sheldon Feagley and Walter Sloat.

The directors will also recommend to the president the appointment of Messrs. Thomas Goodhart and William Dean as substitute umpires. Both these gentlemen have had considerable experience in the line. Mr. Dean several years ago was an umpire in the State League, while Mr. Goodhart officiated in the same capacity last season.

The season which Manager Rinn has signed is thought to be at least 50 per cent. stronger than last season, and we expect to make a good showing. Manager Rinn has signed a local pitcher named Harry Hepting. This young man has had considerable experience in the amateur ranks, and he is considered a good one. He will be given a thorough trial, and should he show any signs of being able to hold up his end he will be retained.

Nothing has as yet been heard by the local management from pitcher George F. White, who has signed two contracts. According to "Uncle Nick" Young he will be compelled to play here or nowhere.

Andy Costello, who has been wintering in this city, has signed for the coming season. He will play with Zanesville, of the Ohio and West Virginia League. He will report on April 1. The Ohio people will secure a good man, as Andy can bat and field.

At last week's meeting of the Lancaster Base Ball Association G. H. Hartley was elected official scorer. Mr. Hartley is a well-known newspaper man, and he will no doubt give entire satisfaction.

The score-card privilege has also been awarded. The successful bidders were Messrs. G. H. Hartley and W. H. Socks. They will get out a fine card, which will no doubt meet with the general approval of the public. GIL.

A Rest Beneficial.

New Orleans, La., April 1.—President Henry Powers is not at all worried because of the abandonment of the Southern League. "A year's rest from base ball will do us good," said President Powers. "The base ball public down this way have had too much of it. Give them a year's lay-off and they will be hungry for it next year."

CLEVELAND CHATTER

MORE NERVE-STRAINING RUMORS OF SALES AND TRANSFERS.

Mr. Robison is Very Taciturn—The Indians Hard at Work—Pitchers' Heart Blows—Minor News and Mention.

Cleveland, March 29.—Editor "Sporting Life":—More conferences, more whisperings, more rumors. Dear, dear. How is a base ball writer in Cleveland to keep sane this spring anyway? Hey there, Albert Mott, you come to Cleveland and write base ball and I'll go to Baltimore; look after your duties in the United States engineer's office; write nice things about Ned Hanlon and Hughie Jennings for "Sporting Life" and issue L. A. W. bulletins every 15 minutes.

AND YOU, JOHNNY FOSTER.

come back to Cleveland and see how you like it now with a new base ball sensation to run down for every edition of your paper. Come down to Cleveland, Mr. Phelan. If you think Chicago a big city. Why we can stir up more excitement in base ball circles here in one day than has happened in Chicago since Anson began playing three old cat.

MR. ROBISON'S TACITURNITY.

Worst of it all is Frank DeHass, usually so communicative and so glad to see the newspaper boys who boom the game, has assumed a cast-iron taciturnity that no reportorial chisel has the least impression on whatsoever. Just now the rumor mongers have turned Cleveland into a 25-cent town with such villages as Grand Rapids and Kansas City for attractions in place of Baltimore and New York.

IT'S VERY SAD.

What do you think of it, Mr. Editor? That moss covered, away-up-the-creek-go-to-bed-at-7 P. M. town of Indianapolis to take Cleveland's place in the League! That's what this latest rumor says, and there's no actually denying it, for Mr. Robison, the most interested man of all, if such a deal is really being considered, absolutely refuses to say whether it is so, or not.

WHO WOULD HAVE SAID.

eighteen months ago that a city which won the great Temple cup from the champions in a slow canter should be considered fit only for a place in a minor league? And a base ball writer has nothing to do but to grin and bear it all. Oh, yes, it's a delightful thing writing base ball news in Cleveland.

JOY IN CINCINNATI.

I don't want any shares of stock in this latest rumor, but it might be true for all that. The funniest feature of the whole controversy is the ecstatic joy among the sports in Cincinnati at the prospect of exchanging Ewing's aggregation of uncertainties for a real, live, up-to-date base ball team. Tebeau is no longer a tough, and the Indians are no longer loafers in the eyes of the Cincinnati sports. Oh, no, it's different now.

ONLY A GUESS.

I do not assume to know what Mr. Robison's plans are, but here goes for a guess, anyway. The Cleveland Club will begin the season in the big League according to schedule. There will be no suggestion of dropping out of the League until some move is made to block the playing of Sunday games at home. If this should be successful, the plan formulated at the recent conference, and kept so well under cover will be sprung and the Indians will probably be transported to some city where the jewel of consistency is not covered so deeply with rust as it is in this beautiful town by the lake.

THE INDIANS.

By the time this letter reaches you the twenty-one players on the Cleveland Club's roster will all be here. Captain Tebeau has wired pitcher Frank Wilson to come, and "Chip" McGarr, who has been kept at home by the serious illness of his wife, is expected to-day. This will make twenty-one men in all—Tebeau, McKean, McAleer, Burkett, Childs, Blake, McGarr, Zimmer, O'Connor, Creiger, McAllister, Young, Cuppy, Wallace, Wilson, McDermott, Powell, Garr, Pappalau, Mangan and Sockalexis.

HARD AT WORK.

During the past week, the eighteen players already in the city have worked from three to five hours per day in the local gymnasium perfectly indifferent to rain, snow, sleet, hail and freezing weather. I watched them for an hour this morning and the contrast in the appearance of the men from their work a week ago was remarkable. Soreness has nearly all disappeared from joints and muscles, and to a man the players announced their readiness to go on the field and play.

THE COLT PITCHERS.

The pitchers are to have their first "try-out" next Saturday. They will be stacked up against the best batters on the Cleveland team in an exhibition game at League Park, and it should be a warm day and 2500 or 3000 fans be present, the youngsters will try their best to make a good showing.

HEART BLOWS.

This morning some of the players were discussing the heart blow with which Fitzsimmons laid Jim Corbett low and the conversation turned to the whacks which batters sometimes get in the same region of their anatomy from erratic pitchers.

"The only thing that saves batters from being killed," said Jim McAleer, "is that they learn the art of falling with the ball as it smashes them. In this way the awful force of the thump is diminished. If the player met the ball squarely or fell towards it when it smashes him in the heart there would be a dozen or more fatalities on the diamond every year. I tell you when a ball from a swift pitcher lands over a batters' heart it hurts him."

ELMER E. BATES.

LANSING LINES UP.

The Town Will Enter the New Michigan League.

Lansing, Mich., March 29.—Lansing will be in the State Base Ball League. This fact was decided at a meeting of base ball enthusiasts held there this evening. The amount necessary to start the ball rolling has been nearly subscribed, and at the meeting of the State League directors to be held here Monday the final arrangements for entering the League will be made. At a meeting held to-night Frank E. Briggs was chosen president of the Lansing Base

Ball Association. J. V. Peck was elected vice president, Frank Wells, secretary, and A. E. Davis, treasurer. The officers, with J. J. Baird, will constitute a Board of Directors. Ed Robinson, of Bellevue, formerly manager of U. of M. Club, and a pitcher for Lansing two years ago, will probably be employed to manage the team.

PATERSON PLEASSED

With the Atlantic People and the League Outlook.

Paterson, N. J., March 30.—Editor "Sporting Life":—Well, we're all happy. The spring meeting is over and the schedule as adopted gives us entire satisfaction. Thursday all of our players will be here and on Saturday the first game of the season will be played at Olympic Park. Since Manager McKee's arrival nothing has been talked of save base ball. The improvements at the park are rapidly nearing completion and we can certainly boast of having the finest grounds in the Atlantic League. It will be an ideal place to fly the pennant of 1897 and Paterson will make a strong bid for the honor.

EIGHTEEN MEN

have been ordered to report and from the following men Manager McKee will endeavor to pick a winning team: Snink, Westlake and Morrison, catchers; Viaw, Smith, Spragel, Jones and Ellis, pitchers; Little, first base; Hardesty, second base; Keister and McQuaid, short stops; Wagner and George Westlake, third base; Heidrick, Robinson and Stafford, outfielders. Pitcher Sam McMackin has been sold to Newark. Dean Collins goes to Reading. Smith and Whaley will be farmed out to Ted Sullivan's Trenton team, and Gus Dundon has been released. Manager McKee has been untiring in his efforts to get a strong club for the Silk City and the cranks should show their appreciation by giving him their loyal support.

GOOD PEOPLE.

The writer attended the meeting at the Fifth Avenue Hotel last Thursday and met all the representatives of the various clubs in the League. Messrs. Broome and O'Neill, of Norfolk, and Wells and Bradley, of Richmond, are all very fine gentlemen, and the affairs of the Atlantic League in the South could be in no better hands. "Deacon" Ellis, with "Hastey" Wadit, both just arrived from the West, were very confident that Newark would again carry off the palm the coming season. Frank Rinn did the honors for Lancaster and came in with Billy Sharsig, of Philadelphia, and "Denny" Long, of Reading; Colonel Woods, of Hartford, was chaperoned by "Tom" Burns. The meeting in every respect was a very harmonious one. Besides the adoption of the Spalding ball and the schedule and placing under the ban the farming system, the meeting adjourned to meet Nov. 3, at Philadelphia.

William F. H. Koelsch, New York correspondent for the "Sporting Life," was seen around the corridors of the hotel during the meeting. Ted Sullivan was also there, booming his New Jersey League.

MINOR MENTION.

Pitcher "Dick" Cogan is doing wonderful work for the Orioles in the South, and Manager Hanlon has already made up his mind to pitch "Dick" regularly. In a game the other day, "Dick" against Nanigans, Cogan, who was playing short in place of Jennings, had four hits, five runs, nine putouts, six assists, and no errors. Great record for a man who essays to be a pitcher only. Viaw and Smith, of the home team, are both in fine form, and eager for the season to commence.

The Paterson Club have April 24 and 25 open and would like to book some first-class club for these days. Address Charles J. McKee, Box 598, Paterson, N. J.

Newark gets a good man in pitcher Sam McMackin. "The Texas Cyclone" always did good work for us, and as he is in first-class condition, splendid results may be expected of him the coming year.

Portland, of the Maine State League, plays here April 3, 4 and 5; April 6 and 7 we go to Newark; 8 and 9 we have the Cuban X Giants at home and they will be followed by Arthur Irwin's Toronto team April 10, 11 and 12. UNO.

HOOSIERDOM EXCITED

Over a Visit of League Magnates and Talk of a Shift.

Indianapolis, Ind., March 29.—Editor "Sporting Life":—The question agitating the local cranks at present is "Where are we at?" President Brush, of the Cincinnati Club, returned from Chicago early Saturday morning, accompanied by Frank De Hass Robison, Stanley Robison, of Cleveland, and President Hart, of the Chicago Club. They were closeted all the forenoon with Manager Watkins and Treasurer Golt in the office of the local club. Mr. Robison appeared to be the principle speaker, while the others were attentive listeners. After the conference the party drove to the Western League grounds, looked it over carefully, thence to a tract of ground on East Washington street, that the local club has had under consideration for a new park. Afterwards the visitors accompanied Mr. Brush to his handsome home and had lunch. In the afternoon there was another conference.

The only statement obtainable from Mr. Brush relative to his visitors was that "We are discussing the means of best advancing the interest of base ball; you can depend upon one thing that at this conference nothing will be done to injure the future of the national game. Mr. Robison admitted having been to the local ball park and inquired as to the likelihood of the present site being undisturbed. He also manifested much interest in the quality of ball played by Western League teams, and the probable strength of the Indianapolis Club. When questioned closely as to the probable transfer of the Cleveland Club to Indianapolis, Mr. Robison said: "How would the Cleveland team look in Cincinnati, and the Cincinnati team in Indianapolis." In this event the present Indianapolis team would be sent to Cleveland, representing the Western League at that place.

The visiting magnates will remain in the city three or four days to look over the field carefully. What the outcome will be has not been determined at this writing. It is very evident that these people are decidedly in earnest. I called on Treasurer Golt and Manager Watkins, but both declined to talk at this time, as much as they would like to. After many other questions Manager Watkins admitted in case Indianapolis was transferred to Cleveland that he would likely accompany the team there, but added he hardly thought that probable.

If there is a deal consummated let me make a prediction as to its termination. Here it is: Cleveland Club to Indianapolis, with the exception of McKean and Burkett, and possibly a pitcher, who will be sent to Cincinnati; Indianapolis sent to Cleveland, with the possible exception of McCarthy and one pitcher, who will be retained to fill up the old Clevelanders for Indianapolis, with two or three men from the Cincinnati team. Taken as a whole it looks like a scheme on the part of the West to beat Baltimore and the East out of the pennant the coming season. We will wait and see how far I miss it. JACK.

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MERE IDLE RUMORS

SPRINGING FROM SOME RECENT MAGNATE CONFERENCES.

No Possibility of a Circuit Shift Now in Either the National League or Western League—What the Secret Conferences No Doubt Really Mean.

The sensationalists have had another inning, thanks to the mysterious movements and unnecessary secrecy of several League magnates, out of which grew a number of alarming rumors and absurd guesses about probable wholesale deals for players and reckless swapping about of more or less valuable franchises.

HOW IT STARTED.

The alarm was started by a conference in Chicago on March 26, between Messrs. Hart, Brush, the Robison brothers and Ban Johnson. After an all-day conference the four League magnates in the evening took a sleeper for Indianapolis, where another day was spent in talk, and part of the time consumed by a visit of inspection to the Indianapolis ball park, and the site of the proposed new Sunday ball park. On Monday the quartette broke up. Mr. Hart returned to Chicago, and the Messrs. Robison to Cleveland, while Mr. Brush withdrew into his shell and denied himself to the rather too inquisitive reporters.

WILD-EYED RUMORS.

Of course the mysterious movements of the magnates, particularly the visit to the Indianapolis ball park, together with the ambiguous and evasive replies of the magnates to all questions, led to all sorts of speculations as to the purport of the visit and conferences, and a lot of wildly improbable stuff was telegraphed over the country. The favorite theory of the supposititious deal seemed to be that Brush and the Robisons were arranging to pool their interests in order to transfer the Cleveland team to Cincinnati, shift the Cincinnati team to Indianapolis—thus giving the latter a League franchise, and both Cincinnati and Indianapolis winning teams, with a view to making the League championship a cinch for the West; and landing Cleveland in the Western League, in place, and with the team, of the old Indianapolis Club.

THE BARRIERS.

Messrs. Brush, Robison and Hart would neither deny nor affirm that such a deal, or one similar thereto, was in contemplation; but, according to press dispatches, left it to be inferred that such was the programme, thus creating an impression that the deal was a probability, despite the fact that it could by no means be consummated, even if contemplated. To make such a deal would require the unanimous consent of the National League and Western League—a total of twenty clubs. All of these have already laid their lines for the rapidly-approaching championship season, and would hardly consent to invite the confusion incidental to such a change at this late day. Furthermore, some of the League clubs' interests might be adversely affected by such a change, and their refusal would therefore be assured. Finally,

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certainly would not, and could not, be expected to give its consent to the exchange of its second best city for the poorest paying city of the National League circuit, and the Western League's refusal alone, at this time, would, under the National Agreement, be sufficient to block the deal. Next fall such a deal might be possible, but at this time it is hardly worth the space given to

the discussion, except to set at rest foolish and disquieting discussion and gossip.

THE REAL OBJECTS.

In one of the brief interviews given to the press President Hart, of Chicago, who is always disposed to deal frankly and fairly with the newspaper boys, gave a reason for the conferences, which came nearer the truth than any other statement made concerning the conference. Said he:

"One of the things discussed by us is the arrangement of the National Board into a court of appeals. As time has gone on the adjudication of base ball disputes has outgrown the simple arrangements which have been made for its transaction. Meetings have been too uncertain as to time, and no adequate provision has been made for hearing both sides of cases. In this state of affairs Mr. Young, who is chairman, secretary and treasurer of the Board, has borne all the trouble, until now he is not unwilling that some of the burden should be lifted. Our plan is to arrange the order of business something like that practiced in the courts. The board will have stated sittings every 60 days during the summer and every 90 days during the winter. All communications with the Board will be through its clerk. A man or a club or a league having a grievance will make formal complaint in writing to the clerk, setting forth his case in full. The clerk will then notify the accused, giving the gist of the complaint. When the plaintiff makes his answer in proper form the case will be given a place on the calendar of the Board and a date set for its hearing. Each side may then appear with its attorneys, and no one can complain of unfair methods."

As all the parties to the conferences are members of the National Board, why should not the above have been the burden of their talk? Furthermore, the conferees are all members of a most important League committee, to whom has been left the matter of arranging for railroad rates for all clubs—a matter of sufficient importance to have warranted even a long trip to talk things over.

A POSSIBILITY.

If anything outside these two matters was considered it may have been a scheme to enable the Cleveland Club to play its scheduled Sunday games at Indianapolis, in case the opposition to such games at Cleveland should prove triumphant, as at present seems likely. That would not be a bodily transfer of the Cleveland Club and franchise, however, and might, nay, probably would, receive the sanction of the League.

In conclusion it would be well to remind the doubting "Thomases" that if the Robisons want to make a shift in base ball they could do better than swap fourth-class Cleveland for third-class Indianapolis, by accepting the Brooklyn Club's offer of \$50,000 for part of the Cleveland team, or \$100,000 for the Cleveland team and franchise; both of which were no doubt bona fide offers, as the Brooklyn Club has never been known to make financial bluffs, has ever been the leader in sensational deals, and has always made good when called.

MERRY MILLERS

Demonstrate That They Will be In It Again This Year.

Minneapolis, Minn., March 29.—Editor "Sporting Life":—The local base ball cranks have reason to feel proud of the Minneapolis Base Ball team. Already in its first week's practice work it has demonstrated that it is a base ball team. The showing made against Anson's Chicago team was surprising, and enough to prove somewhat the calibre of Wilnot's aggregation. In the first four games with Chicago Wilnot's men won two games on their merits, certainly a creditable showing. Wilnot writes home that his team is a corker. This is backed up by the Chicago correspondents, by Uncle Anson and other distinguished persons. Walter has evidently plugged up the holes pretty well.

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show up finely. Cassidy says to be immensely better for his last year's lay-off. He has recovered from his physical ailments, and it is said that his playing is no less than wonderful. He has batted terrifically in all the games, and his fielding has been sensational. Miller seems to be the prize of the year. From all accounts he is the star of the aggregation in all around work. It would seem that he fully replaced Werden, as he is batting like as of old and like he used to in his palmiest days, and his work is characterized by the Chicago press as being very brilliant. Miller is a valuable acquisition to the team. He can play anywhere. He not only is a splendid catcher, but he can play second base and third base positions very creditably, and his outfield work is always brilliant. The chances would seem to be that Miller will regularly play in right field, as he is too valuable a man with the stick to be ever played on the bench.

WERDEN'S SUCCESSOR.

There is every good reason to believe that Cassidy will fill Werden's place. He is a magnificent fielder, covers lots of ground, and has a great head on his shoulders. He is not the slugger that Perry was, but he is a cool batter, and his work with the stick is timely and well-gauged. He will not get rattled, and Perry did occasionally. Of course, it cannot be expected that he will make local fans forget Werden, no player could do that, but Cassidy will play his position as well as any first baseman in the League, and that is surely enough. As was expected

ARTHUR BALL

has developed from a boy into a man, and his work in the field and at the bat is sure to be stronger than last year. No one will dispute his right to being called the star short fielder of the League.

Kuchel will not be sold, traded or released. He will play third base for the Millers all season, and hold the position down as well as any man in the League. For the first time in years the Count is in good shape to begin the season. He is playing as he never did at the opening of the year; his batting eye has come back, and he is going to outshine his work of last year. Lally, who forgot how to bat last year, has found his old-time trick again, and his fielding is as brilliant as ever. Pickett is all right. Moran is doing better than ever, and every position in the team is well filled.

WILNOT.

According to Anson is as fast as he ever was in Chicago, and in tip-top shape. This year Walter's fine generalship will be as much in evidence as it ever was, and he can be relied upon. Partridge is said to be a promising youngster, and will be played during the year, although not regularly perhaps. Figgemeier, Carney and Hutch are all in fine shape, and Baker is ready to pitch the opening game of the season.

Same as a Ball Player.

"The man who goes through life aimlessly," says the Manyunk Philosopher, "can't expect to make much of a hit."

THE NICOL CASE.

WHY THE PLAYER WAS AWARDED TO MILWAUKEE.

Official Text of the Decision of the National Board of Arbitration in a Case of Considerable Interest to All Minor Leagues.

Washington, D. C., March 29.—Headquarters National Board of Arbitration, Station F., Box 41. Below is the official decision of the National Board in regard to George Nichol:

THE CASE OF GEORGE NICHOL.

The name of George Nichol was duly promulgated upon the reserve list of the Milwaukee Club of the Western League. After the opening of the drafting season the said player was selected by the Philadelphia Club, and shortly afterwards released to the Detroit Club, also a member of the Western League.

The Milwaukee Club entered a protest against the release of the said player to Detroit, claiming that the transaction was not contemplated in the National Agreement, and that it took an unfair advantage of the law to strengthen one club at the expense of another, members of the same League; and returned to the president of the Board the \$500 they had accepted from the Philadelphia Club for the player's selection, with the request that the said selection by Philadelphia be declared invalid and the player returned to Milwaukee. Messrs. A. J. Reach and John L. Rogers, of the Philadelphia Club, confess that they unwittingly acted as the agent of the Detroit Club in the transaction, which they afterwards regretted, when the full effect of their action was realized.

After mature consideration the Board decided that the selection by a National League Club of a player for the benefit of another club, member of the same League, as the club from which the player is drafted, is unjust and unwarranted, and it was directed that the said George Nichol be remanded to the Milwaukee Club.

Official Notice to Umpires.

Washington, D. C., March 31.—To the umpires of the National League and American Association of Professional Base Ball Clubs:—Gentlemen:—The gentlemen selected to fill the arduous and important position of League umpire for 1897 are all men of large experience, and it seems almost unnecessary for me to issue any special instructions for their guidance. The very first and most important requisite is absolute honesty of purpose. Second, Enforce the rules just as they are written, not arbitrarily, but firmly. Let the contestants understand from the start that you intend to be master of the situation; to discharge your duties to the very best of your ability without the slightest fear or favor, and the battle so far as you are each individually concerned is won, and your success assured. It is also very important that you should be on the alert and be as near to the point where a play is made, which calls for the exercise of your best judgment in rendering a decision, as is possible. You can nearly always anticipate such a play, especially when there are men on bases, and you should quickly place yourself in the best possible position to decide correctly and intelligently. Never lose sight of the ball while it is in play.

Study the rules carefully, and be perfect master of every one. If there is any rule in the book that you have the slightest doubt as to its proper interpretation let me know, and I will take pleasure at all times in giving you any information desired. It is extremely important that your rulings upon every question of law should be uniform.

I cannot too strongly urge you not to permit any wrangling or unnecessary delay in the game. The patrons who support the game pay their money to see a lively as well as a skillful exhibition, and it is the duty of every umpire so far as he can to please them. Too much time is often wasted in getting the "batter up," and players taking their positions in the field. I think you will always find both the captains and the players ready to co-operate with you if you are alive yourself to its importance, and pleasantly request them to do so.

If any umpire falls this year with the support which the law affords him, and which was made to be strictly enforced, he can offer no satisfactory excuse for such failure. If any law is wrong that fact can only be demonstrated by its strict enforcement. Players and patrons alike will very soon find out whether you are weak or strong, and they are quick to appreciate a man who is firm and unyielding in doing what he believes to be right, even though they may differ with him as to a matter of judgment.

If you render a decision hastily and are fearful that you may have made a mistake you cannot possibly make a greater mistake than to try to "even up."

If both captains agree to commence a game in a drizzling rain (unless requested by both captains to discontinue) finish it, unless the rain should increase to such an extent as to drive all spectators from the open seats, or in your judgment it be too severe for anything like fair playing. The calling of time and game on account of rain calls for the exercise of your very best judgment and the exercise of firmness in enforcing the same. The calling of game on account of rain before a sufficient number of innings is played to constitute a game always leads to endless trouble and complications, and an invariable loss to the home club unless rain checks have previously been issued. This should be avoided if it is possible to do so.

Do anything at all times that both captains request you to do, and leave the responsibility with them, except if double games are played in one afternoon, and the first game is a very long one, call play for the second game within five minutes after the termination of the first, regardless of the time remaining or the chances of completing any number of innings. The public have rights in such a case which you are bound to respect. You should continue play until game is finished or called on account of darkness.

Please consider all assignments confidential. Please send me if possible, before the commencement of the season, a complete list of the hotels where you will stop or where a telegram will reach you in each of the 12 League cities. If at any time after you have sent such list you make any change, notify me at once, so that I can note the change on the list. By being a little thoughtful and giving this important mat-

ter careful attention you can save me a great amount of unnecessary annoyance.

Treat players courteously both on and off the field, but it is not wise or politic to become too familiar, as with perhaps a few it might embarrass you in the discharge of your duty on the field by their presuming too much on your personal relations.

Prepay all telegrams sent to me, but not answers to telegrams sent to me. Mark such as the top of the blank, as per enclosed.

In conclusion I cannot urge you too strongly to be perfectly fearless in rendering any decision that you believe is right and in accordance with your best judgment, and having rendered your decision, let it be final and irrevocable, and permit no disputes or arguments. The players and patrons alike respect a man who has the courage of his convictions, even though they think he has erred in judgment; but right or wrong, they have no use for a weakling, and his life as an umpire has and always will be short.

Your attention is also invited to "Advice to Umpires," which you will find in the Official League book, and which must be strictly observed.

Yours truly,

N. E. YOUNG, President.

LOUISVILLE LINES.

Encouraging Reports From the Team at West Baden—Rejoicing Over Clarke's Return to the Fold— General Mention.

Louisville, Ky., March 29.—Editor "Sporting Life":—Reports from West Baden Springs, where the boys are at work, are most encouraging, and ever since I have been watching the team I have never seen so much enthusiasm displayed as there has been the present year. The boys left Tuesday morning. The entire team, with the exception of Wilson and Clark, were down at the park Monday and the home fans got a line on the new men prior to leaving. Werden especially took well, and you never saw such an enthusiastic crowd in all your life. Every one of them seemed to be brim full of ambition to do great things, and the utmost harmony and good feeling seemed to prevail. If this can only be kept up and discouragements do not overtake the boys their earnestness and zeal will pull them through safely many a hard fought battle.

CLARK IN LINE.

Fred Clark slipped into West Baden unknown to anybody, and after an interview with President Pulliam signed a contract, and sends telegrams to the "Courier-Journal" that he is entirely satisfied and that no one will work harder for the success of the club than he will. McCreey had reported before Clark and both of our outfielders are now in line, and say they are going to do wonderful things for the club. "All's well that ends well," and probably the officials are glad to have both their star outfielders with them again, and probably they are not as glad as they try to make people believe. President Pulliam will not say how much Clark and McCreey will get for the coming season, but my guess is that both of them got a raise, and that their salaries will be \$2100 the coming year. A good many people don't think there would have been much loss of sleep if Clark had made up his mind to stay away, and quite a few people have said that they hoped the club people would yet stick to their original determination to play Pickett in left field, and give Holmes the position of centre, letting Clark hold down the bench until an opening appeared for him, in retaliation of the way he has treated the club during the winter. Holmes is probably the most popular player on the team and everybody wants to see him play regularly. No expression, however, has been had from either Manager Rogers or President Pulliam as to who will now make up the outfield since Clark has come to time, but it is more than likely that Holmes will be made a substitute pitcher and outfielder.

MCCLOSKEY AT DALLAS.

Ex-Manager McCloskey, who now has the franchise of the Dallas team, called on your correspondent and says that he has signed the following players for his Dallas Club: Jas. Welch, catcher; George Blockkenn, Gus Weyhing and W. H. Peppers, pitchers; Dominick Mullaney, first base; Sandy Dawkins, second base; W. L. Peebles, short stop; Russ Hall, third base; M. J. Hobright, left field; Mike Lawrence, centre field; J. J. McCloskey, right field and captain. Mullaney is a promising youngster and a coming first baseman. He is about the size of Bill Lange, of the Chicago. Russ Hall, the third baseman, is about the size of Irwin, of Cincinnati, and good judges who have seen him play say that McCloskey has a star in the youngster. Mullaney and Hall are both Louisville boys and played on the famous Reclus team, of this city. Said McCloskey: "The Texas League has a limit of \$900 per month, and as President Heuermann, of that League, insists on the club keeping within the limit, I will not be the first one to go over it, whether I come in first or last in the race."

A REMINDER OF FOULTZ.

What a flood of recollections the death of poor Dave Foutz brings back. The writer recalls one game that Dave pitched here in 1886. While pitching for the Browns in one game here against Louisville Gladiator Browning had made a base hit and was on first base, the game was very close, sixth inning score 2 to 2. Browning was in good humor, and jumping around on first base like a two-year-old. The Wiley Comiskey, who was playing considerable distance off the base, charmed the Gladiator's attention like a cat would a bird, and before Pete knew what had happened the good-hearted Dave had touched the Gladiator out. Oh, what a laugh it caused, and people who saw the trick talked about it as if it happened yesterday.

Gladiator Browning may umpire the exhibition games here, together with umpire McFarland. The Gladiator is like John L. Sullivan, although he is out of it, he is still the idol of the cranks of the game.

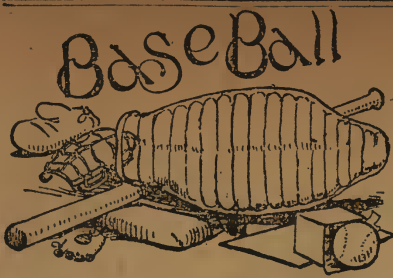
JNO. J. SAUNDERS.

PITCHER QUARLES

Dies in Virginia From the Effects of an Operation.

Petersburg, Va., March 25.—Wm. H. Quarles died very suddenly at his home in this city this afternoon from the effects of a delicate surgical operation performed on him at the Home for the Sick yesterday. The deceased at the time of his death was proprietor of the Little Casino saloon. He was about 28 years of age, and a son of W. H. Quarles, of this place. He was unmarried.

Mr. Quarles was a well-known base ball pitcher. He went from here in 1894 to Savannah, Ga., to play with the team of that city, and finished up the season with the Boston National League. Last season he was with the Scranton and Wilkesbarre (Pa.) teams of the Eastern League. Last summer he pitched for the Petersburg Club.



FROM THE CAPITAL.

PRESIDENT NICK YOUNG TALKS OF HIS UMPIRE CORPS.

Considers It the Best the League Has Ever Had—The Senators Rapidly Getting Into Good Condition Without Any Expensive Southern Trip.

Washington, D. C., March 30.—Editor "Sporting Life."—If there have been any differences on the salary question between the chief of the League and his great trio of umpires, they have been satisfactorily adjusted. President Young said to your correspondent to-day that all of his men are perfectly satisfied, and that Messrs. Lynch, Hurst and Emslie will again officiate as masters on National League fields.

THE BEST STAFF.

"With the addition of Messrs. Sheridan and McDonald," said the president, "the staff of umpires this year will consist of the best men to be had in the country. They are all men of experience, men who have won the confidence of the base ball public; and as the rules give them more power on the field than ever before, there is no reason why my umpires next October should not be the same men who will start the season on April 22."

The name of the sixth umpire Mr. Young does not wish to divulge at the present time, but this official, like the others, will be a man who has had experience in the League.

THE SENATORS

have been favored with sunshine every day since reporting day, and though there have been several chilly mornings, the team has put in at least one trick of practice daily each day of the past week. Manager Schmelz has kept a watchful eye on his men, with the result that there are but one or two sore arms, and the fielding is already up to remarkably fast standard; in fact, it looks as though the Senators are going to be "some pumpkins" as speedy fielders. Charlie Reilly, the new man in the infield, is doing surprisingly good work at third, and if anything is wrong with his throwing arm it is not apparent. With this corner well looked after there is really no position on the team that is causing the management any worry. The men have not developed their batting eyes, but as Captain Brown remarked on the coaching lines to-day: "It is only the 30th of March."

TWO PICKED NINES.

captained respectively by catchers McGuire and Farrell, and completed by the addition of Ernie Hodges, Jack Gilroy and John Hannegar, a local player of promise, have played two pretty warm games so far. The McGuires won the first game by a score of 4 to 1, and the "Farrells" had 8 runs to 3 in the second. A third game will probably be played, and then the regular team will line up in all exhibition games until the opening of the season.

Of the regular pitchers Mercer and German have plenty of steam, while the three new men—Swain, Kimble and Ashe—look a most promising trio all over. Swain has let himself out in one or two innings, and showed the boys how hard it is to hit speedy ones in the early spring. Swain, however, is not yet a well man, he only recently having shaken off an attack of the grip.

KING AND MAUL.

Nothing so far has been heard from "Silver" King or Al Maul. The former has ignored several telegrams, but Manager Schmelz believes the white-haired twirler will report some time before the 15th. King is one of the old regime of players who work for every day of time.

Al Maul's case is peculiar. He has a contract in his possession, but so far has failed to sign it. Considering the eccentricities of Al's pitching arm, Mr. Wagner tendered him a contract in which the salary clause is divided into three parts. If Maul's arm remains in shape one-third of the season he will receive one-third of his salary; if it lasts two-thirds of the season he will receive the second installment, and the final payment will be made him if he lasts the season. It is something new in the line of contract-making, but Al has smiled at the expense of the management for practically two seasons, and the latter is now taking a hand in the flirtation. In '94 Maul pitched 26 games, in '95 17 and in '96 only 7. There are many persons who believe the great strategist will retire from the diamond, or at least give up pitching.

Pitcher Carney Flynn has been released.

JOHN HEYDLER.

JACKSON JOLLY.

Manager Cushman Has Signed Several Good Players.

Jackson, Mich., March 30.—Manager Cushman, of the Jackson Base Ball Club, has signed John Drummond, of Evanston, Ill., a pitcher and outfielder, who did excellent work with the Iowa League last season. He has also secured Al Valendorf, a left-handed phenomenon from Manitowish, Wis., who is a six-foot giant and said to have terrific speed. He has made contracts with James Welber and Jay Goodwin, of East Liverpool, O., who have swift records. The club will play an exhibition with Cleveland April 19, on the home grounds, and will follow with games at Toledo, Cleveland and Grand Rapids.

Brief and to the Point.

"This Hanlon is a man of very few words," said Quinn the other day. "I wrote and told him that I would like to stay in St. Louis until March 25, on account of my business. His reply was: 'Report March 18 or stay in St. Louis until October 16.'"

NEWS AND COMMENT.

—Rochester has signed short stop Frank Shannon.

—Outfielder Lush is going to bat left-handed this season.

—Toronto has signed pitcher Gaston, late of Pittsburgh.

—The New York Club has let out pitcher Earnest Beam.

—The Trenton Club has signed L. C. Manville, of Towanda, Pa.

—The Louisville Club is saved \$291.84 in mileage this year.

—Patsey Flaherty has been appointed captain of the Quincy team.

—Anson is betting that Chicago will finish one, two, three this year.

—Catcher Rupert will manage and captain the Fall River team, 'tis said.

—Billy Long will manage the Augusta team of the Maine State League.

—The Dayton Club has signed pitcher Charles Michael, formerly of Reading.

—Manager Hanlon has decided to retain Joe Quinn as general utility man.

—Outfielder Dan Sweeney, formerly of Louisville, has signed with Dubuque.

—According to Joe Quinn "appropriate funeral designs are made from the crocus."

—Wilkesbarre has signed a young pitcher from Dansville, N. Y., named Oldswell.

—Outfielder Jones was the only Brooklyn player who took a bicycle South with him.

—Burkett says he will register .430 or better as a batting average this season.

—Willie McGill has come down from his high horse and re-signed with St. Paul.

—Managers Schmelz and Connie Mack have a similar hobby—each likes big pitchers.

—Fred Popkay has succeeded in organizing a Michigan League Club at Kalamazoo.

—Dad Clarke knows from experience that "most pugilists will strike a man for a loan."

—The Washington Club has signed pitcher John Kimble, late of the Roanoke, Va., team.

—John Clarkson, the famous ex-pitcher, is visiting his parents in Cambridge, Mass.

—The Taunton Club has signed on probation a third baseman named William Otmer.

—Short stop James A. Allison has signed with the Brooklyn Field Club's base ball team.

—Infielder Frank Connaughton and Harry Truby have at last come to terms with Kansas City.

—The Kansas City Club has released pitchers Kling and Knell, owing to a superfluity of pitchers.

—The Cleveland Club has been giving a local infielder named Ellsworth Maugan a trial in practice.

—After long delay and much talk centerfielder Hargrove on Tuesday signed a Richmond contract.

—We are indebted to President Ban Johnson for a season pass good for all Western League grounds.

—In Bill Lange's estimation "stapling about the wings so much is probably what makes chorus girls fly."

—Pitcher Billy Kling was married at Kansas City, Mo., March 24, to Miss Clara Smith, of that city.

—Duppe Shaw, the ex-League ball player, was fined \$300 last week in Boston for running a policy shop.

—Jerry Bresnahan, of Thorndike, a left-handed pitcher, has been added to the North Adams, Mass., team.

—The Browns are doing their spring practice at Sportsman's Park, under Captain Dowd's watchful eye.

—Joe Corbett and Bill Lange were the only League players who witnessed the Fitzsimmons-Corbett fight.

—In pitcher Mercer's estimation Baltimore, Cleveland, Boston and Chicago are sure of the first division.

—Walter Brodie, of the Pittsburghs, is recovering from an illness that threatened to turn into pneumonia.

—The once-great outfielder, Abner Dalrymple, has signed with the Cairo, Ill., Club, of the Central League.

—Mike O'Connor, a St. Louis boy, and a brother of Jack O'Connor, of the Cleveland, has signed with the Peoria.

—The Pittsburghs and Roanoke have been trying a Chicago infielder named Long, picked up by vice President Auten.

—Sheboygan has a fielder named Gottsacker. Many is the club that would like to get a dresacker for third base.

—Most of the Baltimore players are in championship form. They refrained from taking on weight during the winter.

—Tim Keefe has a notion of again embarking in the sporting goods business, provided he doesn't umpire this season.

—From a financial point of view Cincinnati's training trip was a failure. Bad weather at New Orleans was the cause.

—Hilliary Swain, the Senators' new pitcher, is the tallest man in the League. He stands 6 feet 5 inches in his stockings.

—Second baseman Johnson may be farmed out by Louisville, provided Jimmy Rogers shows himself capable of playing second base.

—The Port Huron, Mich., Club has signed a young Pittsburgh pitcher named K. V. Gumbert, cousin of the famous Ad Gumbert.

—Every team in the major League will hold out their left-handed twirler for Joyce's Giants, eight of whom bat from the port side.

—A son of Richard Croker, the former Tammany chieftain, is a prominent candidate for catcher of the Brown University team.

—Harry Stevens has purchased the bar and advertising privileges at Milwaukee Park for 1898 and 1899, in addition to this year.

—Derby, the once-famous Detroit pitcher, is to try his hand again, and the Ft. Wayne Club will be the medium of his resurrection.

—The ground at Hot Springs is in such bad shape that most of the Chicago players are laid up with bruises and other injuries.

—Gus Schmelz thinks that, next to McPhee, Childs and Lowe, second baseman O'Brien, of the Senators, is the best in the business.

—Jack Glasscock will again captain the St. Paul team this season, and Frank Motz will act in a similar capacity for Indianapolis.

—Pitcher Charlie Esper promises to do work for the St. Louis Browns this season that will make Hanlon sorry that he released him.

—All of the Western teams of the National League are handled by playing managers, while in the East only two teams are so handled.

—The regular Louisville team will average about 175 pounds in weight, quite a difference over McCloskey's collection of little fellows.

—The Cleveland have nine pitchers to start in

with—Young, Cuppy, Wilson, Wallace, McDermott, Powell, Gear, Pappalau and McAllister.

—First baseman LaChance, of Brooklyn, has been building himself a house at Waterbury, which in no way resembles a Waterbury watch.

—Pitcher Ed Stein, of the Brooklyn, went to Mt. Clemens, Mich., to get his arm in shape instead of accompanying the team to North Carolina.

—According to a St. Louis dispatch Mr. Von der Abe and John Hambrick have formed a partnership and will open the Sportsman's Park race track.

—Manager Garrity, of Lewiston, claims to have signed catcher Dan Mahoney. There is a dispute between Lewiston and Reading over first baseman Slater.

—The Pittsburgh players are sure that pitcher Tannehill will do. They also pronounce the young short stop, Kuhns, who is practicing with them, a wonder.

—The Milwaukee Club has still four rebellious players. They are "Buck" Weaver, Stafford, McHale and Myers. The Indianapolis Club has even more.

—Catcher Barclay, of Lafayette, has after all weakened in his resolution not to play professionally, and has signed with Denny Long's Reading Club.

—Manager Charley Cushman has secured a new park at Jackson, Mich. He has taken in as partner, with a third interest, pitcher Bobby Gates, of Milwaukee.

—Walter Herrington, manager of the Wheeling Base Ball team, has rented a large house near the ball park, and will fit it up as a boarding house for the players.

—Pitcher Hutchison has changed his mind and declares that he will be with St. Louis should the National Board decide that he must go there. What else could he do?

—Treasurer Vonderhorst is all confidence about the Baltimore team, and sees nothing in the approaching race for the other teams except a battle for second place.

—Sam Wise, who has signed with Buffalo again for 1897, has been at work in the electrical department of the Buffalo Street Railway Company most of the winter.

—The Cincinnati played their last game at New Orleans last Sunday, beating the New Orleans team 8 to 2. The Reds are now working their way North by slow stages.

—The Cincinnati "Times-Star" has read Tommy Corcoran out of the Cincinnati team. It insists that the "fans" no longer want Corcoran, being satisfied that Ritchie will do.

—President Young expects to see the coaching rule generally enforced this coming season, while the various managers unhesitatingly say that it will be next to an impossibility.

—Shortstop Shugart has signed a St. Paul contract after declining to even reply to Comiskey's letters during the past three months. The letters to him were misdirected, hence his silence.

—Fred Clarke has reported for duty with the Colonels at West Baden, and has signed a Louisville contract, consequently everything is lovely at Louisville and the goose hangs high.

—The Cedar Rapids Club has signed catcher Billy Fuller, late of Birmingham, to take the place of catcher Doyle, who refuses to sign, owing to business interests at Waterloo, N. Y.

—Perry Werden frankly confesses that, though the Western League played fast ball and paid pretty good salaries, he is very glad to get back into base ball's university—the National League.

—McGarr, of Cleveland, invented a new form of training last winter in throwing a ball across a gymnasium against a heavy mattress, the distance being equal to that between first and third bases.

—Manager Strobel, of Toledo, thinks he has a National League candidate in catcher Bode Myers, and that opinion is shared by many others who have seen the young fellow officiate behind the windup.

—The League schedule has been changed by consent so that Chicago will play in Cincinnati April 22, 23, 24, 25 and August 14, 15, while Cincinnati will play in Chicago, May 9, 10, 11 and 12 and July 26, 27.

—Tommy Corcoran is now speaking better of the Cincinnati Club and its officials, and it seems as if he was keeping a sharp look-out for an olive branch. Guess all he needs to sign is another invitation.

—Sunday ball at Springfield, O., is said to be assured, as A. J. Baker, Republican candidate for Mayor, and John M. Good, the Democratic candidate, both favor it. The latter is vice president of the club.

—It is said that the Canadian League will be refused protection, owing to the opposition of the Eastern League, which resents the placing of a rival in Toronto, although Manager Irwin has no objection thereto.

—Carney Flynn reported at Washington the other day for training work, only to find that he had been released. The letter containing Carney's release was mailed to Cincinnati, but Carney did not receive it.

—There is a movement on foot among the Baltimore ministers to prevent the sale of beer at the Baltimore base ball grounds. There will probably be a lively hearing in the matter before the Liquor License Board.

—Another cock-and-bull to the effect that St. Louis and Louisville would be bought out of the League, with a view to making it a ten-club League, is emphatically denied by the St. Louis and Louisville Club owners.

—The Wilcox Anti-Sunday playing bill has been practically killed in the New York Senate by being recommitted to the General Laws Committee. The bill made the penalty so light that it really amounted to a license.

—Short stop Tom Corcoran says there is no truth in the report that he has demanded an increased salary or a bonus from the Cincinnati Club. His only reason for refusing to sign is that he doesn't want to play in the West.

—Excessive rain has interfered very much with the League teams now training in the South, and the probability is that those players will be in no better off condition when the bell taps than the fellows who trained at home.

—If Latham's arm is as good as ever, as he stoutly maintains it is, he is certainly worth trying by any club in need of a third baseman and catcher. Latham is keeping himself in good condition by constant practice at Lynn, Mass.

—Speaking of batsmen Manager Tobean says: "You notice that the natural hitters stay there all the time. Now and again they may have a day, a week, a month or a year off, but in the end the natural hitter comes out on top."

—"To my mind," says Earl Wagner, "Jack Stivetts is the best hitting pitcher that ever stepped up to the plate, with the exception of that marvel of the age, Ferguson, the star pitcher of the Phillies, who died in the full of his powers."

—First baseman Frank Dillon has decided not to report to the Rockford Club until June, when his duties as an instructor at the Chicago University will end. In his place the Rockford Club

has signed first baseman McCauley, late of Detroit.

—The Columbus Club has signed pitcher Geo. Kelb, despite the protest of the Toledo Club, which claims Kelb as a reserved man. Pitcher Dick Smith refuses to sign the Columbus contract tendered him and demands certain changes therein.

—Mike Tiernan says two-thirds of the men who follow base ball for a living fall victims to lung trouble. Mike is pretty nearly right, and yet it is a strange fact. One would think that a life in the open air would act as a preventive of lung troubles.

—Mr. John T. Brush enters a vigorous denial that eleven clubs of the League had combined to bring about a compromise of the Freedman-Rusie difficulty. On the contrary, it is their intention to let the principals to this dispute settle it in their own way.

—Doheny, who will probably be one of the best left-handed pitchers in the League this season, is a ringer for William Jennings Bryan. His photographs are even more like Bryan than he is himself, and they look like Bryan must have looked at about 21 years of age.

—The two Eastern League managers who have the most doubtful teams, Arthur Irwin and Tom Burns, showed the most confidence in their teams at the League meeting. Both are sure that their teams will finish well up and are willing to back their opinion with money.

—Fred Pfeiffer is confined to his bed at Hot Springs from the injury to his back, and it is believed that he will not be able to play until the championship season opens, if then. Meantime Chicago, luckily, has Connor to fall back upon, and he is showing up in great shape.

—The hitch between the Washington Club and pitcher Maul appears to be a declaration on part of the player to sign a "sliding contract," which is offered him, owing to his uncertain arm. Treasurer J. Earl Wagner is quoted as saying that it will be a conditional contract or nothing.

—Of the Chicago pitchers Friend will probably show better this year than last. Griffith has all his cunning. Briggs will be a sure winner, as he is deceptive and fast even now, and Terry says that he is better than in years. The new ones, Denzer and Callahan, both are full of promise.

—As the opening of the season approaches the question of playing Sunday games in Cleveland becomes more uncertain. Besides being opposed by the saloonkeepers, a few ministers and a little bunch of men who have axes to grind, the club now has the opposition of one of the daily papers in Cleveland.

—Of the Western League teams the Detroit are training at Knoxville, Tenn.; the Minneapolis team are at Hot Springs, the St. Paul players at Cincinnati, the Columbus men at West Baden Springs, Ind., while the Milwaukee, Indianapolis, Kansas City and Grand Rapids teams are training at home.

—Treasurer Harry Vonderhorst, of the Baltimore Club, who witnessed the Corbett-Fitzsimmons fight, is still of opinion that Corbett is the better man and said in San Francisco two days after the fight that if another match was made and Corbett was short any of his stake he would furnish \$5000 of the backing.

—Washington, N. C., is hungry for base ball, and is putting into the field a team calculated to win the State championship. The club has room for a good pitcher, catcher and third baseman, and such should address "manager Washington, N. C., B. Club." There is a movement on foot to organize a North Carolina League.

—When it comes to arguing with umpires those captains who are catchers will have a great advantage over other captains if the rule prohibiting captains from leaving their positions to address the umpire is enforced. We shouldn't be surprised to see in a short time all League catchers designated captains or deputy captains.

—Nearly all of the Eastern League teams will play Sunday games during the season with "Kid" Carney's team at Weehawken, N. J. The Cuban Giants will open the season with Carney's team on Sunday, April 11, and the Syracuse, Springfield, Buffalo and Rochester Clubs have been booked for the succeeding Sundays.

—We have letters for Con Laird (25), Charlie Esper, George Harper, Bob Stafford, John Milligan (2), Jack Gannon (2), John O'Brien, Ed O'Neill, Arthur Irwin (2), Tom Turner, John F. Cunningham, infielder Lewee, John Walters, outfielder Hoffner, George Reed, Dennis Long, infielder McZena, John M. Hess, Mike Griffin, Billy Sharsig, William Motz.

—Ex-Manager McGunnigle wears on his watch chain a charm that he values very highly. It is a large gold cross, and was found by George Miller ("Foghorn" Miller), of Louisville, on the Brooklyn grounds last season. Miller gave it to McGunnigle. That day the Colonels won, and next year they did the same. Since then McGunnigle has come to think that it is a good-luck token.

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—The Detroit



STALLINGS SERENE

IN THE BELIEF THAT HE HAS A
WINNING TEAM.

What the Phillies' Practice at Augusta
Has Revealed to the New Manager
—The Friendly Contest For the
Debatable Places, Etc.

Philadelphia, April 1.—The Phillies at Augusta have been put through a severe course of sprouts by Manager Stallings; in fact, they have been worked harder than any previous spring. The regular course has been practice and a hard run in the morning, a regular game in the afternoon and a sort of school in the evening, with signals and team work as the subject of instruction. The result has been most beneficial, as the men are rapidly getting into fine condition. Manager Stallings is much encouraged by the progress made so far and is rapidly becoming sanguine of good results the coming season, judging from the following letter from Augusta, with date of Saturday:

STALLINGS' LETTER.

I have now seen enough of the men composing the Philadelphia ball team to be capable of judging their characters and playing strength. Above everything I am highly gratified at the disposition shown me by all the men. They give the closest attention to my talk and sincerest efforts in every particular at practice. In fact, no man could ask more. They almost anticipate my wish, and I am confident as I am of living that the Philadelphia Club will be one of the strongest in the country in team work this season.

When I first came to Philadelphia I could hear nothing but that to establish systematic team work with the Phillies was an impossibility. Well, I will stake my reputation that the public of Philadelphia will see the most harmonious club in the League representing their city this season. If there was ever a great amount of individuality in the club it has never shown itself to me. It is a case of every man help his neighbor now, and I go on record that it will remain so until the end of the coming season. We have established a new system of signaling and the men are thoroughly drilled in them every day. Even now nearly every man is familiar with them, and no one could be made to believe how thoroughly every man understands the other. It is a case of every player knowing exactly what the other man is going to do. In this way backing up is easy.

Words cannot express how fully satisfied I am in every particular with every man on the club. I have made Hallman captain for the time being and may continue him in that capacity, but will wait until we have played some exhibition games with other clubs before the change is made permanent. He has shown here that he is thoroughly capable of filling the position. Cross is in a class by himself as far as being in condition is concerned. He is the only man in truly good shape. I have been working him at third for the Yinnigans, and he is unquestionably the very best all-around man I ever saw. Grady has shown up finely and is the "scraper" of the team. In speaking of Clements I wish to be quoted by sporting editors of other papers who read this that I consider him almost in a class by himself as a catcher, everything considered, and positively under no circumstances will I part with him. I do this to kill all those idle stories of his going to other clubs.

Lajoie has shown me he is the most natural ball player ever born. His hitting and his playing are perfectly natural in every respect. He makes hard chances look easy by the simple way he handles himself. He is a jewel of the first water and is to be bound to be heard from this year.

Hallman, Cooley, Thompson and Delahanty, everyone knows, are awfully sore and are not spending themselves at present. Cooley is working hard at his outfield work and is improving rapidly. Harley is an extra fast fielder with a splendid arm and hits at the ball nicely. He has the earmarks of a corner.

I suppose every fan in Philadelphia is more interested in Gillen and Geier than almost the entire team. Well, when I started South I had no short stop for a certainty, and now I have two cracker-jacks. My hardest job there will be choosing the one I think best.

Every man on the club is tickled almost to death at the showing made by both of them. It will be a treat for the fans when they see them work.

Taylor is in better form, so the old players say, than he has ever been in the spring. Orth and Carney are both too sore to judge their work. Of the young pitchers I am confident we have the best quartette in the country. Brandt has been horribly sore, but you can see he knows his business. Wheeler, Johnson and Einfeld are finished in every particular and far above the average.

Everything considered, as far as I have seen I am confident the Phillies will keep some of those paper champions guessing. This may appear awfully enthusiastic to your readers, but if they were only on the grounds here to see how conscientious every man works they could not blame me for being confident.

THE DEBATABLE PLACES
on the Philadelphia team are centre field, right field and short field, for which places there are four candidates. There the interest centres, hence it is a matter of interest to know what a correspondent on the ground says. Mr. Cramer, of the Inquirer, the only local correspondent who went South with the team, writes:

"Thompson, in his old stand in right field,

has been toeing the scratch in a manner that was scarcely to be expected at this time of the year. He has pulled down a number of hard balls and has thrown in from right field up to his usual standard. Any man who beats Thompson out this year will know he has been playing ball.

Cooley did not play the game last year that he is putting up now, or rather that his work at present gives promise of by the time the season opens. With Harley and the man who loses at short close on his heels he necessarily must do his best.

Harley is a fast youngster in every sense of the word if his work so far can be taken as a criterion. And yet his batting has been away off, but as for that matter, with the exception of Lajoie, none of the boys have struck anywhere near their usual hitting gait.

Gillen is another player who has not shown any particular strength at the bat. The hustle between Gillen and Geier for short stop honors goes merrily on and becomes closer each day. Instead of one short stop the Phillies have two and if that portion of the diamond is not covered as it should be this year George Stallings will be a greatly surprised man.

The styles of the two men are absolutely dissimilar. Geier seems a bunch of nerves and goes after everything. He throws almost precariously like Cross. His speed is tremendous and his balls go straight as a die to first. Geier covers second in the most approved fashion; is quick to see a play and take advantage of it. When it comes right down to business, with a thorough seasoning, he should stand up well among League short stops.

Gillen is a disciple of the Nash school and as graceful as he is speedy. When fielding a ball he scarcely seems to move, but no matter where or how hard the ball is hit, he handles it with great rapidity, and throws hard and true to first base with little perceptible motion of the arm or body. The ball is snatched rather than thrown and the action appeals strongly to those who favor this style of play. It is very neat and very pretty to look upon.

THE PROGRAMME.

On Friday night the Phillies will leave Augusta, taking with them the good wishes of everybody, except the surly manager of the Planters' Hotel. Here is the programme for the week:

The University of Georgia will be played at Athens on Saturday; Greenville, S. C., on Monday; Richmond, on Tuesday; and Wednesday; Norfolk on Thursday and Portsmouth, Friday. From Portsmouth the trip North will be continued on the Southern Railway boats as far as Baltimore. A landing will be made early Saturday morning, and at 10 o'clock the Phillies will jump off the train at Broad Street Station. Stallings is at present negotiating for a date at Raleigh, and if a game is arranged the Yinnigans will meet Wake Forest College in that city while the "Papas" will be toying with the willow at Greenville.

MANAYUNK'S CRACK CLUB.

Manayunk will be represented this season with a strong amateur club. S. B. Rosenberger is sparing neither time or money in securing a first-class club to represent this town. There will be few old faces on the team this season. Among the old players retained are Franzen, first base; Smith, shortstop; Edelman, left field; Connell, right field; Hanner, centre field. Of the new men who will start the season with the Manayunk team are Summers, of Camden; McGuire, of Bridgeton; Morris of Quakertown; Humphries, of Morton; Schilsky, of Roxborough; Gillespie, of Wilmington Club. These men all come well recommended and should they all show up as well as expected the Manayunk Club will make them all hustle to keep pace. Games have been booked with Reading, Atlantic League Club; Trenton, New Jersey League; Orange A. C., Weehawken, N. J., Wyoming and A. A. First-class clubs desiring games will do so well by addressing the manager, S. B. Rosenberger, 451 Krams ave., Roxborough, Roxb.

LOCAL JOTTINGS.

Pitcher Carney left the Phillies on Saturday, for New York, being called home by the serious illness of his wife.

Before Stallings entered the base ball business he studied medicine in Baltimore. His knowledge of the body is a great help in conditioning the boys.

Geier has been named the "kid." He rivals Carney in height, but seems almost twice to the good when it comes down to width.

Colonel Rogers spent Sunday at Lakewood, N. J., the guest of President Freedman, of the New Yorks, who are training there.

The proprietor of the Planters' Hotel, Augusta, was fined \$5 by Recorder Barrett for drawing a revolver on Dick Harley, the Phillies' outfielder.

Matt Kilroy is getting a semi-professional team together for Port Richmond, to which Matt will devote all his spare time this summer.

Billy Hallman says that "a sparring bout for charity is a contribution box."

F. C. RICHTER.

ST. JOSEPH JOYFUL

Over the Team and the Settlement of
the Anti-Sunday Agitation.

St. Joseph, Mo., March 30.—Editor "Sporting Life":—The base ball cranks in this city are happy at last. The reason is that the Anti-Sunday Base Ball bill was practically killed in the State Senate a few days ago. Senator A. W. Brewster, of this city, and an ardent admirer of the national game, has the credit for its defeat.

The results of the Association meeting at Peoria pleased the St. Joe people very much. It looks as though we came mighty near getting the best end of the schedule. We open at home, and, moreover, have 11 Sunday games on the home grounds, and are at home for July 4 and Labor Day.

The members of the home team are reporting in Kansas City, where they will practice with Manning's Blues, until April 1. The men that have reported so far are: Catchers Warner and Wood, third baseman Sawyer, short stop Os-wood, outfielders Glimin, Hubert and McConnell. Manager Klusman will reach Kansas City this week. The boys are all in fine trim, and are practicing daily at Exposition Park, Kansas City. Our centrefielder, Mattie McVicker, passed through here yesterday on his way to Kansas City. Mattie looks better than I ever saw him before.

The St. Joe Club would like to get a competent official scorer. It is a soft snap and good money in it.

The home team will report in this city April 1, and will play their first game Saturday, April 3.

Old Reliable Jack Slagle has not as yet come to terms with Grand Rapids, and it is not at all likely that he will. Jack told our correspondent that he was going to stay in St. Joe this summer and hold down a good job.

N. EDWARDS.

McAllister, of the Clevelanders, has been playing ball at Fort Worth, Tex., all winter and so is in good form.

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BALTIMORE BULLETIN

THAT TALE OF A CLEVELAND-INDIANAPOLIS SWAP RIDICULED.

Those Mysterious Western Conferences
and What They Mean—A Horrible
Thought—News From the Oriole
Team's Training Quarters.

Baltimore, March 30.—Editor "Sporting Life":—Good gracious, me—there goes Patsy to Indianapolis.

Oh, what a fate.

Indianapolis.

Why, that's worse than distributing the Orioles around to Boston, Cleveland, New York, Chicago and St. Louis. Elmer Bates won't like that a bit. Isn't it too bad that Frank DeHass didn't take that hundred thousand dollars from Byrne and Abell?

But don't get fooled, boys. It is all the result of Harry Vonderhorst's banquet. The maggots have been whirling around ever since. They can't settle down, and who can blame them after such a jolly good time. They are not buying clubs and making deals. They are only going around and paying their respects to each other. They went out to Carson to see Joe Corbett pitch—down to Brooklyn to shake hands with Gus Abell and out to Indianapolis to try something on John T. Brush for his dyspepsia.

Oh, they'll come out all right. The spiders are going to play right alongside of Elmer Bates and John T. don't own Indianapolis, anyway, you know.

ISN'T IT FUNNY.

How the maggots must enjoy the racket they kick up in every town they visit. It is a great big social institution, and when they meet it is awfully hard to get away from each other. And the newspaperman catches sight of DeHass in Youngstown hunting up a good brand of Pittsburg stogies and goes wild with excitement. He sees him exchanging courtesies with the manager of the Grand Rapids Warbler and he telegraphs that he is trading Patsy for an Ohio River raft. Great guns, man, you don't know DeHass. That man can't sit still nor keep still. He is just bubbling over with good nature all the time, and when you see him darting here and there he is only working off an effervescence. He isn't buying clubs. He has got the boodle to do it, but he is stuck on his own.

Another thing. You know DeHass thinks he can sing. The other maggots don't agree with him. In fact, they disagree with him disagreeably. So when DeHass wants to strike a chord he has to take to the woods.

That's all. You mustn't get excited and think these awful financial things. That man DeHass would give a hundred dollars a minute for a patient audience to sit out one song, and he would be getting it cheap, too.

Did you ever hear him sing?
Why, I can hear that man myself.

HORRORS.

It is really too bad to keep Elmer Bates' nerve at such a tension. First Brooklyn, then Indianapolis, and the Lord knows where next. DeHass had to leave town the last time because Elmer Bates' paper printed a picture of your Baltimore correspondent, and DeHass couldn't stand it.

Patsy had spasms and Sockdolager quit the business right away.

Look here, champions are getting licked this year. Good gracious, man; what ever stirred up that thought. Wonder if it is going to be a good year for champions. Charlie Esper has gone out to Chris and he says he will make St. Louis forget there ever was such a man as Bretsey. Besides, Charlie says he will make Ned Hanlon sorry.

But golly-day, they say he is fatter than ever. He might spoil that pendant chase for the Orioles.

WONDERS.

Don't hear so much about prodigies from the training grounds as we used to. What's the matter with them? Stock exhausted? Or is each club on the quiet lay this year for Baltimore. It looks a doggone sight too quiet. Nobody is bragging about phenoms. There must be some. The game can't get along without them. They never come back from the South with the teams, but always before you heard they had 'em. Mobbe they are not ripe yet.

BIRDS OF A FEATHER.

The Orioles have done training and started in the exhibition games. They will work their way around home now, and the first thing we know they will be capering around Union Park. Everything looks favorable for pennant ball. The most carefully watched player is McGraw. It is wonderful how much store is placed in that little fellow by the people of Baltimore. If any-

thing should happen to him this season the city would go into mourning.

THE MUSIC OF THE BAT.

How it will sing at Union Park this season. Joe Kelley and Stenzel, and Willie Keeler and McGraw, and Hughie Jennings and dashing Jack Doyle. Why, Pink Hawley will have St. Vitus' dance if he is made to pitch in Baltimore. And have they got anybody to make him? Mac couldn't.

Robbie can do the batting art very nicely, too, when he puts his mind to it. And so can Billy Clark. Talk about that Chicago team—well, they can always hit a medium pitcher, but when you chuck a little skill at them they are clean gone. They are all main strength and awkwardness—brawn and muscle. They are not the scientific hitters the Orioles are. They take the cue from Anson, and the old man would rather put a long line fly in an outfielder's hands than bunt his way to first base. Hard hitting is characteristic of the Colts—always was and always will be while the old war horse is at the head of the team to set the example.

And Jesse Burkett.

Well, its hard, but we really must admit that Cleveland has one bitter that is almost equal to Willie Keeler and Johnnie McGraw. It is only justice to do that, and Elmer will feel more kindly to us if we come right out and tell the truth.

ALBERT MOTT.

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PITTSBURG POINTS.

FIRST WEEK AT ROANOKE PRO-
DUCTIVE OF MUCH BENEFIT.

Young Tannehill and Kuhns Are Show-
ing Good Form—Some Lively
Games Between Picked Teams—
Bits of News and Gossip.

Pittsburg, March 29.—Editor "Sporting Life":—The Pittsburg men realized considerable from their first week's training at Roanoke. Though a couple of chilly days had their sway, Donovan made it a point to see that no time was lost, and walks, runs, etc., made up the order of the sun-light period when a game at ball practice was not possible.

The men were given the freedom of the Virginia City one week ago yesterday. They have possibly two more to stay and if the same progress is made in the fourteen days to come the entire crew will return home full of vim and energy. President Kerr was asked if he had received any official statement from Donovan as to the success of the week. He replied in the negative, asserting that the correspondents with the team were noting fully every turn of affairs.

This is not far-fetched. One man managed to gather up four columns of gossip for a Sunday issue. He seemed enthusiastic over the result of the work. Words of praise were sung for the zeal of every man on the team. Not one was lagging in the work. Lyons was a couple of days late in reporting for duty, owing to the illness of his sister. Denny, however, does not need to try the hunting cure any longer. His sojourn at the Springs was a corker in the way of reduction. Killen, on his arrival, began to work with the energy of a newcomer into the League. Hawley was not far behind. He had a little paunch which he wanted to get rid of, and there is a story that he displayed such speed in a run that he left Red Mason standing still a quarter of a mile down the road. Leahy has made friends with the players by his nice disposition and good catching. Jesse Tannehill in the little pitching performed up to date was a puzzler, without any undue exertion on his part. Gardner was the same quiet, easy-going youth who has been playing ball since he was ten years old, and knows what to do with it when the sphere comes his way.

KUHNS' GEM-LIKE PLAY.

The writers declare that the agreeable surprise of the party is young Kuhn, the Freeport, Pa., boy. This lad is agent for many of the Pittsburg daily papers in a little town 28 miles from this city on the Allegheny River. The village enjoys the unique distinction of being a temperance town, though just outside of its borders is a bonded warehouse and distillery, where thousands of barrels of old rye are wormed out yearly, and allowed to mellow in oak barrels.

This handicap to Kuhn's home does not seem to retard the little fellow in the least. He has been astonishing the Pirates by the way he picks them up at short for the Monopoles, which is the name the second team has revealed under. He has grabbed chances in all sorts of positions. In every game his playing was one of the features of the Monopoles.

ELY INDORSES THE REPORTS.

President Kerr was much pleased to-day. He met a friend who had received a letter from Ely. The Pirates' short fielder declared that there was no exaggeration in the newspaper statements about the young man's skill. "He has been doing great work," said Fred, "and if he can keep up that gait he is the greatest find of the year."

Mr. Kerr said that he believed ex-President W. C. Temple called his attention to the man last fall. Word was sent to Kuhns and he visited Mr. Kerr's office and signed a contract. Chauncey Stuart awoke one morning and let out a yell of disappointment. He had arranged to take a train that very day for Freeport to get Kuhns for the Bradford, Pa., Club.

KILLEN NOW IN LINE.

As predicted last week that conference between Killen and President Kerr ended in Frank taking a train for Roanoke. Many friends of the left-hander congratulated him on his change of stand. Killen's demand was so radical that he was the butt of censure and criticisms from all sections of the country. It was said here that Frank regretted his action the day after it was made, and when he read the papers hurried away without even finishing breakfast to have a chat with the president of the club. He found Mr. Kerr on the occasion of his second call. In a few minutes the affair was straightened up. President Kerr gave him an order for a ticket to the little Virginia town, and all is well.

A man saw Killen and a former well-known League player standing in a doorway of a Wood street business house about 11 o'clock on Tuesday night. The ex-Leaguer had a legal looking document in his hands and seemed to be interpreting a certain clause for the benefit of his listener. The next day Killen was asked by a friend if the paper had any connection with Pittsburg Club matters. The reply was a smile, followed by a negative shake of the head.

GOOD INTER-STATE MOVE.

President Power, of the Inter-State League, and Umpire Frank O'Brien, have been going over the rules giving them a definite interpretation, which will be followed by the Inter-State's staff of testotaters. Some rules have conflicting clauses and one rigid idea is to be written on the margin. This will be closely followed and much confusion thus obliterated. Mr. Power has a letter from Con Strouthers, manager of the

Mansfield team, saying that he has his team about completed. He declares that it will not only win games at home, but will be a card on the road. There has been some talk that pitcher Kelb, of last year's Toledo reserve list, was going to sign with Columbus. Mr. Power squelched this on Saturday by approving Kelb's contract with the Toledo Club. Encouraging reports have been received from all towns on the circuit.

EASTER BONNETS.

John Keefe, the local umpire, was a contestant in a 24-hour go-as-you-please match at the Grand Central rink to-day. Keefe greeted the reporters with a couple of funny sallies. "Great race," said he. "One man laid off an hour and gained three miles over me." Keefe kept bumping around the tan bark. "Why, don't you run?" yelled a number of friends. A glare was John's only reply. "Running gets monotonous in a short time," he muttered later on.

Ed. Swartwood and Dr. Jim Crow, better known as Elmer Smith's gaffer, hustled along Duquesne way Friday, both wearing two queerly formed devices, made out of brass rods. "Turtle soup," said Swarty, when quizzed as to the identity of the articles. He was finally compelled to give a diagram. Then his questioners learned that the big fellows were en route to a turtle fishing stream and had the nucleus of a trap with them.

Charles H. Hopper, who plays "Chimmie Fadden," bears a striking resemblance to Eagle Eye Beckley, especially in his huge ten feet pictures which are posted about the city.

It would have put five pounds on Elmer Smith had he been on here and taken in the dog-show. There were fox terriers and bull terriers by the score. Those English bulldogs, Doctor Johnson and John, which are kept at the Exposition Park, were in competition. John was too fat, and only received a v. h. c., while Dr. Johnson was given a second prize. The animals are known to all the League players.

The Pittsburg Caramel Club has not met in regular session for a week or more. The regular members petitioned for a call-off for a match in order to give their dyspeptic cures a chance to win. Caramels as a steady diet are not fattening.

One Philadelphia paper is interested in the work of the Pirates. It wired its correspondent here the other day to send a 50-word introduction and full score of the game.

Passing along Diamond alley about 10.30 Saturday night the writer noticed four young fellows eagerly looking over the new League Guide under the glare of an electric light. "That's Hanton," said one. "Doesn't he look as if he was thinking of this year?"

They say Toledo has a first baseman who is death on step ladder throws. He reaches half way down the line and gets the ball before the runner. He is a modern edition of a trolley pole.

Young Taylor, the local third baseman, who once was strong, signed by the Pittsburg Club, has joined the Wheeling team. Youngstown was after him, but reached her a day too late.

Taylor was on the Paterson team last year. He batted .250 and had an average of .314 in the field.

Sam Walker, who has the score card privilege at Exposition Park, was taken seriously ill one day last week, and for a time his life was despaired of. His affliction was a gathering of gas about the heart. His brother, Mr. Harry Williams, owner of the Academy of Music, was constantly at his bedside during the critical moments. Mr. Walker has hosts of friends, but owing to the extremely dangerous condition of the patient absolute quietness was necessary and they could not visit him. A change for the better has set in. The sick man has the well wishes of scores of people.

President Kerr did not seem to be surprised when told of the general impression of those mysterious conferences at Chicago, Indianapolis, etc. "I don't know of any committee being appointed at the League meeting to consider the transfer of the Cleveland Club to Indianapolis," said he.

ROANOKE RAPIDUROUS

Over the Advent of the Pittsburg
National League Team.

Roanoke, Va., March 27.—Editor "Sporting Life":—The arrival of the Pittsburg team in Roanoke was ushered in by a most beautiful day, and augers well for the coming weather here. This is a great victory for Roanoke, and will no doubt tend to start the National Leaguers coming here for training purposes, and secure for Roanoke first-class clubs each season. There are 18 players, besides umpires and other sports, with the club, and while they remain here a number of good games are promised. Norfolk, Richmond, Va., Military College, St. Albans and a number of other clubs are expected to play with them, besides numerous games between themselves.

Walter Brodie plays centre field with the "Pittsburgs," and his assistance went far towards bringing the club here. Dick Padden, who was formerly a member of the Roanoke Club, is also with them this year, playing second base. The club will stay at the Hotel Roanoke during their two or three weeks' sojourn here.

We are having real summer weather here just now, and should it continue it will certainly advance Roanoke's prospects for some good amateur playing this season.

The Pittsburg boys have been practicing twice daily, and had arranged matches with other local teams, but we had cold northerly winds prevailing for a couple of days, which made it impossible to play. As I write the clerk of the weather has moderated it, and this week some excellent playing may be witnessed, judging from the excellent play I saw last week.

Dick Patton, second baseman, who managed the Roanoke team for one season, is very popular here, so much so that he was presented by Mr. John Trout, Jr., with a pair of bull-blooded hounds, Mr. Trout being noted here for his excellent Kennel.

The "Pirates" are cleverly handled by handsome P. J. Donovan, and Frank Ballet, secretary and treasurer, while they are accompanied by H. N. Duff, sporting writer for the Pittsburg "Leader."

I regret to record that Walter Brodie has been laid up for the past few days with a heavy cold, contracted while coaching the Cadets, of the Allegheny Institute. He is now, however, on the recovery list, and his happy face may be seen on the ball field during the present week. When he does he will gaze upon a beautiful present contributed by his Roanoke and other friends.

Besides Jesse Tannehill, one of the crack pitchers of the old Virginia League, as pitchers, there are Pink Hawley, James Gardiner, and Jim Hughey. Gardiner is a Pittsburg amateur, and it is expected he will do good work for the home games.

Joe Snyder, Thomas Leahy and William Merritt are the catchers, the latter taking advantage of the practicing tour for catching a wife. There is one thing to be said about the Pittsburg Club—that it will not take them long to

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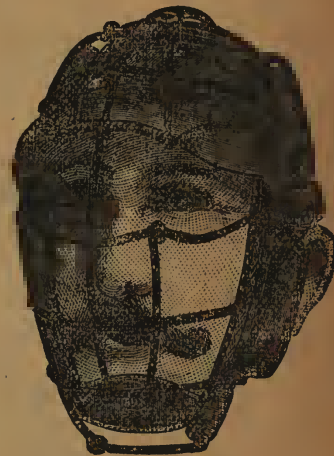
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LONG'S LAY-OUT.

Many Improvements to be Made at
Reading's Park.

Reading, Pa., March 29.—Manager Long, of Reading's Atlantic League base ball team, will arrive this week and at once preparations will be commenced at improving the grounds. A grandstand will be erected with a seating capacity of 1000 persons, and other improvements made so as to make the park one of the best in the Atlantic Circuit.

The championship season will open on Monday, April 26. The players will report in Read-

ing on Monday, April 5, and after a few practice games will play exhibition games in order to limber up for the championship season. Manager Long has a lease on the Reading grounds for a period of three years.

Manager Long has arranged exhibition games at Reading as follows: Pawtucket, New England League, April 6 and 7; Cuban Giants, April 13 and 14; Cuban X Giants, April 15; Syracuse, April 16 and 17; Toronto April 22 and 23. He has the following open days and will be pleased to fill them with strong teams, April 5, 8, 9, 10, 12, 19, 20, 21 and 24.

The following players will report on April 1: Haller, first base; McIntyre, second base; Reagan, short stop; Slater, third base; Meara, left field; Spratt, centre field; Frank, right field; Barclay and Kinsella, catchers; Amole, Collins, Walker, Anderson and Hallahan, pitchers.

Manager Long has also signed the following: J. Cargo, short stop; Harry Tate, of Sunbury, outfielder; Roger Gray, outfielder; pitcher Garvin, late of the Philadelphia Club; McCafferty and Madigan, pitchers, as well as several others. They will be tried and the best retained.



BROOKLYN BUDGET.

HIGH HOPES PREVALENT IN THE CITY OF CHURCHES.

Good Reports of the Team Now in the South—New Players Showing up Favorably—The New Grounds Still an Unknown Quantity.

Brooklyn, N. Y., March 30.—Editor "Sporting Life":—"They're down in Dixie practicing, and every time that a newspaper announces that Daub's arm is in prime condition, and Griffin never playing such a game as this year, the cranks can't understand why the news is not put out on the bulletin boards instead of being tucked away in some corner of the paper where it takes an hour to find it.

The cranks, however, never can understand anything, bless 'em, that hasn't got a display head and black face type.

THE BACKWARD SEASON. It does seem quite base ballly to have the team away from home getting into condition for the season and it begins to look as though the sun would shine a little warmer and the grass put on its spring clothes within the next four weeks. I have always entertained the idea that spring in the East was a long way ahead of Western springs, but if the spring of 1897 is a fair sample of the weather I am not so sure that my idea is correct or worth much.

While it has not been winter by any means it has not been base ball weather, either, and if the weather doesn't get a few congealed lumps out of itself within the next two or three weeks it won't be base ball weather when it is time for the season to open.

THE BROOKLYNS are making good headway in practice, and I don't believe they are going to finish in 1897 where they did in 1896. By expressing that opinion I don't want any crabbed, sarcastic, sneering critics whose milk of kindness long since congealed to curd, and bad curd at that, to take it for granted that the Brooklyn are going to finish worse than they did in 1896. Bad as they were then they are "not so worse" this year, and that is all there is about it.

Should nine-tenths of them fall ill with the plague they might disappoint my fondest expectations, but they are not going to fall ill.

BURRELL AND LA CHANCE did not go down with the team for the very good reason that both men are ill. McAuley got there late, but the stragglers will all be playing ball by the first day of April.

Burrell is expected to do better this year than he did in 1896, although his record was by no manner of means a poor one that year. I should not be surprised to see him well up among the batters at the end of the summer. As a throwing catcher he ought to grow better for a while at least, and if he does he will one day rank up with the big fellows.

OF THE NEW PLAYERS down among the far trees of Carolina Smith, the catcher, seems to be filled with the real base ball get-there-at-once. He is hitting like a Trojan. Now, if he keeps that up when he gets into the League games what a wealth of treasure he will be for Manager Barnie. The latter can stand all the good "stickers" he can get, for they are the people who must be looked forward to when the real fight begins. Smith is said to catch well and so does McAuley. The latter is likely to turn out a steady League player. He has the making of a man good enough for the big organization, and should hold his own with anything that comes along in the shape of new talent. He is quick and accurate, is possessed of good judgment and doesn't throw the ball every 10 seconds. What a pile of good arms have gone to waste in the world merely because young catchers have not had sufficient common sense to save their arms. At the first opportunity they throw the ball, and at every other opportunity it goes this way, that way and the other way, while the opposing players steal bases and the home manager sits on the bench, alternately gnashing his teeth, and expelling huge swears and other words from between his lips.

HANNIVAN is another youngster who pleases the managerial head of the Brooklyn. He seems to know how to hit as well as his other young conferees. True, he hasn't had much at which to hit, but he has done justice to that which has been served his way. A young player who can send the ball down to the fence when the "dubs" are in the box can generally be depended upon to get a base hit or two when he is obliged to face the real article.

GEORGE SMITH has been tearing around just as though he never had left Brooklyn. Smith will be welcomed royally when he appears in Brooklyn the first time. His splendid work at short never has been forgotten, and there will be times this year, I fancy, when the Cincinnati will wish they had Smith back again. Perhaps he was not the best batter in the League, but the amount of territory that he covers is something terrific, and he can throw a first base just as well as anybody.

TOMMY CORCORAN is in a state of saw wood and say nothing. As he has a temper and a disposition all his own, I don't believe that Cincinnati will get him without considerable of a struggle.

Corcoran must have something saved, and if he decides that he is a bigger man than the Cincinnati ball team he will stay at home at New Haven and fish. But once beginning fishing he will keep it up, for John T. Brush isn't of that kind who concedes anything.

THE YOUNG PITCHERS. What we are to expect from the young pitch-

ers Barnie hasn't related yet. He wants to keep them in the shade until he is sure the temperature has reached a stage where they dare loosen the muscles in their arms.

That is wise, because if a young pitcher is going to be of any service he can't begin by getting his arm all awry. That winds up his career as tight as an eight-day clock.

Barnie himself played ball the other day. Just think of it. Despite the lack of capillary adornment on his head, in the face of the fact that he hasn't been on the field since the days in Columbus, when half the city swore by him, he raced around right garden and actually made a base hit and had an assist to his credit.

The news from Charlotte is so assuring that Brooklynites are more than three times ready to believe their team can wipe up the floor with the Giants. If not the floor the green sward over the diamond. The Giants have been doing tolerably well, but the weather has not been extremely warm at Lakeview, and I should not be surprised if there was a little worry in the managerial heart in consequence.

THE NEW GROUNDS are still statu unknown. The terms are not arranged up to the present time, and it is probably they cannot be gotten ready for the first games. Some concessions have been made by the owners of the land, and there is a chance that Decoration Day will see the Brooklyn elsewhere than on Easter Park.

By the way, there has been a great lot of rumor coming out of the West. Isn't it possible that Cleveland thinks seriously of transferring all Sunday games to Indianapolis, if they cannot be played in Cleveland? As strange things have happened, JOHN B. FOSTER.

RICHMOND'S ROSTER.

Manager Wells Speaks of the Make-up of His Team.

Richmond, Va., March 30.—Editor "Sporting Life":—"The advance guard of the Richmond team arrived in town first of the week, ready, willing and anxious to begin the season's work, each in turn declaring that the winter had been a long one and that they were in a fit condition to play the games of their lives. The men will at once get to work, using the old park until the new spacious and comfortable one is ready, which will be before the coming week is over.

MANAGER WELLS has now about 16 men under contract, and from that number 12 will be selected to protect the flag for us, and numerous have been the guesses as to whom would constitute the team. Wells is very conservative about the matter and merely adds "I have no idea who will become regular fixtures on my team. The infield will, however, be doubtless filled by Pender, Berte, Elberfeld and myself, but even this is not certain, for I have signed several men that are first-class infielders that will have a try for the outfield, and if they can show that their form is faster than the above named then I will not allow sentiment to stand in the way of success, and no matter how great a favorite he may be his place will be filled should he prove the weaker man. I have perfect confidence in the ability of the men signed by myself and look for some good playing from them. The pitchers especially are all well seasoned timber, and if their salary arms have not deteriorated since my last acquaintance with them, then I am certain that portion of the team is in good hands. The catchers, Foster and Schabel, are old favorites and nothing that I can say would add to their already good record. The outfield aspirants are all good men, and I ought to be able to pick three good heavy hitters from such that will make me strong in that department. Hargrove is yet without the folds, but I do not expect to have any trouble with him. He is too clever a ball player to remain long from the game."

RISEING PITCHERS. Pitcher Malarkey, who has been here for the past month, has been working very industriously with the local boys, getting himself into condition and he looks fit now, and when the season does roll by he will be found in tip-top condition, and with that trusty arm he will make known his presence and he will not only be a welcome addition but a valuable one to the Syracuse team, for a more willing worker can hardly be found, and it is with regrets that we part with him, but he goes with the best wishes of all in this city. Kimble, who has just been signed by Washington on trial and who graduated from this League, while his work did not set this country wild, yet he impressed all that he was made up of the material that constituted a good pitcher and perhaps under the careful guidance of such perfect masters as Farrell and McGuire he may prove to be another McJames, but wherever he goes he takes with him the very best wishes of success of all Virginians.

AN "INVITE." As the season approaches I wish to extend an invitation to all of "Sporting Life's" Atlantic League correspondents that whenever you find yourselves in this little quaint old town you will only drop a line to the undersigned, who extends to all the grip of welcome and claims the honor of showing in a moderate way the meaning of Southern hospitality. I shall be pleased to hear from any at all times. I can be addressed "Richmond, Va." L. H. SIEGEL.

INKS' CHANCE.

Springfield Expects Much From the Favorite Pitcher.

Springfield, Mass., March 30.—"Editor Sporting Life":—"The last man to be corralled by Manager Thomas E. Burns, of the local team, is Burt Inks, the famous twirler of the Springfield team of '93, who last week signed a contract to play here the coming season. Inks, it will be remembered, was drafted at the close of the season of '93 by the Philadelphia team, but his debut wasn't a success, and he was released, and drifted from one team to another until he finally dropped entirely out of sight. Inks in his old days was a first-class twirler, and it was Manager Burns who made him such, and he (Burns) looks for a good record from his old favorite the coming season. If his old form returns again then the pennant is once more within our grasp. The boys will report for duty April 10, and already the cranks are eagerly looking forward to the opening of the League season the latter part of the month.

Dan Mahoney, the well-known catcher, who caught last year for the Winsted team of the Naugatuck Valley League, is open for an engagement. Dan is in good condition, and is too good a man to be out of a position long. He has several offers for next season, but as yet has not accepted any of them.

Mike Hickey, the ex-Brockton third baseman, will be a member of one of the strong New England League teams the coming season.

"Jack" Easton, the ex-Springfield and Rochester twirler, has had charge of the Hayne's Hotel billiard parlors during the winter, and has also found time for some practice and is in good condition for the coming season, and in search of an engagement. He would make a strong man for some club. HARRIS.

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SYRACUSE SAYINGS.

The Work of the Schedule Meeting Locally Satisfactory.

Syracuse, N. Y., March 30.—Editor "Sporting Life":—"From a glance at the schedule of games it would appear that the local team is pretty well cared for. Syracuse will have the Toronto team here on Labor Day and as this day is equal to, or, perhaps better, than July 4, Star Park will be thronged, sure. President Kuntzsch returned from the New York meeting well pleased with matters in general. Manager Hanlon has taken his Oriole tribe South without speaking his piece about the Jud Smith affair, so it is taken for granted that the big third baseman will play ball on the local team this season. It is difficult to see just where Mr. Hanlon has any claim anyway.

We are having a guessing match regarding Sunday games. None has been scheduled. Indications point to the most successful season in the history of the game. The local rooters' club is becoming impatient, and want Manager Buckenberger to hurry up and fix a date for an exhibition game at Star Park. As the team will open the championship season away from home this year the rooters want an opportunity of sizing up our Stars before the real fight is on. There will likely be two or three games arranged for the latter part of April directly after the close of the spring practice trip.

Matters are progressing favorably regarding the State League circuit. The meeting at Auburn, on the 30th promises to be all that is desired, and a six-club circuit will likely result. Several managers of reputation are desirous of placing teams in the several towns. Reports from the players of the Syracuse Club are encouraging to President Kuntzsch and Manager Buckenberger as the boys say they will be on hand ready for a strong pull from the send off. The Syracuse team has been ordered to report at Newark, N. J., on the 9th of April and that date is not far off. The preliminary trip will be a good one, and will give the owner and manager a chance to see to their satisfaction just where the team is weak if at all.

The following dates have been arranged for the practice trip: April 10, 11, 12, Newark; 13 at Philadelphia; 14, 15 at Baltimore; 16, 17 at New York; 18, Carsoy's team at Weehawken, N. J.; 19, 20 Cornell at Ithaca; 21 at Star Park, the home grounds; 22 Syracuse University at home; 23, 24 Rochester at Syracuse; 26 at Weedsport;

27, 28 Buffalo; 29, report at Scranton for opening championship game.

The local squad of pitchers are Whitehill, Willis, Mason, Malarkey and Delaney. Manager Buckenberger will likely carry four pitchers through the season. Several members of the local rooters' club will accompany the team on the practice trip and Superintendent Joe Michaels, of the Grand, will go along to help Manager Buckenberger handle the barrels of cash that are expected to come our way.

Several local players will go out to the professional ranks this year for the first time. There is some promising talent here.

There is very little dampness at Star Park. This time last year the grounds was under water. President Kuntzsch has decided to run a rink at the park next winter and put Manager Buckenberger in charge.

Phil Begy, the genial concoctor of soothing syrups at Engliert & Buckley's at Rochester, claims that Rochester takes the medal as the champion base ball "fan" town of the world. Phil asserts that any person who has a doubt regarding this claim can be convinced by a visit to 18 Mumford street at any time during business hours.

Syracuse University will be in the game this season. There are several promising players on the hill and coach Weidman will try and bring out a few.

The local amateur league promises well. There is considerable interest already manifested. Several of the teams are quite speedy, judging from last season's play. President Dornier will probably enforce the rule against "borrowing" players. This has been the drawback in previous local leagues. Pitcher Smith would be with the "Hustlers" to-day and the "Rustlers" to-morrow. G. WHIZ.

THRIFTY HANLON.

The Baltimore Manager Guarding Against the Rainy Day.

Baltimore, March 27.—Manager Hanlon to-day concluded a little real estate transaction where-by he becomes the owner of a \$7000 residence on Mount Royal avenue, in the most fashionable section of the city. He pays spot cash for it, and will move into it with his family. When Hanlon came to Baltimore he was worth about \$10,000. To-day he can show \$50,000 in gilt-edge securities, and is getting richer every day, and all this has been made out of base ball.

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HUB HAPPENINGS.

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Why John Clarkson Left the Profession Forever—What the Club Managers of the New England League Are Doing For Their Clubs, Etc.

Boston, April 1.—Editor "Sporting Life":—There need be no laughing up the sleeve at the clubs that have made the Southern pilgrimage. It is a case of sour grapes on the part of the teams who stayed behind to smile at the idea of the champions, the Bostonians and the Phillies being in the South. So far from the weather being bad it has been most satisfactory on the whole, and infinitely superior to what Northerners have got. At all events there has been no cessation of practice on account of cold weather, as has been the case at Lakewood. The Boston players, according to all accounts, are enjoying themselves greatly in Savannah. Only one does not find the climate to his liking, and that is Klobedanz. This may be due to the fact that he was ill just before he left for the South, added to the bracing sea voyage. What he needs most is rest. He does not want to exert himself in the least or he will be in bad shape when the season opens. Any player who has been ill must needs be most careful about the amount of exercise he takes at the start or he will be out of the game very quickly. What he needs is recuperation, not exercise. Two more exhibition games have been arranged, one at Greensboro, N. C., April 7, and the other at Newport News, April 8.

JOHN CLARKSON,

the one famous pitcher, greatly surprised his friends last week by walking in upon them. The hearers of his greeting showed him he was not forgotten by a great deal. He came on to visit his parents and family. He said that all the talk about his going back to base ball again was bosh. He said he made up his mind he was through with base ball when the Cleveland Club attempted to transfer him to Baltimore, and he was very severe upon the practice in base ball that allows a club to transfer a player without first consulting his wishes in the matter. When he was informed of the attempted deal he did not hesitate to give President Robison his opinion of such dealings and the magnate admitted that he would not allow anybody to handle his business as he had done in the case of the player. A cousin mentioned that a tobacco business could be secured in Bay City, Mich., and he shook base ball forever. He said he had been invited to assume the presidency of a base ball league in that section, but refused to do so. He said his brother Arthur was looking out for his interests during his stay in the East.

MANAGER W. W. BURNHAM,

with a "Sporting Life" sticking out of his pocket, ran across my path Saturday last. He is hustling to gather the best team in the New England League and was happy in securing second baseman Knox of the New Orleans team. He has also secured Schekard, who is styled by "Pat" Hollins, a second "H" Ladd. Burnham says that if he had not lost "Jim" Korvan he would consider his team equal to any. He has plenty of material from which to form a team and may find a plethora of riches. His team will report on April 15, and will probably play April 17 with the Boston University boys. Magood has signed to play third. John Irwin has been hustling to gather a strong team in Taunton. He has not been getting near the newspaper support that he has deserved in that city. The Taunton "Gazette" man says he wants to see what kind of a team Irwin will furnish before giving any encouragement. If that is not throwing a wringing wet blanket at the very start, I miss my mark. Everybody knows that it is no small job to build from the ground and get any kind of a start in one season and here is a city that wants a winner or it will be a case of "roast." By way of pleasant contrast Manager "Connie" Murphy, in New Bedford, has received splendid newspaper backing. Indifferent support is about as bad as indifference.

"THE IRREPRESSIBLE LATHAM"

Visited us last week. Arlie was not a little surprised that he did not receive a contract from Tom Loftus prior to March 1, and said he wished that Manager Loftus had given him to understand long ago that his services would not be wanted this year, so that he could have cast his eyes elsewhere. Arlie has been working faithfully in the North Shore Athletic Club gymnasium in Lynn, and is in the pink of condition. Arlie has been in fast company for fifteen years, and one would not think so to look at him. He says that his arm is in first-class condition, and he is sure to be in the game with any of them this season.

SPOKES FROM THE HUB.

Glad to hear that "Chad" is getting on his feet again. Coach, Smith, of Harvard, the editor of the "Victor Guide," will have extremely interesting chapters on coaching and the umpire in that work.

Wright & Ditson are to enlarge their store so as to make it one of the largest in the country.

Nick Wise, who hits around .300 year in and

year out, would like to secure a berth in some first-class club. He can be addressed, care of the Boston correspondent of the "Life," Boston "Herald."

Manager Larry McCarty, of the Park theatre in this city, is one of the fortunate possessors of a New York season pass. Though it would be far more handy did it entitle him to the privileges of the Boston grounds this year.

Charlie Flack, of the Lewistons and Augustas, is expressing. He has not yet located for next season.

Dean Academy, of Franklin, Mass., has a very clever and promising pitcher in young Willard Hazleton, who is the manager and captain of the team as well, and acquitted himself very creditably last season when his club won every game it played.

Umpire Tom Connolly is to officiate at the early games in Fall River, and then go to Newport for a few games before the season opens. He will make his headquarters at the Wilbur House, Fall River, during the season.

Pawtucket should be greatly strengthened by the return to its fold of the young left-hander, Todd, who was so effective in 1895.

Manager "Billy" Long, of the Augusta Club, had a tussle with the grip, and came home for a rest and recuperation before returning to Maine, to see what the people would do there to back his team. He said if \$1500 were not forthcoming he would not undertake the task.

New Englanders are closely watching the work of young Geler at short for Philadelphia. The reports of his work thus far received from the South have been most gratifying.

In a letter to a friend in this city umpire Thomas Lynch, of the League staff, says this will be his last year of umpiring, a decision that will be received with great regret everywhere.

South Boston is at last to have a ground. It has had a strong team for several seasons, but is now to have a ball ground with grand stand and bleachers. This state of things will be most pleasing to the many lovers of the game in that section.

J. C. MORSE,

SAVANNAH SAYINGS

About the Visiting Boston and Some Local Players.

Savannah, Ga., March 29.—Editor "Sporting Life":—On last Sunday evening the good ship Nacoochee came to town, and with her came the merry lads that represent Beantown. Yes, sir; the Bostonians are in our fair city by the sea, and let me remark right here that if there was ever an ideal place for training Savannah, Ga., is that place. The Nacoochee was safely moored alongside her dock at 3.15 P. M., Sunday, March 21st, and the Boston quickly deserted her and stepped into the bus that was awaiting them and were driven to the Pulaski House, their headquarters.

The weather up to midnight was all that could be asked for, when suddenly the stars became obscured and a violent rain set in, which lasted until Tuesday night. The Bostonians were obliged to keep indoors for two days, until the gods took mercy on them and gave the merry crew an ideal day for Wednesday.

Manager Selee then ordered his men out to C. L. A. Park, and their practice began in earnest. Twice a day, morning and afternoon, the men from the Hub gayly trotted out to the park to get in condition to fight the battle of their life. With regular practice for three days Manager Selee decided to have a practice game this afternoon, and such a game. The Savannahs, or under the more picturesque cognomen of "Yam-craws," decided to issue a challenge to the regulars, hence the game this afternoon. Charlie Ganzel was appointed captain for the delegation from "Yamcraw," his second in command being genial Jack Stiverts.

The Boston won by a score of 6 to 4. The men showed up in good trim and especially the pitchers. Nichols pitched the first three innings, Klobedanz the next three and Hipkins, a Savannah boy, the last two innings, the regulars only taking eight innings.

For the Bostonians Sullivan pitched the first four and Ed Lewis the remaining five. Captain Duffy ate up everything that came towards left garden, and had a total of six put-outs to his credit.

Stahl, the new man, drafted from Buffalo, showed himself to be made of the right stuff. He is a very fast fielder and a natural-born batsman. His two sensational fly catches simply set the bleachers wild. Stahl looks every inch a ball player and his looks are very far from deceiving. Manager Selee has certainly secured a "find" in this young man and with a fair show Stahl will prove fast enough for any company.

Collins appears to be in good trim, and when the season opens he will make Mugsy McGraw hustle to keep his laurels.

Herman Long cantered around between second and third bag like a fast mail train. Hully gee, that man is quick as greased lightning, and what an arm. Herman umpired an indoor ball game (yes, sir; we have indoor ball here, too) last Wednesday night, and gave entire satisfaction. Manager Selee and his men attended the game in a body, and all expressed themselves very much pleased with the game. It was the first game that a good many of the men had witnessed, and they are now dead in love with the fascinating little game. Bobby Lowe seems to be in fine fettle, as likewise does Bergen, Ganzel, Tucker, Tenney and the others.

Nichols will again be in the lead with the twirlers, and that man Klobedanz is a jewel. Sullivan and Lewis seem to be good ones, and Jack Stiverts—well, you know he is all right.

Billy Hamilton, the king of base runners, seems destined to hold the throne again, and it will take a steam engine to beat him. Yeager gives promise of being a first-class utility man.

As to Manager Frank Selee, well, Mr. Editor, he is certainly a manager right from the meaning of the word. A very clever fellow, and a perfect gentleman at that, is what Frank Selee is; popular with his players and well liked

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by all whom he comes in contact with. Is a very high recommendation of the man; everyone that is fortunate enough to meet him forms a favorable opinion at once. The Boston team is to be congratulated at having such a gentleman as Mr. Selee to look after their interests. The Phillies will probably be here this week for a series of three games. Of course the Savannah "fans" will "root" for the "Beaneaters."

Fred Tenney seems to be a good man, and even if Stahl plays right garden Tenney can take his turn behind the bat.

A few words now about our local men, and I have done. Harper, Brody, Murray and Hopkins, who played on the Yamcraws to-day, showed up in good trim. Hipkins covered himself with glory by putting the ball over the left field fence for a "home run."

Bob Harper played second bag in good trim, and let me remark right here that if any of the minor league managers are in need of a good, hard-hitting infielder they would do well by communicating with Harper.

Jim Ballantyne left here Friday for Columbus, Ga., to play on a semi-professional team. Ballantyne is a good ball player, and would fill in nicely in any of the minor leagues.

Frank Butler will report to Manager Tom Loftus, of the Columbus team, in the Western League, on April 1. Frank is in excellent condition, and tips the scale pretty near the 150-pound mark. His many friends here predict that he will eclipse his splendid showing last season by his phenomenal work this season.

Bill Goodenough has come to terms with Buffalo, and he will report in that city on April 7. Bill is in the best of condition, and "ye twirlers of the Eastern League look out."

DE JAY SEE.

BUFFALO BITS.

A Change of Heart as to Goodenough—Gossip of the Players.

Buffalo, March 30.—Editor "Sporting Life":—In my last letter I spoke of Goodenough having been recanted. At that time I knew that his papers had not been actually sent him, but I considered it only a question of a day or so when such action would be taken, and so unguardedly announced the release of him and Leeve and pronounced a eulogy on both players. Now, subsequently to their decision that "Goody" was not wanted, our magnates changed their minds, came to the conclusion that they did desire him after all, and sent him a contract which he has signed and returned. They remember his good work at times and think that he will show up in better form this year. Goodenough claims that the sun, which confronts all left fielders at Olympic Park, queered him last season and that, besides, he was not used to playing in left, having covered centre heretofore. He did great work in '95, that's sure and showed up well in last year's spring games.

The management intends to play him regularly in left, unless something unforeseen prevents, and thinks he will add greatly to the team's strength. He breaks up the Bison's outfield of Titian-tinted topknots.

ABOUT THE SCHEDULE.

The Bisons open at Springfield on April 29, play three games at each of the four Eastern cities, and three at Syracuse. Then on May 17 Dan Shannon's Danites come here to open the Olympic Park games. We get Toronto on Memorial and Independence Days, or rather on the days next following those days, Springfield on Labor Day, and a series of games during the G. A. R. encampment here in August. Dominion Day the boys will go to Toronto. The season closes September 23, a week later than last.

Jimmy Gannon has signed with Rochester. That makes five ex-Buffalo players on the team—Gannon, Herndon, Calohan, Shannon and Bottemus. If they keep it up they will have a good team yet, saying nothing about Frank Shannon, whom the Fleur City magnates seem to consider. In his single ability, the equal of a whole league of eight clubs with well-equipped staves of umpires and official scorers. Is that word "staves" all right?

Jim Daly will be with Scranton this year. To my Scranton accomplice let me say that I didn't mean any offence, but I read an article in some Scranton newspaper that gave us a first of race. Still, we hope that you folks have got a team that will do well. A league of eight strong clubs is better for everybody than a conglomeration of poor ones.

Buffalo will play exhibition games at Syracuse April 27 to 28. That will mean a night's travel to get to Springfield for the opening championship game next day. They'll be interesting games, though.

People talk of Buffalo's seven new players. The only new men who will play regularly, from

the start, are Grey and Sullivan, and, from what I know of them, I fully believe that the loss of Stahl and Ritchey will not be felt, by the first of June. Of the pitchers Bailey is expected to develop into one of the fastest south-paws of the season.

DIVERS AND SUNDRY.

The Bison boys will begin coming in about the 5th of April, and by the 10th all will be here.

Two ex-Spiders will play for Buffalo this year—Greminger and fielder Gray.

Urquhart is working hard in a local gymnasium, and proposes to be able to jump in and play the game as it should be played, when the season opens. Billy realizes that Smith's hold-off may result in practically throwing all the backstop work on him, and he intends to be in readiness. Urq is our old reliable, and we look for him to make up for Harry Smith's absence.

Paddy Cronin is also taking daily exercise. Cronin is a second baseman and shortstop, who played with the crack Depews last year, and he may receive a trial with the Buffalos. Little Willie Greminger is prone to show up in the heavy-weight class in the spring, and, as Sullivan is a good third baseman, it behooves the Bisons to have an extra shortstop on hand in case Grem. is too much inclined to embonpoint for good work at the season's beginning. Cronin and Kress will then be called on.

George Gray writes that he will be here this week, when the battery of Gray and Urquhart will resume business. "Chummy" won two thirds of his games last year, and that's because he had a Baltimore "Oriole" sweater. He's got the sweater yet for '97 use.

Manager Cornelius Magillheudy, who caught for the Buffalo Brotherhood team, has signed Kid Leewe for shortstop on his Milwaukee nine. Success to the kid. The Dancing Dutchman has many friends here.

C. F. HOLCOMB.

OPEN FOR ENGAGEMENTS.

The Beddow brothers, a battery, are at liberty, owing to the Southeastern League's collapse. Can furnish reference. Address Gift Beddow, 1300 North Eleventh street, Philadelphia, Pa.

First baseman Ed Fabst is at liberty. Address 3122 Sheridan avenue, St. Louis, Mo.

Third baseman Frank J. Shea can be engaged by addressing him at 33 School street, Nashua, N. H.

First baseman Ned Tate, the leading batsman of the Virginia League, is at liberty owing to the disbandment of the Southeastern League. Address Richmond, Va.

Andrew Porter, second baseman and short stop, of Western League and Western Association, is open for engagement. Address 224 West Grand avenue, Chippewa Falls, Wis.

Outfielder Billy York, of the disbanded New Orleans team, is at liberty. Address 640 Commercial place, New Orleans.

Infielder James E. Green, of last year's Milton, Central Pennsylvania League, Club, is, owing to disbandment of the Lynchburg, Va., Club, out of a position. Address 803 Covington street, Baltimore, Md.

Pitcher Minich, late of the Carlisle team, is open for engagement. Address J. D. Minich, Carlisle, Pa.

Third baseman Perry Verga, late of the Salem Club of New Jersey League, is open for engagement. Address 707 Locust street, Camden, N. J.

G. W. Mitchell, a pitcher and general player, would like to join an independent or semi-professional base ball club. Age 22, weight 152 pounds, height 5 feet 10 inches. Address 231 East Houston street, New York City.

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The New York youngsters have dubbed themselves the "Yannigans" and have elected big Bill Clark captain. Clark announced that he would enforce the strictest discipline and anyone who made an error would be fined cigars. He had only occasion to fine one man, and that himself. He presented himself with a cigar.



ATLANTIC AFFAIRS

ARE NOW IN SHAPE FOR THE SEASON OF 1897.

The League Has a Harmonious Session and Adopts an All-Round Satisfactory Championship Schedule—Details of the Meeting in New York.

The schedule meeting of the Atlantic League was held at the Fifth Avenue Hotel March 25, the following delegates being present: Newark, George Ellis; Hartford, D. Woods and Thomas Burns; Paterson, C. J. McKee and W. L. Dill; Philadelphia Athletics, William Sharsig; Reading, D. A. Long; Lancaster, F. Rinn; Richmond, W. D. Bradley and Jacob Wells; Norfolk, A. A. O'Neill and E. H. Broome. President E. G. Barrows acted as secretary.

Considerable time was devoted to changes in the constitution, the principal rule to be adopted being to the effect that no club in the League will be allowed to use "farmed" players except the Athletic Club of Philadelphia, and the latter's players must be restricted to those loaned by the National League club of that city. A rule was adopted placing a \$25 fine upon umpires who fail to appear on time for any assigned game. The "Souvenir Pass" was also abolished. The schedule drafted by President Barrows was adopted unanimously. The dates are:

Hartford at home—With Paterson, April 26, 27, 28, May 31, June 1, 17, 18, 19; Newark, April 29, 30, May 1, June 21, 22, 23, Aug. 5, 6, 7; Athletics, June 14, 15, 16, 17, July 8, 9, 10; Aug. 23, 24, Sept. 6, 7; Reading, May 13, 14, 15, June 28, 29, 30, July 26, 27, 28; Lancaster, May 17, 18, 19, July 1, 2, 3, Sept. 8, 9, 10, 11; Richmond, May 20, 21, 22, July 22, 23, 24, Aug. 19, 20, 21, Sept. 15, 16; Norfolk, May 24, 25, 26, July 19, 20, 21, Aug. 16, 17, 18, Sept. 13, 14.

Paterson at home—With Hartford, June 6, 20, July 4, 5, 6, Aug. 1, 2, 3, 4, 29; Newark, June 7, 8, 9, 14, 15, 16, Aug. 23, 24, 25, 26; Athletics, April 29, 30, May 1, June 3, 4, 5, Aug. 19, 20, 21, June 25, 26; Reading, May 2, 16, 17, 18, June 27, July 25, Aug. 15, Sept. 5, 6, 7; Lancaster, May 9, June 13, Aug. 5, 6, 7, 8, 30, 31, Sept. 1, 12; Richmond, May 23, 24, 25, 26, July 15, 17, 18, Aug. 22, Sept. 13, 14, 19; Norfolk, May 20, 21, 22, 30, July 11, 12, 13, 14, Sept. 9, 10, 11.

Newark at home—With Hartford, May 2, 30, June 3, 4, 5, 27, July 30, 31, Aug. 12, Sept. 19; Paterson, May 6, 7, 8, June 10, 11, 12, July 8, 9, 10, Aug. 27, 28; Athletics, April 26, 27, 28, June 17, 18, 19, July 5, 6; Reading, May 9, June 13, July 11, 12, 13, 14, Aug. 8, 29, 30, 31; Lancaster, May 20, 21, 22, June 3, 4, 5, Aug. 1, 2, 3, Sept. 5, 6, 7; Richmond, May 16, 17, 18, 19, June 6, 7, 19, 20, 21, 25, Sept. 17, 18; Norfolk, May 23, 28, 29, 31, June 1, July 15, 17, 18, Aug. 15, Sept. 12.

Athletics at home—With Hartford, May 9, 10, 11, 12, June 13, July 15, 16, 17, Aug. 8, Sept. 5; Paterson, June 24, July 19, 20, 21, Aug. 16, 17, 18, Sept. 15, 16, 17, 18; Newark, May 3, 4, 5, 24, 25, 26, July 26, 27, 28, Sept. 13 and 14; Reading, May 20, 21, 22, 23, June 20, July 4, 18, 29, 31, Aug. 1; Lancaster, May 2, 13, 14, 15, 30, June 21, 22, 23, 27, July 25, Aug. 20; Richmond, May 27, 28, 29, July 11, 12, 13, 14, Aug. 15, Sept. 11, 12; Norfolk, May 16, 17, 18, 19, June 6, July 22, 23, 24, Aug. 22, Sept. 19.

Reading at home—With Hartford, May 3, 4, 5, 27, 28, 29, Aug. 26, Sept. 18; Paterson, June 21, 22, 23, July 22, 23, 24, Aug. 9, 10, 11, Sept. 4, 4; Newark, June 24, 25, 26, Aug. 16, 17, 18, Sept. 8, 9, 10, 11; Athletics, May 6, 7, 8, 31, June 1, July 1, 3, Aug. 12, 14; Lancaster, May 10, 11, June 7, 8, 9, July 15, 16, 17, Sept. 13; Richmond, June 3, 4, 5, 14, 15, 16, Aug. 23, 24, 25, 25; Norfolk, June 17, 18, 19, Aug. 19, 20, 21, Sept. 15, 16, 17.

Lancaster at home—With Hartford, May 6, 7, 8, June 24, 25, 26, July 12, 13, 14, Sept. 17; Paterson, May 3, 4, 5, 27, 28, 29, Aug. 11, 13, 14, Sept. 2; Newark, July 22, 23, 24, Aug. 19, 20, 21, Sept. 3, 4, 4, 15, 16; Athletics, June 28, 29, 30, Aug. 9, 10, 11, 26, 27, 28; Reading, May 24, 25, 26, June 10, 11, 12, July 19, 20, 21, Sept. 14; Richmond, May 31, 31, June 1, 2, 17, 18, 19, Aug. 16, 17, 18; Norfolk, June 3, 4, 5, 14, 15, 16, Aug. 23, 24, 25, Sept. 18.

Richmond at home—With Hartford, June 7, 7, 8, 9, Aug. 9, 10, 11, 30, 31, Sept. 1, 1; Paterson, May 13, 14, 15, July 1, 2, 3, 29, 30, 31; Newark, May 10, 11, 12, June 28, 29, 30, Aug. 12, 13, 14; Athletics, June 10, 11, 12, Aug. 2, 3, 4, Sept. 2, 3, 3, 4; Reading, April 29, 30, May 1, July 8, 9, 10, Aug. 3, 6, 7; Lancaster, April 26, 27, 28, July 5, 6, 7, 26, 27, 28; Norfolk, May 6, 7, 8, June 24, 25, 26, Aug. 26, 27, 28, Sept. 20.

Norfolk at home—With Hartford, June 10, 11, 12, Aug. 12, 13, 14, Sept. 2, 3, 4; Paterson, May 10, 11, 12, June 28, 29, 30, July 26, 27, 28; Newark, May 13, 14, 15, July 1, 2, 3, Aug. 9, 10, 11; Athletics, June 7, 8, 9, Aug. 5, 6, 7, 30, 31, Sept. 1, 1; Reading, April 26, 27, 28, July 5, 6, 7, Aug. 2, 3, 4; Lancaster, April 29, 30, May 1, July 8, 9, 10, 20, 30, 30, 31; Richmond, May 3, 4, 5, June 21, 22, 23, Sept. 6, 6, 7, 8.

President Barrows announced the umpire staff as follows: Charles Snyder, Charles Jones, Edward Cline and Thomas McNamara. The Spalding ball was adopted as the League's official ball. The date for the annual meeting was fixed for Philadelphia, November 23, after which the meeting adjourned sine die.

A Sort of Fitzsimmons.

Ten years ago Jim McGuire was the receiver general for the Phillies, and at the late League meeting John I. Rogers brought up Jim's name

to illustrate the uncertainties of base ball. "McGuire," said Colonel John, "was our backstop in '86, and who would have thought at that time that Jim's services would be in greater demand than any catcher in the League ten years later?" Verily, Jim McGuire is the Fitzsimmons of the diamond.

NORFOLK NOTES.

Claude McFarland Signed and Kelly Released.

Norfolk, Va., March 23.—Editor "Sporting Life":—Manager Smith is expected in town almost daily now, and when he arrives he will outline his plans for the conduct of the home team. He will accompany Managers Brown and Norfolk, Va., March 29.—Editor "Sporting Life":—Claude McFarland returned his contract last week, so the cranks are sure now of his valuable services this year. "Mac's" signing necessitated the releasing of George ("King") Kelly, as he was not needed; not that he is isn't all right, but the team cannot afford to carry too many men, having 16 on the roll at the present time. Kelly will probably sign with Syracuse. George Shaffer is taking his little exercise at the park daily in fielding, hitting, etc. Hargrove and "Red" Armstrong "mix it up" with him at the yard almost daily. Shaffer was one of the few ball players to pick the lanky Cornishman to win the big fight. Shaffer thinks the loss of the fight by Corbett will have a detrimental effect on "Brother Joe," as he was so much attached, Shaffer says, to Jim, that the slurring remarks which will naturally be flung at him will have a stinging effect upon him, and will disconcert Joe in his work.

Mr. Broome distributed the annual "comps." around last week. They are a little bungle some to carry in the vest pocket, but otherwise are gotten up very nicely. The reading on the card, which says: "The press stand reserved exclusively for working members of the press," was a most thoughtful and wise move, and one that, I am sure, will be heartily appreciated by the "moulders of public opinion," as before outsiders have been admitted into the stand, and interfered no little with the newsgatherers in keeping tab on the game. Your correspondent returns thanks for one of the cards.

Mr. Broome will have quarters downtown this season, which will be sort of an "information bureau," as it were, where the newspaper boys and others news hunting, can find out what they wish regarding the game, and Fred Chisnell will dispense his carbon copies of the official tabulated score.

The Norfolk press intend giving much space in their columns this season to base ball. One afternoon paper will issue a base ball extra. The game here will be boomed in great shape.

We are to have an up-to-date score card at last. The one this year will be very pretty and convenient. The cover is to be illuminated.

Secretary Broome has arranged a number of exhibition games preparatory to the regular season, as follows: April 5, McCabe's University Club, of Richmond; April 6, Maryland University Club; April 7, Catholic University Club, of Washington, D. C.; April 8, Philadelphia National League Club; April 9, Boston National League Club; April 10, Baltimore National League Club.

The home team will accompany the Orioles to Baltimore, where the first game of the season there will be played. Two games will be played in Baltimore, April 12 and 13. Returning home, Smith's men tackle the Brooklyn National League team on April 14 and 15, the Johns Hopkins University Club, of Baltimore, on the 17th and the Richmond College team on the 24th. Dates may also be arranged with the Pittsburgs, Newport News and other teams, as Secretary Broome is in correspondence with them for exhibition games.

The opening of the regular season in Norfolk this year will be made a gala one. The Old Point Band (one of the swell bands in the country) will lead a parade of many hacks, containing the players, attaches of the game and scribes. The players will appear in their new and beautiful "costumes," and I can hear the girls' hearts going "bumpy-bump" now, admiring the boys, who will battle for name and fame for old Norfolk in '97. Our handsome City Executive, Mayor Mayo, has consented to toss the first ball over the plate, that will start the battle of the balls and bats. It will be a most auspicious occasion.

The Norfolk manager, Mr. W. A. Smith, paid your correspondent a pleasant call this week on his arrival from Knoxville. He looks well, and says he sees nothing but bright prospects for his team and the Atlantic League. He left Thursday for Washington. Shaffer will wait here a few days for Dan Leahy to come through, and they, together with Jack Wentz, will then embark Washingtonward.

Claude McFarland writes that he is getting in fine condition with the Louisvilles at Baden Springs, where he will stop some days.

Of the five local papers the "Pilot" seems to have jumped into the lead with spicy ball news, and announces that a special page will be devoted daily to the national sport. Its base ball editor scissors a good deal from "Sporting Life" and always gives credit.

The Norfolk team will make the Hotel Lawrence their headquarters during their week's stay in Washington. THOS. W. SPAIN.

DUBUQUE DOINGS.

The Club Now Ready For the Bell to Ring.

Dubuque, March 27.—Editor "Sporting Life":—Everybody is now awaiting the opening of the season. The "fans" have begun to gather, and discuss the different teams from the majors down to the minors. All the players have been ordered to report between now and April 1.

Mart McQuade will arrive to-day, when he and Cantillon, in company with some of the local ninerods, will go duck hunting for a few days.

The following exhibition games have been arranged: April 4, local team; April 10 and 11, Madison, Wis., University; April 17 and 18, Cedar Rapids; April 19, 20, 21, Minneapolis. On the 25th, 26th, 27th the local team plays at Cedar Rapids. Then they go to Burlington to open the season.

The remains of Howard Robison, late treasurer of the Cleveland Ball Club, were interred here last week.

Manager Cantillon has decided to have Sullivan play third base and Sharpe short stop until a regular third baseman has been secured. J. LIPPMAN.

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ROCHESTER RIPPLES.

The Club Satisfied With Its Schedule Assignment.

Rochester, N. Y., March 23.—Editor "Sporting Life":—The Rochester delegates are well pleased with the championship dates which were assigned to Rochester. The club opens up the season at Wilkesbarre. The Stars will play here on Decoration Day afternoon, and the Rochesterers at Syracuse in the morning. On July 4 the Stars will be at Riverside Park in the morning, and the Rochesterers play in Syracuse in the afternoon. The Scrantons will be the attraction on Labor Day.

There is a possibility that Gannon, who was pitcher for Buffalo last season, will be a member of the home team this year. He has accepted the terms of the "Big Three."

Frarey, the Western catcher, has written the management that he is getting into good condition, and hopes to be able to give satisfaction. He will be the mainstay behind the bat.

Will Callihan has signed a contract and will report in good shape, and endeavor to lead the pitchers of the club in efficient work.

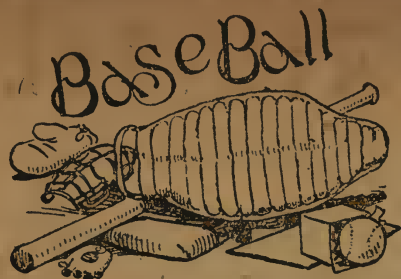
Tom Dowse will be with Savannah, Ga., this season, and Sammy Moran will be a member of the Columbus, O., Club.

"Billy" Scanlan is now a policeman in this city, and will make a good man behind the bat for the police nine.

The local club has a number of exhibition games arranged with clubs in nearby towns. They will play at Ithaca with the Colonels.

Judge Nash has ordered the present Grand Jury to investigate the charges made last fall against several of the Rochester players for playing ball on Sunday. The test game was the last game of the season against the Syracuse Stars.

Young Frank Shannon, who two years ago was considered the star short stop of the Eastern League, and had every right to the title, has been secured by Rochester and will fill the hole left vacant when Ollie Beard was transferred to Boston. W. T. A.



CINCINNATI CHIPS.

SPECULATING AS TO WHAT'S IN THE WIND.

A Cincinnati-Cleveland-Indianapolis Swap Suggested as a Possible Solution of the Present Puzzle—Good Reports About the Local Team.

Cincinnati, O., March 30.—Editor "Sporting Life":—If there is a real sanctimonious member on your staff, for the love of heaven wire him to pray that this suspense may cease. Request President Young to set the date of the opening a couple of weeks ahead, or do anything that we may know just where we are at. Ever since Cincinnati made that spurt last season, and were only knocked out by a heart-blow in the fourteenth, the cranks have been wondering "what next?" until to-day there are a number of the crankiest cranks who are prematurely gray from trying to keep up with the newspaper reports.

WHAT'S UP?
There is something in the wind, and that's no opium shadow. When three mags like Brush, Robison and Hart, with a brother Robison thrown in, meet by appointment in a frigid city like Chicago, talk base ball for a day, then take a sleeping car en suite, travel a couple of hundred miles by night, and again resume their confabs, there is something besides discussion of the weather brewing. Brush is not the man who travels about the country and talks pretty just for the sake of exercise. And it is safe to presume that the same may be said of the other three.

A POSSIBLE SITUATION
Now, I don't pretend to know a thing about what is in the wind, but I'll bet it is not just what the papers are talking. President Brush would not give up Cincinnati to Robison, even for the privilege of taking the present Cincinnati team to Indianapolis. The dividend here is too great to be made a gift. But Brush wants a pennant winner in Cincinnati; that's patent. Robison sees the antagonism to his playing Sunday ball in Cleveland, and no one can blame him for wanting to get out of a city that gives a team like his such miserable support. Chicago wants to strengthen its team considerably. In short there are three magnets who want to see the West strong enough to keep the pennant from going Eastward again.

HOW A SWAP WOULD LOOK.
Now, how is this for a guess by some one who does not know anything of what the mags are driving at? Suppose a trade was made and the consent of the League granted for a transfer of the Cleveland franchise to Indianapolis, and the Hoosier club to Cleveland. What would then prevent Brush, Robison and Hart from swapping players a little bit? President Brush knows how well a pennant winning team would pay in Cincinnati, and might be willing to put in a good bit of cash to get one. Now, how would teams like this look?

Breitenstein, Young, Cuppy, Dwyer and Rhines, pitchers; Zimmer and Peltz, catchers; Tebenn, McPhee, McKean and Irwin, infield; Miller, Hoy Burke and Burkett, outfield for Cincinnati.
Wilson, Wallace, Elbert, Dammann, pitchers; Vaughn, Schriver, catchers; Ewing, Childs, Ritchie and McGarr infield; Blake, McAleer, Holliday and Sokolakis, outfielders for Indianapolis.

O'Connor would be a strong man for Chicago behind the bat, and just the man they are looking for.

This may not be the right deal at all, but it can be set down as about right that neither the Cleveland team nor Cincinnati Reds will be transferred in their entirety from their present resting spots, the latter going to Indianapolis, not in a thousand years. For the sake of placing a pennant winning team in Cincinnati President Brush might consent to make almost any kind of deal, but he will not abandon the Queen City as long as it is paying what it does now.

In the meantime, it does not cost anything to guess, and the cranks can have all the fun out of it they wish at little or no expense.

THE TEAM
will be home next Sunday. I ought to have said that they will arrive on Friday, but the public will not have an opportunity of seeing them until the day first mentioned. The opening game of the season on the home grounds will be played then, when two nines made up from members of the team will cross bats under the moth-eaten names of "Yets" and "Kids." The team has not done well financially in the South, and Manager Bancroft hopes to get a wad of green from this game without cost to the management.

IN GOOD FORM.
Until the boys are seen in practice we have only the newspaper reports to judge of their condition. Harry Weldon is back from the Southland, however, and he is enthusiastic over the form shown by the players. He claims the boys are ahead of their speed of this time last season, and every one knows how fit and well they were then. From all reports the Cincinnati team will be faster in fielding and base running than they were last year, and that is saying a good deal. The team has been materially strengthened in the battery positions, although perhaps weakened a bit at short, and from the start they ought to make things hum for the other fellows.

THE NEW MEN.
Particularly pleasing is the reports from the two new men, Breitenstein and Schriver. The former has all of his old-time speed and control, and now that he is with congenial company he is working like a good fellow to do well.

Bill Schriver is said to be doing wonderful work at backstopping, and his throwing is second in

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much to the liking of Manager Ewing, who knows a catcher when he sees one. The acquisition will give Back a chance to put Harry Vaughn on first base, and still have plenty of reserve behind the bat.

Of Ritchie nothing can be said until he is tried in fast company. He handles himself like a ball player, or reports are false, and it is said that Ewing thinks him exceedingly clever for a new man in League company. In practice and exhibition games his fielding has been good, and his batting up to standard. As a base runner he is the fastest man on the team save Hoy. If Corcoran does not come to time Ritchie looks like a fixture at short. At any event Ewing thinks so well of him that he will be kept as a utility man if Corcoran does put in his appearance.

Dammann is proving himself a very fast man on bases and is holding his position in the box with all the cleverness of Frank Dwyer. According to my friend, Weldon, Dammann is a corner.

MINOR MENTION.
Mike Kahoe came back from the South on Thursday and will join the Indianapolis team as soon as weather gets a bit warmer.

The boys will have a special car over the L. & N. for their return home.

Jack Sheridan has been engaged to umpire all the games which will be played prior to the opening of the season.

"Shapper" Kennedy, who a year ago was a prominent candidate for the Reds' outfield, played with an amateur team on Taylor's Bottoms yesterday.

Ken Mulford, the genial sporting editor of the "Post," missed the trip to New Orleans. He reported the big scrap at Carson City for the Scripps-Melita League. F. E. GOODWIN.

THE HUTCHINSON CASE.

The Minneapolis Club Will Get Another Hearing.

Minneapolis, March 30.—Editor "Sporting Life":—President Goodnow, of the local club, states that the Hutchinson case has been reopened by the National Board and that there will be a hearing on April 12. The contention of the Minneapolis Club is that Wilmot had full power to do as he pleased with the players. He signed Hutchinson without a reserve clause in his contract, conditional upon Hutchinson's ability to secure a release from Mr. Hart, of Chicago. Mr. Hart released him and he was the sole property of the Minneapolis Club and he was not reserved by Minneapolis, no league having a claim upon him. Then Minneapolis had a talk with him and after the expiration of the drafting season he was again signed at \$380 a month, the highest salary of any pitcher in the League. St. Louis stepped in and claimed him under the draft and Minneapolis says that club had no right to do so, as Hutchinson was not the property of the Minneapolis Club at the time the draft was in effect. He will practice with the Millers at Hot Springs and Mr. Hayne says that there is no doubt of the club winning the case before the Board.

President Goodnow further says there is positively no truth in the story sent out from Chicago of a split between the Western League and the National League.

NICK YOUNG'S VIEW.

Washington, D. C., March 31.—President Young, of the National League, in speaking of the case of pitcher Hutchinson: "Mr. Goodnow is perfectly familiar with the grounds on which the National League decided that Hutchinson should play in St. Louis during the coming season. He has, however, applied for a rehearing of the case and this application will undoubtedly be granted by the National Board of Arbitration which meets on the 12th of April in New York. This Board will take up all matters of dispute between the various League clubs, between National League and other league clubs, and decide them finally. The meeting will be held in ample time for all players over whom there is any dispute to begin playing with the clubs to which they may be ordered to go at the opening of the regular base ball season. The decision in the Hutchinson case was in accordance with the law and the facts presented, the law in this case being the National Agreement. Further than this I do not care to make any statement for the reason that I am a member of the Board of Arbitration which will pass on the case and I would be violating all the proprieties in making any statement in advance of the Board's decision. As far as Hutchinson's not playing with St. Louis is concerned, should the Board decide that that club is entitled to his services, such action is also covered by base ball law, otherwise the National Agreement."

WECKBECKER'S WAY.

He Has Already Made up a Team For Denison.

Denison, Tex., March 27.—Editor "Sporting Life":—At a recent meeting of the directors of the Denison Base Ball Club Mr. Pete Weckbecker was chosen manager for the coming season. Mr. Weckbecker is a good ball player, and is thoroughly competent to fill the duties of manager, and is the right man in the right place.

He has signed the following team: Bistrow, Quigg and McGinnis, pitchers; Kenner, first base; Childs, second base; Bannert, short stop; Davis, third base; Page, left field; Cooley, centre field; Alexander, right field and change catcher; Weckbecker, catcher. His team will report here March 27.

Mr. Weckbecker has been very careful in selecting his team, and has secured one of the fastest teams in the Texas League.

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Some Interesting Statistics of the 1896 Campaign Compiled by Father Chadwick.

Brooklyn, March 30.—Editor "Sporting Life":—Sitting in my armchair, with the bright sunshine of spring aiding me to recuperate strength after my lengthy illness, I took up my proof copy of the "League Guide" for 1897, and glancing over Mr. Young's official statistics I took pen in hand and made up the appended table, showing the pitching, batting, fielding and base running records of the leading pitcher of each of the twelve League clubs during the season of 1896. The table is necessarily incomplete in several particulars, inasmuch as the official figures did not give the total battery errors, nor the runs earned off the pitching solely by base hits. Nevertheless, my table as made up, presents a tolerably good idea of the relative strength in the box, as also in pitching and batting, of the twelve pitchers who each led their respective clubs. I give the names of the pitchers in the order of their standing in percentage of victories pitched in. Here is the table in question.

THE LEADING PITCHER OF EACH CLUB IN 1896.

Pitchers and Clubs	Games pitched.	Per cent. of victories.	Struck-out.	Base bases.	Runs scored.	Stolen bases.	Sacrifice hits.	Batting aver.	Fielding aver.
Hoffer, Balt.	32.2	94	99	23	361	878			
Dwyer, Cincin.	35.7	88	69	17	233	891			
Meekin, N. Y.	40	87	107	12	37	23	284	773	
Nichols, Boston	45	86	95	93	22	2	189	972	
Young, Cleve.	47	84	137	64	33	12	304	860	
Killen, Pittsburg	48	83	132	107	27	0	325	898	
Orth, Philadel.	52	83	21	45	12	0	238	902	
Griffith, Chicago	56	82	62	22	12	0	236	891	
Mercer, Wash'n	62	61	96	108	19	11	252	834	
Daub, Brooklyn	67	48	60	9	10	220	851		
Breistein, St. L.	125	106	110	21	7	268	946		
Hill, Louisville	136	180	157	11	14	203	856		

It will be seen that Hoffer leads in highest percentage of victories; also in stealing the most bases; Young in striking out the largest number of opposing batsmen, and also in scoring the most runs, and Nichols in making the most sacrifice hits. In batting averages Young takes the lead, with Hoffer second and Meekin third. In fielding averages Nichols has the "best on record" for a pitcher, viz: .972. Breitenstein being second, and Orth third in this respect. In regard to bases given on balls, showing command of the ball in delivery, Orth takes the lead, while Hill has the poorest record, viz: 157 bases on balls in 36 games, a record showing very little command of the ball. While Nichols led in fielding, he had the poorest batting record. Meekin showing the smallest fielding average of the twelve pitchers. Taking the figures as a whole it will be seen that Hoffer's record is the best all round, Young being second and Dwyer third.

HENRY CHADWICK.

EVANSVILLE'S TEAM

The First Central League Club to be Made up.

Evansville, Ind., March 30.—Editor "Sporting Life":—The Central League has passed over embarrasments that ordinarily confront an organization of a new base ball league, as well as all those difficulties that were peculiar to this particular circuit. The success of the Central League is a great victory for President Simons and his assistants in the different cities.

The Evansville Club has been selected with the exception of the batteries. The men selected and signed are as follows: Mike Ryan, first base; Jack Corbett, second base; Rob. Langford, third base; Louis Burquin, short stop; Sam Diestel, right field and catcher; Joe Share, left field and catcher; Frank Jeffries, centre field.

The local management, of which Marx Gumberts is president, is now looking for two good batteries. The local team will be managed by Mr. Joe Dannerell, the popular young box office man at the Grand Opera House. As soon as the club has been signed it will be turned over to him to take care of for the season. The club will be on a solid basis and there is no doubt as with former clubs as to whether the season will be played out. The club will be put on a paying basis. Joe Dannerell had much experience in 1895. He is popular with everybody and will push for the success of the game in this city.

The local team has been ordered to report for training on April 1. It is thought there will be exhibition games arranged with some of the League teams, and a number of towns like Quincy and Springfield have written for exhibition games. The team will not leave Evansville during the practice season. Some improvements have been made at League Park, the diamond will be leveled, fences repaired and the grand stand receive attention. The carpenter will be put to



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work immediately, a coat of paint will be put on and this will make the park as good as in any city in the League.

The championship season will open about May 1. The schedule has not yet been settled upon and he one knows what the committee will do.

President Simons has completed his list of umpires with Joe Schnepf, of Evansville, chief of the staff; Ned Zinkens, of Washington, and Mr. Nelson, of Terre Haute. The selection of Mr. Schnepf as chief of the staff of umpires of the Central League was in response to the general desire of base ball men in every city in the League. He is known for his aptitude as an umpire in all of these cities.

Hub Knoll, who has suffered much this last winter with his eyes, the effects of a gun shot wound, claims to have fully recovered and will participate in the spring practice before the opening of the League season. Knoll was one of the jewels of the Detroit team last year, and his Evansville friends trust sincerely that he will be able to play his usual strong game again.

Stallman, who has signed to play with Grand Rapids team, has every confidence in himself, and has no doubt but that he will be able to come up to all expectations. He has done much practicing lately, and if he falls short of his mark it will not be his fault.

O. A. G.

THE CRICKETS CHIRP.

An Excellent Record in Base Ball—Hamrahan on Deck Again, Etc.

Binghamton, N. Y., March 29.—Editor "Sporting Life":—It is more than 20 years since Binghamton took a hand at professional base ball, but during that time it has passed through several inactive periods of varying length. Specifically, Binghamton enjoyed professional base ball, pure and unadulterated, in 1876, '77, '81, '85, '86, '87, '88, '92, '93, '94 and '95 about half of the time that has elapsed since it first stepped into the professional arena. The Binghamton Athletic Association now supplies all the sport of the character the local public gets, and while it is a good thing in its way, it is rather lukewarm for palates that have been accustomed to hot stuff.

Speaking about the Binghamton Athletic Association, a prominent factor in the development of its base ball feature last year was William Hamrahan, the well-known short stop. "Red," as he is known among the boys, had the bad luck to injure his throwing arm while playing with the Portland Club, of the New England League, and he was compelled for a time to give up playing altogether. But he managed and coached the B. A. A. team last year, and was an active and serviceable infield figure in every game. "Red" has entirely recovered from the injury to his arm, and he can now line 'em across the diamond to beat the cars. Any major League manager in need of a capable short stop would be consulting his own interest by dropping a line to William Hamrahan, 17 Liberty street, this city.



CREAHAN'S CHAT.

THE RESULT OF THE LOCAL AMATEUR TOURNAMENT.

The Outcome of the Wrestle at Fourteen-Inch Balk Line Not Satisfying Despite Great Interest in the Struggle.

While the seven players engaged in the billiard tournament now being played at the Union Temple, do not as a rule represent the strongest amateur players of this city, yet it is a question if any one not entirely familiar with the ability of most of our local amateur experts could name or enumerate a like number of better ones at the cue. Indeed, born as we practically were in the business here, we do not hesitate to say that the experts now engaged in this tournament are a very fair sample of the leading amateurs of this city, with perhaps a very few exceptions, or in rare or isolated cases. There are many, indeed very many, fine and brilliant amateur experts in this city at the regular three-ball game, men who frequently can run or dash off from 25 to 75 points at that game, and in the case of an expert who can nurse like J. B. Soule 100 or more is the rule and not the exception; but amateur experts when they come to playing public billiards greatly represent politicians and get "a bee in their bonnet."

All politicians, from their election to the office of alderman, have a vision of some time being President of the United States, providing they are native born. So it seems to be with amateur experts at billiards. The moment a billiard tournament is suggested or hinted at, that moment they must emulate the great masters of the game by playing only such games as are possible to a Schaefer, Ives or Slosson! The experts in this tournament are not the only offenders in this respect. They are in fact but emulating the example which has been the rule and not the exception for years past in this city, forgetting as they do that they not only do not play as well as the amateurs of New York or Chicago, but that the result or score of their playing will be carefully watched and compared by not only the amateurs but professionals of those cities.

It is no indignity not to be even a great amateur billiard player. But to us it seems grotesquely grotesque to play at a game and achieve practically nothing, when these very same experts might delight if not charm their spectators at the regular three-ball game by making runs of from 25 to 50, and probably even more. It is true that in one instance a run of 28 has been made in this tournament up to the present writing—the fourth day—but the highest average in that time has been but a fraction over 2.

Amateur billiard tournaments should certainly be encouraged, but it is a question in our mind now, and always has been, if the proper way to encourage these tournaments is to approve of a game which is really difficult for the second-class professional experts of this country. As a matter of fact it is greatly to be questioned if there are any six or seven amateur players in this city who have any right to attempt balk-line billiards but the regular three-ball game. What is true of this tournament is quite applicable to probably 75 per cent. of the men who play the regular three-ball game in public rooms. These men as a rule cannot average one in a game of 34 points; and yet they must or do follow the example of the leading amateurs by attempting to play at a game which is really or practically difficult even for the amateur players. The four-ball game is rarely if ever seen in any of our public rooms; and yet it possesses latent beauties and fascinations which some great amateurs cannot only admire, but at one period in the history of billiards in this country it was the only game indulged in even by the greatest masters of American billiards.

The Union League for very much more than a quarter of a century past has been the great resort of this city for amateur billiard tournaments and contests. Many of its older and most experienced members, however, have either died or retired from the active cares of tournaments. At best such positions are but thankless. At the same time this club can well afford to be independent and take a step backward by giving amateurs an opportunity of playing a game which they really understand. The fifth contest or game was between W. J. Duhring and J. J. Hovey. Mr. Duhring is generally conceded to be the only expert in this tournament who practically knows anything about 14-inch balk-line billiards. As an amateur expert in local billiard tournaments he has had very much experience, and is generally regarded as one of the leading experts among amateurs in this city. Mr. Duhring is a natural player, with a good stroke, and as a nerve player he ranks very high among amateurs. Yet, during the first ten innings he made but three points. This, of course, is no criterion of his merit as an expert, for later on he made 92 points in seven innings, or runs of 10, 11, 12, 23 and 25, which shows very bad and very good playing in one game, for in 73 innings he missed or failed to count 28 times, while his average was less than 3. Mr. Hovey played a fine game for his speed, and deserves to have won the game. Mr. Duhring, it is true, did not play up to the strength of his regular game, but he is entirely of the opinion that the local amateurs of this city,

including himself, should let 14-inch balk-line alone. The score was 200 to 190.

The sixth game was between F. Hovey and W. P. Ruch. The score was 200 to 173 for Mr. Ruch. The best runs were 10, 10, 10, 12, 15 and 25 for Hovey, and 10 and 15 for Mr. Ruch.

The seventh game was between Messrs. Halliwell and Wright, and was one of the poorest of the entire series so far. Mr. Halliwell, who won, missed or failed to count 34 times in 107 innings, while Mr. Wright, who lost, did not count 44 times in 106 innings. The average of the winner was a fraction over one. We really fail to see why these men should not go back to the four-ball game, with the Irish shot included. Such grotesque billiards at the Union League is enough to make the "gods weep."

W. J. Duhring played some very good billiards in his contest with Mr. Wright. There were, of course, more interesting games, but not such a fine display of playing as was made by Mr. Duhring, whose best runs were 10, 11, 13, 15, 18 and 24. Average, 3 1/4.

Probably the most interesting game of the tournament up to the present writing was that between the Hovey Brothers. At an early period the elder brother, Fred, was some 60 points in the lead. The youngster, however, not only caught up with him, but made the contest so exciting and full of interest as to practically suggest Pittsburgh billiards. The youngster won by a score of 200 to 198. The average was nearly 3. Best runs, 10, 10, 11, 12 and 16.

The tenth game of the series was between Duhring and Bougher. Mr. Duhring's game is certainly strong enough to discount Mr. Bougher's. The latter's slow, careful and deliberate style of playing, however, not only "rattles the boys," but frequently results in a victory for Mr. Bougher, owing to the fact that many players would prefer losing a game rather than have to convert themselves into a sort of modern Phineas Fogg. Mr. Duhring did not lose, but his average of about 2 was the next thing to it. It is very fortunate that this tournament has been given during the Lenten season; as the penance of having to refer to it has been about the most severe that we have experienced in a journalistic career of at least a quarter of a century. The score was 200 to 156.

The eleventh game was between W. C. Ruch and F. F. Halliwell. Although the playing was unusually poor, even for this tournament, the closeness made it interesting. The score was 200 for Ruch to 189 for Halliwell. The average was but a fraction over 1.

J. J. Hovey and T. B. Wright played the 12th game, when the former played some good billiards, making runs of 12, 12, 13, 13 and 20. The score was 200 to 168 for Mr. Wright, whose best run was 12.

We publish the score of the 13th and 14th games, with the result of the tournament up to the night of the 27th ult.

F. S. Hovey—0 0 60 2 5 0 1 0 0 0 3 1 3 0
1 4 2 1 1 5 0 0 0 1 0 0 7 0 3 6 1 3 5 0 5 0 13
1 4 1 0 0 0 1 1 0 4 2 5 2 3 2 2 1 1 1 1 0 0 0
0 0 0 0 1 7 0 4 1 0 1 3 0 1 3 0 0 2 2 1 3 1 1
0 2 0 0 2 3 1 1 0 2 6 7 1 5 0 6 8 3 5 0 1—200.
Highest run, 13; average, 1 23/27.

J. K. Bougher—0 3 0 0 1 0 8 0 12 0 0 6 4 4 0
0 0 0 1 1 5 1 2 0 0 4 0 3 0 3 0 8 1 0 3 0 8 2
0 1 0 4 2 2 0 0 6 0 6 0 0 0 4 0 0 3 2 0 0 0 3 0
0 1 0 3 0 7 0 0 0 4 6 8 0 1 2 7 0 4 0 5 1 0 3 0
0 0 0 2 2 7 1 0 4 0 0 2 3 0 7 1 0 0—194. Highest run, 12; average, 1 43/108.

F. F. Halliwell—0 7 3 0 0 1 0 0 3 2 9 2 4 0 3
3 0 6 1 5 0 0 2 0 0 7 0 0 2 0 2 0 0 2 1 3 0
0 0 0 1 2 3 4 4 0 2 7 0 2 1 4 1 1 0 0 0 0 0 4
0 0 1 1 5 2 4 2 3 0 7—200. Highest run, 20; average, 2 8/41.

J. J. Hovey—0 0 0 0 6 2 3 0 0 0 0 1 1 0 5 6
9 0 3 0 0 0 1 0 0 0 1 0 1 3 7 2 1 2 1 0 8 6
1 1 3 3 1 0 1 3 0 2 5 0 4 5 3 1 2 3 7 1 0 6 0 0
0 1 1 0 1 3 2 0 0 7 1 0 0 2 1 1 0 0 0 0 0 6 0
4 1 5 1 1—182. Highest run, 13; average, 2.

E. L. Kennedy—5 9 7 9 8 12 11 14 6 4 13 6 13
8—125. Scratches, 3.

W. C. Ruch—5 7 5 5 2 4 1 9 10 1 8 2 2—69.
Scratches, 8.

T. R. Reaney—7 11 13 15 8 15 9 12 10 9 6 8
3—125. Scratches, 1.

J. D. C. Henderson—8 4 2 0 7 0 6 3 5 6 9 7 0
—52. Scratches, 5.

Name and Club. Won. Lost.

W. J. Duhring, Germantown..... 3 1

W. C. Ruch, Pen and Pencil..... 3 1

F. F. Halliwell, Merion..... 3 2

F. S. Hovey, Union League..... 3 2

T. B. Wright, Manufacturers..... 2 3

J. J. Hovey, Houston..... 2 4

J. K. Bougher, Columbia..... 1 4

JOHN CREAHAN.

CHICAGO LETTER.

Another Tournament Between the Short Stop Cracks Under Way.

Chicago, March 27.—Editor "Sporting Life":—Unless all signs fail the tournament which opens to-night at Green's room (formerly the Bensinger Hall) will prove one of the most important events in modern billiards. The remarkable speed shown by several of the contestants would, a few years ago, have placed them head and shoulders above even such players as Schaefer, Slosson and Ives, as the latter were at that period. I well recall the night when Frank Ives won the 14-inch balk line championship of the world from Schaefer, with an average of 16 in 800 points and a few weeks afterwards defeated "Gentleman" George in a similar contest for the same honor, with an average of 28. And thereby established a new record, too.

There are seven entries in Green's tournament, Catton, Spinks, Gallagher, Sutton, Maggiori, McLaughlin and Mathews, and it is interesting to the student of billiards to note what several of this septette have accomplished in their practice work during the last few days. Spinks has made a high run of 202 and an average of 33 1/3 in 400. Sutton has run 303 and averaged 40 in one game and scored 212 in one run and finished the 400 points in 14 innings, and an average of 28 8/14 in another.

Maggiori, the irrepressible, impetuous Southron, strolled into town one day this week and located at Greens. After putting a lobster salad and a few side dishes where they would do the most good, he lit a cigarette and reeled off 254 points as a high run with as much ease as the proverbial chicken is said to pick up corn. His average was 33 1/3 in 400.

Tom Gallagher, the dean of the short-stop college (but let me say just here, it is time we dropped the expression of short-stop) grouped 207 in one run, the highest, I believe, he ever made, and averaged 50 in 300.

Catton has shown very little pyrotechnics in his billiards. His work is steady, and his averages range from 15 to 20 or thereabouts, but he



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is likely to cause some of the players considerable anxiety before the tourney is over.

John Mathews is making very little display in his practice, but he never does. He reserves his best work for the tournament proper. It will be seen, therefore, from the high runs and averages I have mentioned what we may expect during the next two weeks in the shape of billiards in this city.

The tournament will be, I hope, a solid financial success. The players, at least, ought to be satisfied and I trust that Clarence Green will not lose money by the venture. Green, in addition to the purse of \$900, has been required by the players to divide with them quite a large share of the gate receipts.

The purse of \$900 will be split up as follows: First \$350, second \$250, third \$200, fourth \$100. At this writing Sutton is the favorite in the betting, although Spinks and Gallagher are practically even up with the Pittsburgh champion, the odds being 5 to 2 and take your choice. Catton is at 7 to 2, McLaughlin 5 to 1, Maggiori 8 to 1, Mathews 15 to 1. The opening game to-night will be between Catton and Spinks, and I look for a lively battle between the pair.

That Spinks is "on edge," as a Carson City sport would say, is shown by a game he played with Taylor, an amateur of considerable merit, at Will Mussey's last night. Spinks was playing 400 to 175, and the amateur had forged ahead until the record stood Taylor 171, Spinks 232. Although his adversary required but 4 points to win, Spinks was not dismayed in the least. He settled down to the task before him, and with as brilliant an exhibition of billiards as one could wish to witness ran 168 points and won the game. It is almost needless to add that the most generous applause rewarded this magnificent effort.

I am sorry to say that the old-time champion, Frank Parker, is in a sad, very sad condition. His health, which has been bad for months, has grown worse and this week he was removed to the Chicago Hospital. There is scarcely any hope that he will ever return to active business and the fear is entertained by many that his earthly days are numbered. Efforts are being made to raise funds to provide for his expenses. What terrible lessons our daily existence conveys to each and everyone of us.

WEST SIDER.

BASE BALL NEWS.

PROVIDENCE PLEASED

With the Way Things Went at the Eastern League Meeting.

Providence, R. I., March 30.—Editor "Sporting Life":—The Eastern League meeting was held in the usual harmonious way that makes it the model of them all in this respect, and everything tends to another successful season. President Draper, Manager Murray and Vice President Battey were there, and before departing for home Draper made his usual anti-season bet. Last season he won some of Kuntzsch's money by betting that Providence would finish ahead of Syracuse. This season the bet is with Irwin, of Toronto, and that Providence will again win the pennant.

Buffalo, as usual, gets the plums of the schedule, with Syracuse and Rochester not far behind. If Springfield, Scranton and Wilkesbarre were booked for those Canadian holidays it would help these clubs financially, thereby making the League stronger as a whole. The only kick registered here is made by the people who wish to see another team than Springfield for the holidays. There will be two attractions here Decoration Day, as Yale and Brown play on Lincoln Field.

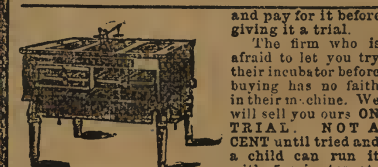
Canavan sent on his signed contract to the Brooklyn management, and will meet the team the first week in April. He has kept in good condition all winter by playing roller-polo, and with a couple of weeks' rest will report in the best of condition for the season's work.

Cleveland has captured in Sockalexis and Pappalau two of the best amateurs playing ball. Sockalexis is a well-built fellow, an exceedingly fast fielder and thrower, good hitter and can reach first and steal bases with the best of them. This is saying considerable of a man about to enter such fast company, but I believe that he is good enough, and that the Cleveland people will see the last of Blake when Sockalexis joins the team. Buckett, McAleer and



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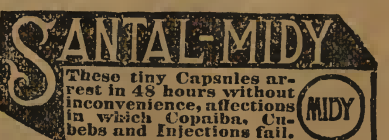


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Sockalexis will make a great outfield for Cleveland.

Pappalau is a cool and steady pitcher, who consumes as much time in pitching as Cuppy. He won every game last season that he pitched with the exception of two games with Brown University. There are many others besides Buckett who believe that he will make a successful pitcher.

Workmen began to grade Adelaide Park this week. The diamond will be raised so that water will run to the outfield when it rains. Herebefore the rain has settled on the diamond, making the ground unfit to play on. New bleachers are being put in, also a new roof to the grand stand.

Egan was one of the few players who became richer by Fitzsimmon's victory. "RHODY."

THE WORLD OF CYCLING.

FROM THE WEST.

THE MISSOURI WHEELMEN'S BATTLE AGAINST RAILROADS.

The Bettis Case the Ground For a Strong Fight—Its Importance to Wheelmen at Large—The Local Secession Move, Etc.

St. Louis, March 31.—Editor "Sporting Life":—Bicycles as baggage is the topic that is interesting the wheelmen in this section of the country and already the good effects are apparent of the action of the National Assembly in voting the Missouri division \$500 to fight its case against the Missouri Pacific railway for the purpose of getting a decision that will compel all roads in this State to carry bicycles as baggage without extra charge. This suit is fathered by the Missouri division and is known as the "Bettis Case." Bettis offered his wheel for checking with a regular first-class ticket, but the company refused to check it without an extra charge of 25 cents; hence the suit. The division won in the lower court and the railroad appealed, and it was for the purpose of conducting the case in the higher court that the money was asked of the Assembly on the ground that the decision would affect all the States as well as Missouri.

The Illinois men have been at their State capital for two weeks endeavoring to get the Legislature to pass a bicycle bill and last Saturday called on the Missouri men to aid them through the decision recently obtained. The full text of the decision with the briefs and records were sent to the Illinois men on their telegraphic request, for the purpose of using as arguments on the solons and the news comes to-day that they were successful.

The Bettis case was argued in the St. Louis Court of Appeals Friday by Franklin Ferriss, chairman of the Missouri Rights and Privileges Committee, and the final decision will be had in about two weeks. It is understood that this is the Court of last resort in cases of this kind and if the wheelmen are successful in this case can be cited in every State in the Union and bills in the legislatures will be unnecessary.

THE LOCAL SECESSION MOVE.

At the meeting of the Associated Cycling Clubs last Saturday night the anti-L. A. W. resolution was introduced by the Century Road Club. The constitution of the A. C. C. compels all clubs to be L. A. W. clubs before they can join the body and the resolution is aimed at this clause, but the real motive is to afford the clubs now in the A. C. C. an opportunity to withdraw from the League without losing their valuable membership in the A. C. C. The South Side Club, of which Chief Consul Holm and ex-Secretary-Treasurer Butler are members, originated the movement, but gave the lead to the Centuries in deference to the wishes of Mr. Holm, as it would be rubbing it in too hard to ask him to introduce such a resolution. Even if the amendment carries it will hardly affect the L. A. W. much in this city and will only result in losing a few members in the L. A. W. clubs, who are only in the League to allow their clubs to share in the profits of the A. C. C.

Ex-Secretary-Treasurer Butler, who was asked to resign as delegate to the A. C. C. by the South Sides because he would not vote to eliminate the L. A. W. clause, has complied with the wishes of the club and in addition has resigned from the club itself. This removes Butler from cycling altogether as he is now a member of no club and holds no office.

A LOCAL MEET.

Application for a circuit date for this city has been made by the Associated Cycling Clubs, and an effort will be made this year to have a meet here equal to any. St. Louis has been unfortunate in the last two years in the matter of the circuit, and has been virtually forced to pass it by. In 1895 the date assigned was in October, and that is too late to hold a good meet here. Last year the date was placed on the day that the \$20,000 Derby was run at the fair grounds, and the A. C. C. felt that they could not compete with such an attraction as that and relinquished the date to Kansas City. This year Chairman Mott will be asked to put St. Louis on his string for some day in August, and if he does a banner meet will be given.

TOURS ARRANGED.

Chief Consul Holm has arranged a series of tours all over the State for Sunday, April 4. It has been the custom to hold such a tour in St. Louis County every year, and the plan this year is to have every county hold similar ones. The local consuls have been put in charge in their respective districts and they will conduct the tours. The idea is to turn out every wheelman in the State on the road on that day and let the general public in every section get an idea of the strength of the bicycle.

DOUGLAS W. ROBERT.

New Cycle Track.

New Bedford, Mass., March 31.—The construction of a bicycle track, to be the best in this part of the State, is assured, according to the claims of Alfred G. Doe, who says he has raised the necessary capital. The spectators' stands will seat 18,000 people, and the grand stand itself will be the largest in Bristol County.



W. W. NISBET,

The New Secretary-Treasurer of Missouri Division L. A. W.

THE PROFESSIONALS

Will Yet Receive Deserved Recognition From the L. A. W.

While the L. A. W. decreed at its last annual meeting that professional riders should in no way be eligible for membership, there is a strong feeling that before another year has passed the wisdom of admitting this class of membership will be apparent. An officer of the League comments on the question as follows: "It has been repeatedly stated that an injustice was being done to the professional bicycle racer, in that he was controlled by the L. A. W., and yet was not allowed to become a member of the organization. A great injustice is done, however, but it is to the League and not to the racer. To be sure, the amateur wheelman, so-called, is not barred from the L. A. W. because he happens to enter races, but the real injustice is in the fact that any racing man is allowed to stay out of the organization. The L. A. W. is responsible for cycle racing in this country, and the sport is controlled and regulated so as to insure its permanent existence. Any rider who is permitted to compete for prizes in sanctioned race meets should necessarily be a member of and help to support the body which makes those meets possible. Of course this involves the taking in of professionals if the League is to control this class, and I feel sure that so wise a measure will not be deferred beyond the next Feb. meeting.

"After that allow any man of good character to become a member, and don't allow a man who is not of good character to enter the races; that covers the whole ground. The idea that racing men, professionals and amateurs together, are numerous enough to cut any figure in the management of the League is not based on facts: their percentage is very small to-day and is growing smaller every week, owing to the great increase in membership, but they should all be registered on our books, so that we may know who they are, and where they are, and they should pay the small annual fee necessary to support the machinery which is made necessary by them and their occupation. I have talked over this plan with a number of racing men and no objection is raised against it. If, by any reason, the next assembly refuses to admit professionals to membership, then the following should certainly be adopted.

"Require every racing man, whether amateur or professional, to pay a small registration fee. Let the chairman of the Racing Board have these names set in type, properly indexed and classified. The speed record of each rider to date should be printed opposite his name, together with his permanent address. This list should be revised each week and official copies mailed to all the official handicappers. It is equally important that the list of racing men be compiled and revised weekly, whether the racing men are members of the League or not."

—John S. Johnson will train at Hot Springs, Ark., for the racing circuit.

SWEEPSTAKES BICYCLE RACES.

Cycle Track Association Advances Some Novel Racing Ideas.

The National Cycle Track Association, which intends to promote amateur and professional races throughout the country this season, may send a representative to England and France early in April to arrange with half a dozen of the best professional riders abroad to visit this country and take part in the circuit of meets. Secretary Ducker, of the association, has been negotiating with a prominent wheelman of this city, who years ago was known all over the world as one of the best professional long-distance riders, to go abroad for riders.

One of the features of the N. C. T. A. races this year will be the \$5000 sweepstake handicap race. The organization will guarantee \$2000 of the purse, and the balance will be taken from the gate receipts at tournaments. There are seven tracks in the association, and it is proposed to run this event in seven heats, apportioning one heat each to Philadelphia, Manhattan Beach, Asbury Park, Bridgeport, Springfield, Louisville and Cambridge, Mass. The winner of the race will be the one who scores the greatest number of points in the seven races, and he will receive 50 per cent. of the purse. The second man will get 25 per cent., third 15 and fourth 10 per cent. An entrance fee of \$10 will be charged. One twelve and one twenty-four-hour race will also be features of the N. C. T. A. races this year.

WILLOW GROVE SELECTED.

Associated Cycling Clubs Pick It Out For the League Meet.

A meeting of the committee of the Associated Cycling Clubs, having in charge the preliminary arrangements for the National L. A. W. Meet, to be held in Philadelphia next August, was held March 26, at which time it was decided to hold the championship races at Willow Grove Park the first week in August.

The delay in selecting the track has been because it was desired to secure certain contributions to the entertainment fund in the event of the meet being held at that place. This has been accomplished and the selection noted was made.

There can be no doubt that, with the unusual transportation facilities to Willow Grove by trolley and by railroad, and the opportunities offered to wheelmen by the York pike, this was the most desirable place offered, and with the improvements to be made by the Union Traction Company in view of the meet being held there, it is safe to say that no more desirable place has ever been selected for the national meet.

The Union Traction Company will at once start a number of improvements, which will include either laying an asphalt track or resurfacing the present one, and the enlargement of the present stands, in order to accommodate 10,000 or 15,000 spectators.

—Glimm and Miller have been matched for a 24-hour race for \$1000 a side, to take place either at Chicago or Cincinnati within eight weeks.

ENTERING WEDGE?

WESTERN WHEELMEN START A SECESSION MOVE.

The "United Wheelmen of America" Temporarily Organized at Minneapolis—Chairman Albert Mott Makes Light of the Matter.

Minneapolis, Minn., March 29.—At a meeting on the 25th inst. at the club house of the United Wheelmen, of this city, 100 wheelmen of Minneapolis and St. Paul unanimously decided to form a new league and to withdraw all allegiance and support from the L. A. W. The new league is to be known as the United Wheelmen of America, and will have divisions throughout the Union. The L. A. W. has a total of 470 members in this State out of a total of about 30,000 wheelmen. A temporary organization was effected and an adjournment taken to April 21, when a constitution and by-laws will be adopted and officers elected.

Not at All Dangerous.

Baltimore, March 30.—Mr. Albert Mott, chairman of the L. A. W. Racing Board, in commenting upon last night's action of the Minneapolis and St. Paul Wheelmen, says that the "United Wheelmen" will have a more brief and precarious existence than even the "Knights of the Wheel" of Detroit had a few years ago.

"The grievance of the 'United Wheelmen,'" Mr. Mott added, "is based upon the racing interests of the L. A. W., which affects comparatively a few members, while the 'Knights of the Wheel' movement was a direct split from the L. A. W. by prominent officials of the L. A. W. With that great advantage and with numbers far exceeding that of the Minneapolis movement, the Detroit affair was so insignificant to the L. A. W. that its existence was only known by an occasional and stray newspaper paragraph.

"The affair at Minneapolis is not new. The same parties have been struggling for two years in the throes of rebellion, but as they are in the aggregate a few malcontent local racing men and their followers, the dignity of the revolution is much dwarfed in the public eye, and the public pulse will not respond very flatteringly."

LEAVING THE L. A. W.

The California Cycling Club Will Control Its Own Racing.

San Francisco, March 29.—The dissatisfaction which the wheelmen of the Pacific coast have so often expressed regarding the actions of the National governing body of the sport took definite form last Monday night. The California Associated Cycling Club practically assumed control of the racing interests.

At a meeting of the Board of Governors, which was largely attended by the most prominent of the San Francisco clubs, the situation which those present had to face was thoroughly discussed. It was conceded that the racing interests would shortly break away from the present governing body and, unless controlled by those interested in keeping the sport on its present high plane, would rapidly decline in public favor.

A committee of five was appointed to change the constitution and present it for consideration at the next meeting, April 3, and meanwhile the association practically assumes control of all racing in California.

BALD STIRRED 'EM.

The Frenchmen Discussing His Repeated Challenges.

There are no indications of a falling off in the interest and enthusiasm displayed by the Frenchmen in cycle racing, as the following letter from Paris clearly shows: "Cyclists in Paris have been greatly stirred up by Bald's reported challenge to race any man in Europe over a mile for a stake of \$1000 to \$5000. As soon as the challenge was published Paul Bourillon, the world's professional mile champion, took it up and said that he would be happy to meet the American if he really intended to come over, concerning which the Frenchmen seemed to have some doubt. Then Jaap Eden made known that he was anxious to accept the challenge for a match for any stake the American might name. He only stipulated that the race should be run off on the Seine track after April 30. If Bald cares to come over he will find several men ready to ride against him on his own terms.

A LITTLE LEAGUE.

Pittsburg Professional Riders Effect Organization.

Pittsburg, Pa., March 29.—At a meeting last Thursday night of the promoters of the professional bicycle league a permanent organization was effected. The name of the new league will be the Interstate Professional Bicycle Circuit. Trevor F. Myler was elected president, and W. L. Dixon secretary and treasurer. An executive committee, consisting of J. Howard Maxwell, Beaver Falls; A. W. Stevenson, East Liverpool, O.; H. M. Huffman, Latrobe; Harry Reeson, Uniontown, and E. J. House, of Erie, were appointed.



HIT OR MISS CHAT

ABOUT CYCLING MEN, WOMEN AND MEASURES.

Another Popular Appointment by President Potter—The Approaching Outdoor Racing Season—Some Matters of General Interest, Etc.

Henry Goodman, formerly of Hartford, but now of Portland, Ore., has been appointed on the L. A. W. Racing Board by President Potter. Wheelmen generally are of the opinion that this is one of the best appointments yet made on the L. A. W. Racing Board. Mr. Goodman is well posted on racing men and affairs, having been for a number of years official handicapper for New England and prominently identified with the annual tournaments formerly held at Charter Oak Park. He takes the place formerly occupied by R. M. Welch, of San Francisco, who is now at the head of the secession movement in that district. Mr. Goodman seems to be well qualified to handle the tangled racing situation on the Western coast.

The Irish "Cyclist" says that cyclists who do not ride habitually almost invariably descend hills slowly. They seem to lack confidence and dash, and crawl down declines which the most expert take at a rattling pace. It is wonderful, however, the improvement they manifest after riding habitually with those who do take the risk of a tumble. The example of the others has a stimulating effect. Almost insensibly they increase their pace. Their confidence and powers of fast pedaling improve vastly, and in a few weeks they double their pace down hill.

An experienced wheelman says: "The racing season has opened early and vigorously. Cycle thievery is steadily gaining ground in every section of the country. No relief is suggested except through the adoption of severer penalties than any now imposed for first offenses. The allegation that the majority of cycle thieves are semi-responsible boys, to whom a prison sentence might mean life ruin, is not sound. The fence plays an important part in the operations, and the whole thing is fast getting to be a fine systematized species of robbery, which can be stamped out only by vigorous measures. Solitude for the boy whose moral sense is so low that he will deliberately steal a bicycle is to be regarded as sickly sentiment when the size of the evil as a whole is considered."

The officers of the L. A. W. this year are disposed to maintain friendly relations with all the athletic associations in the world, and with this object in view steps will shortly be taken to renew articles of alliance with the A. A. U. The A. A. U. will accept any overtures from the League looking toward the adoption of rules that will be equally fair to both associations. President Potter, of the League, intends as soon as the affairs of the L. A. W. begin running under the new administration to consult with Chairman Mott, of the Racing Board, in relation to the question of an alliance with the governing athletic body.

The action of the L. A. W. in consenting to work in conjunction with the Century Road Club of America in relation to the general observance of amateur rules on the road has been accepted by racing men to mean that the L. A. W. track rules will govern road races. In such an event a big reduction in road race prizes would necessarily take place. However, road race promoters argue that the fact that the Racing Board will pass judgment upon all infractions of the amateur rules in road races does not include the observance of the L. A. W. prize rule in road contests.

A simple rule for determining the speed at which a bicycle is traveling is as follows: Multiply the gear of the machine by five and divide that result by 28. Then, using the quotient as a basis, count the number of revolutions which the pedals make in that number of seconds. This will give in miles per hour the speed at which the wheel is moving. For example, say the gear is 80. Five times that is 400, divided by 28 is approximately 15. Then if the pedals make 15 revolutions in 15 seconds the speed is very nearly 15 miles per hour.

All wheelmen who ride in the streets of the city should learn to dismount on either side of their machines with equal facility. The most natural way to get off is on the left side, and most wheelmen can dismount in no other way. Taking into consideration the fact that a bicycle travels from 15 to 20 feet at each revolution of the pedals, it can easily be seen that there will be times when to wait for the left pedal to get

in the proper position before getting off would involve the rider in a serious accident, while if he is equally proficient on either side he can always alight immediately. Dismounting on the right side will seem rather awkward at first, but with a little practice one can learn the trick in a short time.

The outdoor riding season will open next month with the inauguration of club runs and tours. While the weather and the condition of the roads permitted riding throughout the winter months, there are many enthusiasts who put their wheels away with the approach of December until April. This season a large increase of the number of riders is expected. During the winter months the clubs have received large additions to their memberships, and parties of women have formed cycling clubs, so that an active year is anticipated. The local dealers are all preparing for a big season. It is expected that the craze for bargain wheels will subside, and that riders this year will select good, reliable makes. The activity and growing strength of the local cycling associations indicate a remarkable season.

It may not be known, even to every one in the tire trade that solar heat is sufficient to vulcanize rubber, provided too great a portion of sulphur is not used. Excessive exposure of a wheel to the sun's rays has the immediate effect of over-vulcanizing the tires, which over-vulcanization hastens deterioration. Thus, often the sun is directly responsible for the unsatisfactory wearing qualities of a tire, which may in every way have been a product of most excellent material and workmanship.

Complaint is frequently made by women riders that the lacing on the dress guards on the rear wheel of the drop frame models often breaks, becomes detached, and requires constant attention. Various colored cords of good thickness are used for this lacing, but they do not stand the wear and tear. A rider who has devoted some attention to some good substitute for the cord lacing recommends thin wire. The cord, in addition to liability to break from rough usage or undue strain, will also rot and wear away at the eyeholes of the mud guard. Rain and the wear of a skirt over the cords help to impair their strength. It is suggested that a good substitute for the cord which is both strong and able to withstand rust is thin insulated wire. This wire put on the guards is more serviceable in every respect and does not detract any from the appearance of the wheel.

A police ordinance has gone into effect in Philadelphia requiring bicycle riders and drivers of teams on Broad street to keep to the right. As evening approaches the policemen patrolling that street are supplied with red lanterns, which they keep by them until midnight. As a result of the new rule the street presents an orderly appearance not seen since the Centennial.

The selection of Willow Grove for the big national race meet of the League of American Wheelmen, which is to be held in Philadelphia this year, will be welcome news to every local cyclist. First, because it settles a doubt which has been agitating the minds of those interested in the great affair. Willow Grove offers exceptional advantages for holding this meet. Its track, which is a good one, is to be much improved, and the seating capacity for the great crowds expected to attend will be provided, and it is safe to say that no corporation controlling a track could guarantee to duplicate the accommodations offered at that place. The location is the most beautiful that could be selected, and the surroundings will in themselves be a great attraction to out-of-town visitors. The place can be easily reached by trolley and steam cars, and the road out will afford the scorching every variety of bicycle riding that is desired—hill climbing, coasting and level running. The additional feature of the bonus of \$5000 is something not to be overlooked, and it puts in the hands of the Associated Cycling Clubs an amount sufficiently large enough to guarantee the prizes, printing, etc., in case the meet should be interfered with by bad weather.

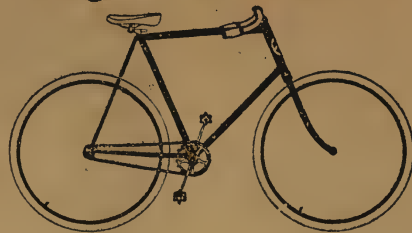
A summing up of the merits of Willow Grove, as compared with any other available track, will confirm the wisdom of the committee in choosing that location. This meet is an affair in which the pride and honor of Philadelphia cyclists is more or less concerned, and it is hoped that nothing will be left undone by the clubs, the trade and the cycling public of this city to make it a grand success.

Chief Consul Frank H. Kerrigan, of the North California Division of the L. A. W., has resigned his position as a result of the refusal of the League at its last meeting to sanction Sunday racing. Kerrigan's resignation is the first move of a plan to supplant the L. A. W. in California by a local organization that will be liberal in its views concerning racing. There are about 1600 members in the North California Division of the L. A. W., but it is probable that within the next ninety days that number will be greatly reduced. The big cycle clubs of San Francisco have signified their intention of not renewing their membership in the League, and will look to the California Associated Cyclist Clubs for future guidance. A meeting of the Associated Clubs will be held April 3, when the new movement in favor of Sunday racing will be launched.

Vice Consul Henry H. Wynn succeeds Mr. Kerrigan as Chief Consul. The latter, by the way, is being roundly scored by the newspapers of California for his assertion at Albany that the "very best element" in that State is in favor of Sunday race meets.

Charles P. Root, associate editor of the "Referee," has been elected president of the Associated Cycle Club of Chicago. Fred Gerlach, the past year Chicago member of the Racing Board, has been elected second vice president.

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MOTOR RACING.

Its Possibilities to be Fully Tested in France.

The syndicate of French racing cyclists is about to organize a meeting on the wood track of the Velodrome d'Hiver, and one of the attractions was to be a race for motor cycles. It is difficult to conceive what would have induced the syndicate to propose such a thing for a motor cycle race on a narrow track is a dangerous undertaking. It appears that one of the would-be competitors had an inkling that this would be the case, for he tried to ride a petroleum tricycle around the boards. His stay on the track was very short. At the first corner he tried to turn the tricycle toppled over, and he jumped off just in time to escape breaking his neck. He was badly hurt, however, and had to go to the hospital to have his injuries attended to, while the tricycle had its wheels buckled and the motor was damaged. After this experience the proposed motor cycle race will no doubt be cut out of the programme. On a large outdoor track the motor cycle might be used with advantage, and I have no doubt that before long it will be extensively employed for racing. The new sport of motor cycle racing has brought out a new class of amateurs—those who ride for money prizes. It is more remunerative even than the majority of professional bicycle races, as will be seen from the prizes just distributed among the competitors in the late Marseilles and Monte Carlo contest, which was only open to "amateurs." In the motor cycle section the prize money amounted to \$594, of which \$180 went to the winner, M. Chesney. The 24 motor car owners who covered the full course have received \$3599, of which the winner, Count Chasseloup-Loubat, pocketed \$514. The cost of running motor cars in the races is certainly heavy and the risk is great, so that taking this into account the amount of the prizes is not unreasonable, but all the same there are many professional cyclists who would be only too glad to earn money so easily as some of the motor car amateurs.

COOPER'S CHATTER

About His Racing Relations With Eddie Bald.

Tom Cooper and his trainer, "Mother" Webb have reached Sacramento, where he is training for the Southern circuit, which opens at Nashville, April 3. Cooper is after Bald for a series of match races. He is anxious to meet his old-time rival in that way prior to engaging him in an open contest. Regarding the subject Cooper said the other day:

"Bald has made numerous semi-challenges, but I have failed to learn of any instance where he has deposited any money as an earnest of his desire to race me. Last October, L. M. Richardson, assistant manager of the Monarch Cycle Manufacturing Company, posted \$500 as a forfeit for a series of races with Bald. We specified in the challenge that he should accept the bet within 30 days. We went further, and conceded him 10 days more, but he failed to accept the offer. Recently he has been making big assertions relative to his ability to defeat me. I am unwilling to believe he is the speedier, and am ready to accept any proposition he may make.

"I am ready to race him at any time within 30 days for any amount. I prefer that the series be run in the South. Savannah has a one-third-mile cement track, and I think no better place could be found. That city should meet with Bald's approval, as I understand he is at Ormonde, Fla., now. I am confident I can win, and will

insist that the winner take the entire purse."

Cooper is anxious that the match race take place before May 30. He is willing to concede much to Bald in order to get a contest. If the race is run it will be in one-mile heats, best two in three. Cooper is certain that Bald will accept his terms and that the race will be run previous to Decoration Day.

A SUSPENSION BICYCLE.

Another New-Fangled Thing From Fertile France.

An Anglo-Frenchman has recently invented what he calls a suspension bicycle. The method adopted is to introduce a light auxiliary frame, which works within the rigid frame without in any way impairing its strength. This is done by placing inside the stay connecting the saddle with the crank bracket a rigid rod, suspended from a spring of steel ribbon coiled in a small drum attached to the rear braces a few inches below the saddle. This rod is connected with the handle bar by a telescopic rod. The weight of the rider in the saddle winds the spring, which alone supports the auxiliary frame, and depresses the saddle and handlebar—the two of necessity moving together—about one-third of their extreme movement, or, in case of a heavy rider, nearly an inch. Then, when any obstruction is met with which causes the rigid frame to rise, the rider remains suspended by the spring, which, of course, gives to the extent to which his weight has already stretched it. Thus the machine may rise and fall, but the saddle, the crank bracket and the handlebar, which support the rider, will always remain at their own level, and be practically free from jolting. The extra weight seems to amount to about a pound.

SUNDAY RACING.

Ex-President Sterling Elliott's Views Regarding It.

Boston, March 30.—Ex-President Sterling Elliott, of the League of American Wheelmen, has returned from an extended trip through the West. In an interview with a newspaper representative on the secession sentiment relative to Sunday cycle racing he said:

"The most prominent wheelmen in Chicago, St. Louis and other cities I visited, are not strongly in favor of the League granting Sunday cycle racing, although many of the ablest workers in the League of American Wheelmen in the far West, and some of those in the South, are in favor of it, as in those sections they have others sports on Sunday, and are naturally desirous of Sunday races.

"In my mind, it will not be long before the League of American Wheelmen will in some way get around this important question and provide for the parts of the country wishing the privilege of Sunday racing. This could be done by leaving the matter in the hands of the National Racing Board of the League, or possibly by leaving out of the constitution the word Sunday. I do not think that those who are pushing the secession matter will carry it to the extent that an independent organization will be formed to combat the League. They would, in the end, very much regret it.

"In the places I visited I found that League politics are still boiling and from indications the present administrators of the League of American Wheelmen have everything but an easy road to travel over. The Westerners are satisfied with many of the appointments, and think that "ring rule" in the League has reached a point where elimination is necessary."



THE BOARD OF TRADE

HOLDS AN IMPORTANT TWO-DAYS' CONFERENCE.

The Question of National Shows Not Yet Settled—South American Visitors to be Impressed—Guarantees, Contracts and Leases Considered.

A two-days' meeting of the Board of Directors of National Cycle Board of Trade, was held at the offices of the corporation, 271 Broadway, New York City, March 24, 25. At the first day's session all the directors, with the exception of Mr. R. L. Coleman, were present, and at the second day's session, Mr. George H. Day was the only absentee.

THE BUSINESS TRANSACTED was principally of a routine character, looking to the conduct of the affairs of the Board during the ensuing year, this being in reality the first meeting of the new Board of Directors since the annual meeting.

The treasurer submitted his report, showing the finances of the board to be in a thoroughly sound and satisfactory condition. A great part of the first day's meeting was taken up in adjusting matters connected with the Eastern and Western exhibitions, none of which was of any very great importance.

Mr. D. S. Pratt, of the Elastic Tip Co., of Boston, was elected an active member, and Mr. B. D. Emanuel, of Chicago, was elected to associate membership, about thirty other applications for membership were received too late to be submitted to the Membership Committee for investigation.

The fact that the Board has secured larger and more ample accommodations in the Central Bank Building was a cause for general satisfaction among the directors, and it is expected that the board will move to its new offices in the course of the next two weeks.

ABOUT SANCTION. Applications were received for sanction for the exhibition of bicycles on two trains, called respectively, the White Special and the U. S. Trade Expositions Train. These trains will tour the country on a six months' schedule, but the applications for sanction for the exhibition of bicycles were refused.

The directors of the Tennessee Centennial and International Exposition, to be held at Nashville, Tenn., May to November, 1897, applied to the Board of Directors for sanction to enable the members of the Board to exhibit bicycles at this show, and have expressed a willingness to set aside an exclusive building for the exhibition of bicycles. The sanction asked for was unanimously granted, as was also a like application from the Trans-Mississippi and International Exposition, to be held at Omaha, Neb., June to November, 1898.

TO LOOK AFTER VISITORS. It was brought to the attention of the Board that a commission has been appointed from the different States in South America, composed of one person from each of their different Chambers of Commerce as delegates to visit the United States in the interest of their country and for the purpose of establishing export business relations with the United States. The trip will extend over a period of three months, taking in the South, far West, Northwest, back via Chicago, from there to Detroit and then Canada, thence to the East, thence to New York and return to South America. Every town of importance in the United States will be visited by this delegation, and on the suggestion of Director Joseph L. Yost, an invitation has been extended by the National Board of Trade through the Philadelphia Museums to visit the cycle factories in the various cities visited by the delegation.

The Arbitration Committee of the Board was authorized to prepare a set of rules governing arbitration.

THE SECOND DAYS' SESSION was mainly devoted to the consideration of the desirability of holding National Cycle Exhibitions. President Garford invited every member present to express himself very fully on the subject, and after a very lengthy discussion, it was unanimously

Resolved, That inasmuch as the Board of Directors are but a small number of those interested in the bicycle industry and feeling that the Board should have an expression from the stockholders as to their views, it was

Resolved, That the Executive Committee formulate certain questions on that line and request an immediate response by return mail; these to be considered at another meeting of the Board of Directors to be called by the president so soon as the answers were received, when it is expected that the question will be decided for good and all.

The secretary was instructed to place himself in communication with the proper

parties to investigate the status of the bicycle business in foreign countries, and to lay any information so received before the members of the Board.

SENATOR GUY'S BILL to prevent fraudulent statements in advertising was submitted to the Board, and they unanimously passed a resolution that the following telegram should be sent to the Hon. Chairman, Judiciary Committee of the Senate as follows:

"Hon. Chairman, Senate Judiciary Committee, Capitol, Albany, N. Y.—At a meeting of National Board of Trade of Cycle Manufacturers to-day the following resolution was unanimously adopted: Resolved, That National Board of Trade of Cycle Manufacturers representing the bicycle industry of America respectfully urges the passage of Senator Guy's bill as to advertising misrepresentations.

"ERNEST R. FRANKS, Secretary." It was also decided to instruct the counsel of the Board to draw up forms of contracts and leases in use between manufacturers and agents, having regard to the particular laws of the various States. There is a great deal of confusion at present existing as to these contracts and it is hoped by this step to be able to adopt a uniform set of forms which can be enforced in the different States.

Considerable discussion was had as to the freight rates on bicycles, but in view of the recent decision of the Supreme Court as to the pooling arrangements of the Traffic Associations, the matter was referred back to the Transportation Committee for further investigation and report. There being no further business before the meeting the same adjourned.

Trade News.

At a meeting of the Rubber Tire Association, held last week, it was decided to discontinue the practice of giving tires to race meet promoters. Committees from the National Board of Trade of Cycle Manufacturers, the Wood Rim Association and the Rubber Tire Association will decide on uniform sizes for wood rims. The tire committee will consist of George H. Day and J. C. Davis.

George H. Powell, one-time manager of the Overman advertising, is now president and manager of the Frost Remedy Co., of Springfield, Mass., and is making a barrel of money in patent medicines.

"Senator" Morgan, of the "American Wheelman," was in town for several days last week on business. The Senator, as he is familiarly known, says that it is probable he will take a trip to Europe as the representative of the National Track Owners' Association, to secure the services of several foreign stars to come here and race on the tracks of the association during the coming season. He says that racing is going to be hot stuff this year. The Senator predicts a scarcity of high-grade wheels before the season is far advanced.

Humber & Co. have issued one of the prettiest catalogues of the season, giving a full description of the famous Humber cycles. The great company has factories at Westboro, Mass.; Paris, Moscow, London and in Britain, Wells, Wolverhampton and Coventry, England.

The Phoenix Cycle Co. has been incorporated, with headquarters at Pueblo, Colo., to deal in bicycles. The incorporators are W. J. Withers, J. P. Turner and Lucius Powell, and the capital stock is \$5000.

A. W. Dingman, the inventor of the brake which John H. Graham & Co. will place on the market, is, like Dr. Perry Doolittle, a Toronto man. Ideas seem to run close together in Canada.

Thiem & Co., manufacturers of cycling specialties, write us as follows: "We desire to inform the patrons of your columns that Thiem & Co., of St. Paul, have brought suit in the United States Circuit Court against the Whaley Manufacturing Co., of same city, and others, for infringing upon the United States letters-patent of Thiem's adjustable bicycle toe-clips."

The Acme Bicycle Works, at Reading, Pa., were partially destroyed by fire on the 24th inst.

Edward H. Fahy has joined the Pope Manufacturing Co.'s forces at Hartford. He has for some time been connected with the Veeder Cyclometer Co., and managed its exhibitions at the Chicago and the New York cycle shows.

It appears that the Chicago Cycle Show was conducted at a loss, and the New York show at a profit.

H. A. Christy & Co. have been incorporated, with headquarters at Chicago, to manufacture bicycles. The capital stock is \$250,000, and the incorporators are H. A. Christy, C. F. McKinley and A. D. Eddy.

The Standard Bicycle Co. has been incorporated in New York city, with a capital stock of \$25,000, by G. Hasbrouck, S. Tarr and J. Auld.

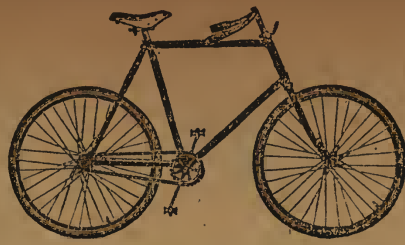
The Peerless Rubber Co., of New Durham, N. J., is now manufacturing bicycle tires. The first samples were finished last week and were said to be very creditable specimens of the company's work.

The Matthews Bicycle Works have been established at Niles, Mich.

The Huron Cycle and Electric Co., Port Huron, Mich., has been incorporated with a capital stock of \$5000. The incorporators are E. W. Artenbarger and E. W. and G. E. Yokum.

It is reported that S. J. Burford will erect a six-story cycle factory in Louisville.

—Frederick Titus announces that he will shortly make an effort to lower all records from five to fifty miles. At the time of his suspension Titus held the records for these distances. He has connected himself with the Racycle Company.



Model A, . . . \$100.

" B, . . . \$75.

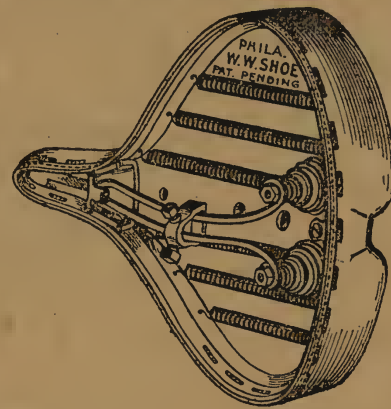
" C, . . . \$60.

" Roadster, \$50.

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NEW YORK NEWS.

President Potter, Has His War Paint on and Will Hunt For Political Scalps—Mr. Brock's New Idea—A Proper Magistrate—Trade News.

New York, March 29.—Editor "Sporting Life":—President Potter was considerably stirred up when I called upon him this morning regarding the preconcerted action of some politicians in at least two States to defeat bicycle legislation. Mr. Potter, as a general thing, is a man who talks deliberately and seldom loses his temper. This is the way he put it this morning: "We are going to nail some of those people in New Jersey and in Wisconsin who have composed the railroad committees. They are doing all they can to kill bicycle reforms, and the League of American Wheelmen might as well get at them and not mince matters any further. The L. A. W. should begin action immediately to kill them politically. We have 17 Senators in Wisconsin marked already, and it stands to reason that they have had railroad passes and accommodations passed on thick. The railroads collect from wheelmen \$42,000,000 a year in fares and freight, and this sum ought to count in the premises."

WANT TO CHECK THEIR OWN WHEELS.

P. Anthony Brock, who did much to organize the Associated Cycling Clubs of this city, has an idea which the local and possibly the national officials may take up. His suggestion is that double tags be arranged for and distributed to the association, which can supply them direct to the wheelmen. Then the rider, when he wishes to board a train, can attach one of the tickets to his wheel and keep the corresponding one in his pocket. This plan would save the railroads much trouble and enable the cyclists to handle their own wheels, which they would rather do than not. The matter will be brought before the railroad officials in a few days. It was a fortunate thing for the

ASSOCIATED CYCLING CLUBS OF NEW YORK

that they elected Magistrate Simms president. Simms is an enthusiastic wheelman, and he is a hustler of the first order. He is making a hard fight to have the association give a twenty-five-mile road race on Riverside Drive, and he will succeed if anybody could. The Park Commissioners were to have held a meeting to-day to decide upon the question, but the meeting has been postponed for a week. President McMillan has gone South with a sick son, but he will be back by next Monday. The association does not favor having the race on the upper Boulevard, and say that if they cannot have it on the drive that they will take the race to New Jersey. All talk of hostile feeling on the part of the property-owners along the drive seems to have been exaggerated. At the supposed meeting to-day not one of the property-owners was present, either in person or by attorney, to oppose the holding of the race. The expected action on the part of the Board of Trade of

CYCLE MANUFACTURERS looking toward discontinuing future national shows was not taken at the meeting of the Board last week. The makers seem to have changed their minds in regard to future shows, and it looks now as if it was a ten to one shot that two national shows will be held as usual. The show at Chicago will be held late in November, and the one in this city early in December. One promoter has offered the Board \$30,000 for

the privilege of holding the two shows. This was the first offer and he might do better the next time. A verbatim report of the meeting of the Board has been forwarded and a further discussion of the matter here seems unnecessary.

NOTES AND COMMENTS. The wild geese are flying north over the lower end of Long Island at least two weeks earlier than usual. The weather wise say that this is a sure sign of an early spring, and better news than this cannot be served up to cyclists.

The story about The United Wheelmen of Wisconsin leaving the L. A. W. has been investigated. It has been found that none of the wheelmen or clubs was a member of the L. A. W.

Chairman Albert Mott has decided that no sanction is needed for races on the home trainer at exhibitions or shows. Such races were held at the recent show in Brooklyn, and as no sanction had been secured, it was said that trouble might follow.

Many of the Cycle Board of Trade Directors are still in town. The Board offices will be moved into new quarters next week.

Columbia College will probably hold her race meet at the Manhattan Beach track on May 28. Most of the large colleges will send teams, except Yale, who seems to fear Columbia on the bicycle track, and Eli has good cause to respect the local college in this branch of sport.

Just 101 new members have joined the South Brooklyn Wheelmen during the last year.

A well-groomed clergyman walked into our den, in Cycle Alley, to-day and asked to see a copy of the L. A. W. constitution. "I am a wheelman," said he, "and I wish to help the good cause along, providing that there should be nothing in the constitution which would prevent my joining."

Secretary-treasurer Bull has his \$2. There is some doubt now whether cyclists will get the new shelter house at the end of the cycle path in Brooklyn. If they don't it will be simply a matter of the Park department saving a few dollars.

J. B. Townsend and Channing Ellery are arranging to take a party of cyclists on a six weeks' touring trip through Europe.

G. E. STACKHOUSE.

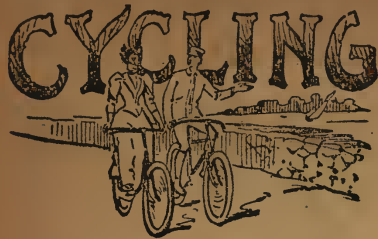
STATE AID FOR ROADS.

Effort to Amend the Constitution of Wisconsin For This Purpose.

State aid for road construction is wanted in Wisconsin, and the Board of Directors of the Wisconsin League of Good Roads has asked the State Legislature to take the first step toward the amendment of the Constitution so as to admit of State aid for road building. The State Constitution now provides that "the State shall never contract any debt for works of internal improvement or be a party in carrying on such works." The Good Roads League proposes to amend this by making an exception in the case of "wagon roads designed and to be used solely for free public travel."

Another Good Move.

New York, March 31.—Under the inspiration of afflicted wheelmen a bill has been introduced into the assembly, providing for the regulation of the quality of broken stone used in the construction or repair of roads, and limiting the amount of magnesia and lime used to 20 per cent. It is contended that on roads containing a large percentage of lime and magnesia not only does the lime and magnesia affect the skin and eyes, but the chemicals slowly eat away the rubber, caus-



FROM DOWN EAST.

BOSTON CYCLERS STRIVING FOR A NEW BOULEVARD.

The Bicycle Legislation Fever in Maine and Its Results—A Batch of News About Wheelmen and Those Who Trade.

Boston, March 30.—Editor "Sporting Life":—Trade is picking up, and spring is coming around slowly. The festive scorching and "the young man threatened with speed" is about, and these are sure and invariable signs of spring. Boston is working hard on the question of new roads and boulevard, and only this week Mayor Quincy and the Park Commission had a long conference about a new parkway. This not only means a new thoroughfare for the bicyclists, but employment for thousands, which in due season comes back again into circulation, for Boston never had so many men out of work as this year. The new parkway will be 100 feet wide and 92,600 feet long. The commissioners have made an estimate of \$250,000 for land and grade damages, and \$350,000 for construction, including the cost of a new bridge over the New York & New England Railroad.

THE BICYCLE LEGISLATION
fever has struck Maine, and a general bicycle bill, drawn up by Representative Walton, himself a wheelman, was introduced in the Maine Legislature last Wednesday. It defines the rights and privileges of bicyclists, compels the use of bells and lanterns, and prohibits riding on sidewalks, and provides for an annual registration of \$1 on every bicycle in place of any other form of assessed tax. This bill had some features objectionable to wheelmen, and the Maine branch of the L. A. W. sent representatives to the lobby to work upon it.

After a hearing and several consultations with the committee, the objectionable features were removed and the wheelmen were satisfied with the bill. A change was made which provided that the dollar fee received for registering bicycles should be made into a fund to be used for road improvement throughout the State under the charge of the Board of Agriculture. The sections relating to the rights, privileges and penalties of bicyclists were made uniform with the present Massachusetts law. As there are some 10,000 wheels in the State, the fund derived from this source would do much in a few years to improve the roads of Maine, which are notoriously and proverbially bad. It was thought the bill as changed in the committee, and agreed upon by all parties, would be reported favorably and receive a passage.

NOT FAVORABLE.

The wheelmen were not at all enthusiastic over it, but in consideration of what it promised to do for the roads they withdrew all objections to it. But as the Legal Affairs Committee pondered over the matter, they realized that while the \$10,000 would no doubt be a great benefit to the roads of Maine, it would be taking so much revenue away from the State to be used for other purposes.

The question of revenue is all important this session, and the longer the committee pondered the more they hesitated over reporting the bill. At present the State gets considerable revenue from taxing bicycles as personal property, and to divert this money from its usual channels and use it for good roads seemed a serious matter, however great might be the merits of the good roads cause. The bill is yet unreported, but it seems likely the report will be "ought not to pass" on the whole measure.

BITS OF NEWS.

Major Taylor, the dusky sprinter, who came into fame during the six-day race in New York last Dec., is at present sojourning in Boston, and is out with a challenge to race anybody on a home trainer for any amount. He is backed by a Mr. Summersgill, of Longwood, Mass. Incidentally it may be remarked that the "Major" is looking up and down the "row" for a "job, sah."

Robert Urquhart, one of Boston's sturdiest road riders and champion of Corey Hill, the Eagle Rock of New England, is laid up at home with appendicitis, and the doctors say that he will not race this season.

Mr. Charles Durgin is the latest addition to the Cleveland forces at the Boston store.

Boylston street is fast becoming the cycle row, and the latest new face on it is Taylor & Co., who have opened a salesroom at 36 Boylston street. This firm are the makers of the Taylor bicycle coupler.

Carl J. Harvey, for many months connected with Dame, Stoddard & Kendall and late with Bigelow & Dowse, the New England agents for the Crawford, has joined the Fowler forces at the Boston store, as has Robert Wilkie, who was until lately Chicago representative for the Kings-ton Rubber Co., of Boston.

Boston steamship agents report a large

and increasing inquiry by those booking passage across the Atlantic, as to the accommodations for carrying wheels. Half the requests for cabin passage are accompanied by questions about the safe carrying of bicycles. All of the companies are making careful provisions for wheels, and are seeing to their safe delivery.

J. A. Glass & Co., one of the oldest paper houses in New England, has taken the Boston territory for the Envoy and Fleetwing, made by the Buffalo Cycle Co., of Buffalo.

New Bedford is constructing a new bicycle track, and the Whaler City is promised the best of sport this coming season. The spectators' stands will seat 18,000 people and the grand stand will be the biggest in Bristol County. Alfred G. Doe, of New Bedford, has raised the capital and is the prime mover in the scheme.

The Weaver Cycle Material Co., of New York, have established a New England branch house in Boston, under the management of the Boston Cycle Supply Co., who have removed from No. 8 Federal street to more commodious quarters at No. 206 Devonshire street.

Already Mr. Dorntee, the new member of the Racing Board, is being rushed with applications for sanction, having granted 13 the first week in office. The first sanction was for May 19, at Cambridge, when the Bostonian Cycle Club, a women's organization, will run their blue ribbon meet. At this meet one of the features will be a match race for \$25, between Mat Butler, who will ride a mile against a fast sprint runner who will run a half. As the runner is a "speedy un," the race is attracting a great deal of attention. PERCIVAL.

TRICKS ON TRADE.

Unsatisfactory Methods of Some Professional Riders.

A Rochester man alleges that he has received tips as to the tricks said to have been systematically practiced upon their employers by certain professionals. He says that it is the custom of these pros to charge up their expenses even to shaves and shaves. It is said of one well-known rider that the books of the firm he represented showed that he had two shaves a day and three haircuts a week. Another crackjack used to charge up in his expense account each week clothing for his trainer. One week there would be a hat and a pair of shoes, \$10; the following week a suit of clothes, \$25; the next week towels, \$5, and so on. "This particular rider made the mistake of allowing his trainer" (so the story goes), "to be seen by the firm's representatives always wearing the same suit of clothes. At the end of the season the firm discharged the rider, at the same time deducting \$250 from his salary for expense over-charges. It is related of another rider that he used to buy \$5 worth of towels each week—according to his expense account. These practices have done much to hurt the racing business. In several instances bicycle manufacturers have stopped supporting racing teams owing to their methods. It is said that one firm was represented on the circuit by three riders of considerable prominence, and they cost \$17,000 in a single season. To offset the dishonest ones there are many honest riders. As a rule they are remembered by the houses they represent, and when their racing days are over they get salaried places in the factories or offices. There is a large number of professional riders now looking for engagements. Others are satisfied to get their expenses for riding certain wheels, and still others are satisfied with small salaries. The firms are beginning to cut down the salaries of their men."

THE FOREIGN TRADE.

Why It Has Proved of Advantage to Our Manufacturers.

Says a man in the trade: "Foreigners never concede that the competition of American goods is a serious factor in any line so long as their introduction is controlled by improperly qualified native importers, who are willing enough to bill an order, and equally unwilling to do the work of initiating trade and creating a demand for them. But as soon as the American producer places his commodity in a foreign market in his own right, by means of representatives thoroughly qualified to represent and as thoroughly identified with his interests, as the cycle maker has very wisely done, the whole aspect of the case changes. The successful introduction of American bicycles by this means in many foreign markets is well known, and the advantages of a foreign trade so established to the American manufacturer have been vividly illustrated during recent domestic depression and industrial uncertainty. That which has been done by the cycle makers in this direction will exert a powerful influence on the future of American export trade. American cycle makers who have created facilities that outrun domestic demand, great as that is, are still seeking new outlets in Europe, and are doing it in their own name, thus holding at their command all the forces that make for the building up of a demand for their machines. This is rapidly making the American bicycle a factor in calculations for trade in the home market of foreign makers, very much to their disgust."

How's This?

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OFFICIAL NEWS

From the Chairman of the L. A. W. Racing Board.

Baltimore, Md., March 31.—Following is the regular weekly official bulletin of the Racing Board of the League of American Wheelmen:

SPECIAL NOTICES.

Henry Goodman, 132 Sixth street, Portland, Ore., has been appointed a member by President Potter, and will take charge of California, Nevada, Oregon, Arizona, Utah, Washington, Idaho and Montana. The State of Michigan is added to the district of Mr. Herbert W. Foltz, #50 Ingalls Block, Indianapolis, Ind.

OFFICIAL HANDICAPPERS.

By vote of the Board the following are made handicappers:

District No. 1 (all eligible for any New England State, except Maine)—R. F. Kelsey, Drawer 3, Hartford, Conn.; Charles G. Percival, 73 Globe Building, Boston, Mass.; (eligible for Maine), Walter E. Tobie, 251 Cumberland street, Portland, Me.

District No. 2—A. G. Batchelder, 1427 American Tract Society Building, New York, N. Y.

District No. 3—John C. Wetmore, 722 American Tract Society Building, New York, N. Y.

District No. 4—A. G. Powell, 905 Arch street, Philadelphia, Pa.; T. F. Myler, Central Stock Yards, Pittsburg, Pa.; N. Levy, Portsmouth, Va.

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SUSPENDED.

J. Michael is suspended by the National Cyclists' Union, and in accordance with the agreement between that body and the L. A. W., he is also ineligible to ride in the United States.

ALBERT MOTT, Chairman.

THE TIRE GUARANTEE.

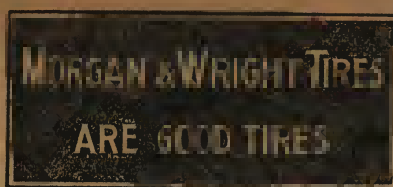
An Explanation of What May Puzzle Some People.

"It will be noticed," says the American Cyclist, "that the Rubber Tire Association's new '97 tire guarantee has two terms or periods of duration, the first one being for six months and beginning with the purchase of the tire by the user. This duration of guarantee, is, however, limited if the six months expire before May 1, 1898, on which date the guarantee is withdrawn even should the tire at that time not have been put into use. In other words, this guarantee is an insurance against latent defects which may develop in six months of use, but in no case for a longer term of existence than May 1, after the year in which the tire has been made. Thus, if a tire was made in 1896 and sold by the retailer on January 1, 1897, the extreme limit would be reached on May 1, when the guarantee would run out, but it really would be but four months after the tire had been sold. The idea embodied in this guarantee is that rubber is a vegetable compound, the preservation of which depends upon the care given to it, and the manufacturer of this rubber cannot possibly have control over the conditions under which it is kept after it has left his hands. He therefore cannot guarantee it for any indefinite and unlimited term of existence, no matter whether it is used or not, and the limit of the guarantee as to existence is therefore set on May 1 of the year following that in which the tire was made. This point also should not be lost sight of, that the guarantee does not assure the rider of any term of wear of his tire, even six months or otherwise, but is simply an assurance against any defects of workmanship or material which may develop in six months of use. There is a very general idea among the riding public that tires are guaranteed to wear for a certain length of time. This is not the case, and it is impracticable to give such a guarantee, for the same reason that a guarantee for an unlimited term of existence cannot be given, and that is, that the wearing of the tire depends upon conditions over which the manufacturer has no control."

CYCLING LEGISLATION.

Efforts to Have Laws Passed Favorable to Wheelmen.

There is a road improvement bill before the New York Legislature, and the cyclists of New Jersey have also been asking for legislation. Before the law-makers of Massachusetts there is a bill for the imprisonment of bicycle thieves. In behalf of its passage the wheelmen of that State have secured the names of hundreds of cyclists, and from present indications it would seem that it will become a law. During 1896 many bicycles were stolen in the Bay State, both from dealers and wheelmen. Considerable trouble has been made by persons hiring bicycles for short spins, and instead of indulging in their contemplated tours they have hastened to pawnshops and pledged the wheels. Relative to this matter the Boston Cycle Board of Trade intends to take steps to discourage the practice. The Board has endorsed the bill for the punishment of bicycle thieves, and will do all in its power to have it pass. Another



matter now urgently pressed in the session of the Massachusetts Legislature is one calling for wide tires. This bill provides that all heavy wagons must be fitted with tires wide enough to prevent injury to the roads. The wheelmen of New Hampshire are laboring diligently in the interests of a bill for highway improvement. The only objection they have to this bill is that it imposes a tax on bicycles exceeding \$25 in value. This money is to be expended in road improvement. In Maine the bicycle riders are also devoting some of their time to a proposed road improvement law. Thus far they have been quite successful. Another bill before the Maine Legislature provides for the free transportation of bicycles over the railroads, but it is thought that this bill will not carry. Rhode Island wheelmen are asking for the enactment of a law which calls for sign-posts on all highways. They are also pushing a wide-tire bill.—New York "Sun."

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MOTT'S MISSIVE.

WHAT IS DOING IN MARYLAND CYCLE CIRCLES.

Electric Light Races For Baltimore —Bicycle Racing Still in Its Infancy—Tales of a Team Race and Hare Hunt.

Baltimore, March 29.—Editor "Sporting Life":—The proprietor of Electric Park, of Baltimore, proposes to make bicycle racing a decided feature of his entertainment for the public this season.

The park is well named electric, for it is twenty-five acres of the most brilliant lights. He has built a casino which has a floor space equal to Madison Square Garden in New York, with a theatrical stage as large as the largest in New York. A cyclorama is in course of construction, and a club house elaborately finished is on the place, with palm gardens, billiard rooms, bowling alleys and every conceivable convenience.

NIGHT RACING.

There is a half-mile track on the place, and it was on this course that Windle first came into prominence by winning the championship at the Baltimore National meet of 1888.

The proprietor engages specialists to manage each feature—the club house—the dining department, the theatre, the cyclorama and now he has engaged a professional racing man, Mr. Fuller, to manage the cycle racing department.

It is proposed to give electric light racing all through the season, and also to apply for a National circuit date.

There is an abundance of capital and enterprise behind the scheme, and if that is all that is required, there is no question as to success.

BICYCLE RACING.

is in the evolution stage that base ball was twenty or more years ago. It is fast approaching the business era, and there is no good reason why it should not develop into a profitable business on the same lines that base ball has. All that is necessary is to keep the sport clean and pure, and ultimate success is almost sure to follow.

As novelties it is proposed to use multiple machines, quints and sextuplets for exhibition purposes, bicycles versus horses and everything for a card to draw popular attention.

Chief Consul Sams proposes to have the Inter-city team races between Baltimore and Washington pulled off at this park. The rivalry between the cities is strong. Last season Washington won rather too easily to suit the popular taste of Baltimore, but this year the enterprising Chief Consul is better prepared to put in a team that will make a closer argument.

You never saw so many wheelmen in all your life as there were on the roads Sunday. They were so thick that carriages stood no kind of a show to get along without a skillful driver who could waltz a horse through a serpentine course.

This is surely the bicycle age.

How things are changing.

Even racing.

TALE OF A TEAM RACE.

Talking of team racing, there was once a competition of that kind in the good old days in Baltimore that comes back as a laughable memory. They were club teams, five in each, and the quarter-mile track was only fifteen feet wide. Rivalry was intense. The team captains were kings in their clubs, and one of them for a time proved to be even more—a monarch, at least, of all he could survey on that fifteen-foot track.

In those days intellect counted.

Heads were sometimes as good as feet.

This captain we are talking about was a track engineer, as sure as you live.

There was not much go in his men, with the exception of himself, but he outgeneraled the other teams so well that he would have won as sure as fate, except for an accident.

All the teams were eager for pace, and this sly old fox knew it. Of course, all were perfectly willing for his team to make the pace, and it was easy to assemble his men at the front immediately after the start. But when he gathered them ahead he took the pole and made them dress up on him, "company front," like a platoon of soldiers. They just nicely filled up the whole fifteen-foot track—three feet for each man—and they paraded around there at a comfortable three-minute gait. In a two-mile race, just seven times, and not a man on the other teams could get past. They would have crossed the tape in spread eagle style just as sure as shooting if the outside galoot hadn't got nervous just before the sprint and tangled his feet up with his diaphragm and brought down the whole line.

They all rolled down the bank and the other fellows came in ahead.

Still, the winners were indignant at their riding side by side on the track, and protested to the referee.

The referee commended the split captain for his generalship; disqualified the track,

and the owners had to spend a thousand dollars to make it ten feet wider before the next team races.

Oh, what a wicked country this is.

ANOTHER INSTANCE.

The club had a hare and hounds chase once upon a time, and the hare hired a man on a horse to go out and paper a twenty-five-mile course. Then the hare started; ran around four blocks, came back to the club house and went to sleep, and the hounds are chasing him yet.

They tried it the next year; sent the same hare out. They complained that the day was windy and paper would blow away, and so they loaded him down with white corn. The first thing the hounds did was to run into a big flock of hens, turkeys and geese, and after they had got through repaired damages, cleaned themselves of goose grease and tried to take up the trail, they found the crows had eaten it up.

They found that hare.

He was comfortably seated at a country hotel eating frogs, chickens, ice cream and soup, and talking spoony to the landlord's daughter.

Well, it's a good old world, after all.

ALBERT MOTT.

THE NATIONAL MEET.

A Four-Days' Programme to be Proposed.

The National cycle meet will probably not provide more than two days of racing this year, instead of three, which are usually considered necessary. The question has not yet been definitely settled, but so nearly so that it may be accepted as a fact. The Philadelphiaans are set upon running a four-days' meet, and, of course, if this is done not over two days can be devoted to the racing features. It is not from any desire to cut the programme that this has been decided on, but the men who are at the head of cycling affairs in the Quaker City have been close observers of meets in the past, especially those at Asbury Park and Louisville. Both of those named were scheduled for the full week, and the programme was considered too long, as the average man finds it impossible to spend as much time as that without cutting too seriously into his vacation period, or possibly taking the whole of it. The proposal stands at present to make the 1897 meet start on Wednesday and continue without interruption until Saturday night, making the fun fast and furious while it lasts, with the belief that a larger number will attend for four days than would go for the whole week, and that, at any rate, if it lasts only four days, every one who attends will remain for the entire time, and not simply for a part of the meet. The intention is to make just as big an affair out of it, and, to, as far as possible, suit the majority. Two days of racing may be considered insufficient by the racing men, but the programme will doubtless be balanced up so that in the end they will have no cause for complaint.

—The New York State racing circuit will open early in June.



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ROTH WANTS THE PRIZES.

The Chicago Cyclist Will Sue the Century Road Club.

Chicago, Ill., March 31.—E. N. Roth, the Chicago cyclist, who claims to have covered over 34,000 miles as a road rider last year, will bring suit against the Century Road Club of America for failing to acknowledge his mileage and award to him the record for century riding in the United States. Roth charges that some of the officials of the Century Road Club, for trade reasons, used their influence to have his mileage record not allowed, and he names Secretary C. M. Fairchild as one of the offending officials.

Roth says that every century he made was substantiated by affidavits, and that he wants the prizes, which have been awarded to A. A. Gracey, of Philadelphia, for the greatest mileage, and to O'Connor for the mileage record for Illinois. Roth also charges that while he was riding his centuries, Secretary Fairchild, when he saw that Roth would beat all other riders, tried to discourage him whenever the opportunity was presented.

OFFICIAL NOTICE

From the Secretary of the National Board of Trade.

New York, March 30.—To the members of National Cycle Board of Trade and signers of agreement to exhibit at sanctioned exhibitions only:

The local cycle exhibition, to be held at Minneapolis, Minn., April 19 to 24, inclusive, has been duly sanctioned by the National Board of Trade of Cycle Manufacturers.

The Tennessee Centennial and International Exposition, to be held at Nashville, Tenn., May to November, 1897, has received the sanction of National Board of Trade of Cycle Manufacturers, for the exhibition of bicycles; as has also the Trans-Mississippi and International Exposition, to be held at Omaha, Neb., June to November, 1898.

Sanction has been refused to the following local shows: Y. M. C. A., Waterbury, Conn., May 2 to 5; Y. M. C. A., Nashua, N. H., April 14 and 15; Train, "Great White Special," Train, U. S. Trades Exposition.

ERNEST R. FRANKS, Secretary.

THE DETROIT RACE.

A Pittsburg Man Worn Out in the Long Race.

A big crowd saw the close of the six-day bicycle race in the Detroit Auditorium, March 27. Dench, the Pittsburg boy, won out in his long struggle with Waller. The contest between Dench and Waller continued strong throughout. During the afternoon Dench's pedal broke, setting him back two laps. Waller gained a lap, but a puncture put him back one lap. Miller rode hard, but took a rest for a time Saturday night. The record made by Harry Wood at Cleveland was 723½ miles in 36 hours. Dench completed 737¼ miles in 33 hours. Final score: Dench 737 miles 12 laps; Waller, 737 miles 9 laps; Miller, 722 miles 3 laps; Gimm, 624 miles 3 laps; Gardner, 341 miles.

BITS OF RACING NEWS.

—The gross receipts at the Austral race meet, Australia, were \$12,520, and the net profits, \$6865.

—Charley Murphy, the Brooklyn rider, expects to begin training for the national circuit races next month.

—At Vienna, March 7, in an Austria versus Germany match, Lurion and Reuther defeated Habich and Week.

—Long-distance racing will be the great fad this year. The National Cycle Racing Association will give 12 and 24-hour races this season.

—President Hoetbner, of the Deutscher Radfahrer Bund, has resigned because of differences over the new sporting league of Germany.

—The New England member of the L. A. W. Racing Board, G. W. Dorntee, of Boston, has come out openly in opposition to road racing.

—Asa Windle has at last retired from the track, and this year will be missed on the national circuit. He has settled down at Clinton, Mass.

—Earl Kiser, the Western professional who made a creditable record on American and foreign tracks last season, will train for the circuit at New Orleans.

—The relief to George D. Gideon which came from being relieved from the cares and trials of the Racing Board Chairmanship must have been very great, for he already looks like a new man.

—At the Detroit Auditorium March 27, on a 16-lap track, J. J. Blouin, a local bicyclist, rode against the one-hour record. He covered 24 miles 10 laps in the time, beating Leslie's Chicago performance of 23 miles and four laps, which is the record.

—The six days' female bicycle race, in Louisville, Ky., ended March 27. Miss Dot Farnsworth won first prize, beating Helen Baldwin by a half wheel's length. Both riders covered 334 miles and 4 laps. Miss Richards was third with 330 miles 9 laps.

—At the St. Kilda cycle grounds, February 2, the 25-mile championship of Australia was captured by M. Porta, the Italian champion, defeating A. B. McDonnell and W. Martin, the American entries; C. B. Kellom, the Australian flyer, and a large field.

—Tom Cooper will leave Detroit in a few days for Nashville, where the racing season will open in about three weeks. Cooper had intended to start his racing season on the Pacific coast, but the abandoning of the spring circuit there altered his plans.

—Yale proposes to make Columbia hustle this year for the bicycle events in the intercollegiate championship. Harvard and Pennsylvania men do not appear to be alive to the importance of intercollegiate cycling, judging by the interest displayed by their racing men.

—Tom Linton, who was defeated in this country last year by Starbuck, but who is regarded in Europe as one of the greatest cycle racing men of the age, was recently defeated by the new phenomenon, Champion, sometimes called the French Michel. The distance was 31½ miles, on an indoor track, in Paris, and the race was won by Champion in 1 hour 2 minutes 53 seconds, the fastest ever recorded in competition.

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THE WORLD OF SHOOTERS.

TOM MARSHALL WON

THE GRAND AMERICAN HANDICAP FOR 1897.

The Mayor of Keithsburg Was the Only Man Out of One Hundred and Thirty-five to Kill Twenty-five Birds Straight.

The Grand American Handicap of 1897 is now a thing of the past and will go down in the annals of trap shooting as the largest affair of the kind ever held in the world, at least in the number of entries. The DuPont shoot, given at Chicago last August, under the management of Mr. E. S. Rice, drew more men who participated in small events, but never before has there been 146 men who sent their name and forfeit, as an entry in a match at 25 live birds with an entrance of \$25, with the money to be divided among a certain number of high guns.

IN LAST WEEK'S ISSUE we gave the scores of the first day's shooting, March 23, in full, and the Grand American Handicap, March 24, up to the end of the twenty-first round and the name of the final winner. This was just one week ahead of all other sporting papers, and we hope that our readers will appreciate the fact that "Sporting Life" is giving them the latest news in trap shooting, and let them know a week ahead of other papers the result of this great shooting contest. We gave with the scores a complete list of the make of gun and load used by each contestant in the big event.

ONE OF THE CONDITIONS of the big Handicap was that any shooter losing three birds should withdraw with the privilege of shooting up should there be a chance to get into a money division. Owing to the extra fine quality of the



HON. TOM MARSHALL.

Winner of the Grand American Handicap, birds and the force of the northwest wind, which, added to the hard conditions, caused so many men to fall down on unkillable birds, those missing three birds were given a chance to get in for a part of the purse, provided they did not lose more than three birds.

The scores last week showed all those who started in the race. Several men, who lost three birds in the handicap, left for their homes that night, supposing that they had no chance to win the money and so forfeited their rights in the match.

ON THE TWENTY-FIRST ROUND Manager Shauer called the match, as there was not time to finish before dark. At this time there were only three men who had not missed a bird. These three were Tom Marshall, of Keithsburg, Ill.; Henry See (Henry C. Koegel), of Newark, and Dr. Carver, of Chicago. In the morning the match was finished and Marshall grassed his remaining four birds, which were not particularly hard ones. Dr. Carver lost his twenty-fourth bird which was an unfortunate miss. The bird was on the No. 3 set of traps, and the wind was blowing a gale into the face of the shooter. The bird was a towering incomer, and was evidently missed with the first barrel, but as it started toward the score was carefully covered and literally shot through and through, but the wind was blowing with such force that it carried the body over the line and striking one of the windows in the club house shattered it, and fell a mangled mass of meat and feathers on the club house floor. Henry C. Koegel lost his twenty-fourth bird in about the same manner. It was killed well inside the boundary, but the wind blew it outside of the line. Tom Marshall killed his four birds and became the winner of the Grand American Handicap for 1897.

THE SHOOTING WAS HARD and those who participated will always remember some of the birds that were released during the progress of this great event. Three sets of traps were used which are the Mott patent and acknowledged to be the very fastest kind. There were three different lights, three different grounds to shoot over, and three different positions in the wind. On No. 1 set of traps the birds were mostly drivers with the wind. On No. 2 set the wind blew from No. 5 to

No. 1, and most of the birds were left quarterers, and many a man killed his bird dead inside to see it carried over the line by the force of the wind. No. 3 set was a hard position, as the wind blew directly in the shooter's face, and many of the birds were fast incomers, which are not the easiest kind to kill. The birds furnished for the Grand American Handicap this year were an extra fine lot and no one could complain on that point. Indeed, it is the first time that a person losing three birds ever received a portion of the money.

A LARGE CROWD was present during the three days. Among those noticed in the club house were Ex-Senator Henry Morgan, of Matawan; D. Applegate, of Morgan, N. J.; Mr. and Mrs. Henry Daly, of Philadelphia; Miss Tunison, of New York; Mr. and Mrs. Phil. Daly, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Chaffin, Mrs. Macalester, Mrs. Phil. Daly, Jr., Edward McDonald, the Hon. David S. Carter, Mrs. Walter R. Patten, of Pleasant Bay; Daniel Bradley, A. V. Kennerson, of Worcester; C. W. Dimick, of Boston; Frank D. Beard, of Brooklyn; Charles M. Hadden, Samuel Castle, Col. J. Heder Brienthal, of Newark; Henry C. Craft, New York; W. T. Myler, of Batavia, N. Y.; William Hughes, of Jersey City; H. W. Eager, Marlborough, Mass.; Lieut. George Albee, New Haven; R. Taggart and Commodore H. C. Higginson, of Newburgh; Frank Hall, of Jersey City; Harry Marlin, New Haven; Guy Robinson, New York; W. Gould Brokaw, New York, and W. H. McMillan, of Mahanoy City.

THE WESTERN DELEGATION, which were brought in under the direction of Mr. E. S. Rice, of Chicago, who is agent for the Du Pont and Hazard Powder Co.'s, were a very strong combination; in fact, too strong for the Eastern men, and they carried away more than their share of the plunder; besides one of their number won the Grand American Handicap. Mr. Rice is a great general, and he had his men trained like a lot of soldiers. They came out to the East to win the grand prize and they went home happy. When Mr. Rice starts out to do a thing he goes at it right and spares no pains or expense to attain the desired end. He selected fifteen men, who represented the best pigeon shots of the West, and who belonged to that class of sportsmen that every man is proud to know. The men Mr. Rice brought with him are gentlemanly sportsmen, and their conduct at all times was a credit to them, and they will always be welcomed at any gathering of sportsmen. Mr. Rice had with him to represent the West: Dr. Carver, Charles Budd, Charles Grimm, Fred. Gilbert, W. D. Stannard, J. Glover, Dr. Williamson, Tom Marshall, Ed. Bingham, Henry Dunnell, Wm. Dunnell, E. Voris, Chan. Powers, R. Merrill and W. L. Shephard, making a party of sixteen. Eight of the men used Hazard "Blue Ribbon" Smokeless and eight used Du Pont Smokeless powder. They were decorated with beautiful badges, which showed the kind of powder they were using.

THE FOLLOWING SCORES of the Grand American Handicap show the winners of money and those who failed to get a place:

T. A. Marshall, 28 yards.	21222 22222 22222 22222 22222-25
H. C. Koegel, 27 yards.	21222 22222 21222 22222 222*2-24
Dr. W. F. Carver, 32 yards.	22222 21222 22222 22122 122*3-24
Dr. J. L. Williamson, 30 yards.	22222 22222 22222 22222 22222-24
Ferd Van Dyke, 20 1/2 yards.	22222 22222 22*22 22222 22222-24
Ed. C. Burkhardt, 27 yards.	22212 22222 22202 22222 22122-24
E. Voris, 20 yards.	22222 22222 22222 22202 22222-24
G. Cubberly, 20 yards.	22212 21122 22220 22222 22222-24
C. F. Arno, 27 yards.	22222 22222 22222 22202 22222-24
J. E. Applegate, 20 yards.	22222 22222 22222 22222 02222-24
F. D. Alkire, 22 yards.	22222 20222 02222 22222 22222-23
W. Dunnell, 20 yards.	12222 22222 22222 20222 21022-23
Charles Budd, 30 1/2 yards.	22222 22222 20222 22222 20222-23
C. Ferguson, 20 yards.	22222 22222 00222 22222 22222-23
A. L. Ivins, 29 yards.	12022 23012 11121 12222 22222-23
R. R. Merrill, 30 yards.	20222 12120 11122 21222 22122-23
J. J. Sumpter, Jr., 29 yards.	22222 22022 22222 22222 22222-23
O. R. Dickey, 30 yards.	22222 22222 22202 22222 20222-23
W. S. King, 30 yards.	22212 22222 22222 22220 20222-23
Dr. J. V. Hudson, 27 1/2 yards.	11121 22222 22201 12222 20222-23
R. A. Welch, 30 1/2 yards.	22222 22222 22112 22220 12202-23
C. M. Grimm, 32 yards.	22202 22222 22220 22222 20222-22
J. Hamilton, 28 yards.	22220 22222 22220 20222 22222-22
F. S. Parmelee, 30 1/2 yards.	22221 22122 12201 22001 22222-22
C. M. Powers, 30 yards.	22122 21020 22222 02222 22222-22
R. Phister, 28 yards.	22222 22022 22220 22222 22202-22
Fred G. Moore, 28 yards.	12222 22022 22222 22122 20022-22
C. S. Guthrie, 27 yards.	22222 02222 22222 22200 22221-22
H. Coldron, 29 yards.	*2222 22222 02222 22222 12202-22
J. Reyryg, 27 yards.	22122 22221 22222 00220 22222-22
M. Moccasin, 28 1/2 yards.	21222 02102 22202 22222 22122-22
C. Von Lengerke, 28 yards.	21211 22220 212*0 21222 12222-22
H. Thurman, 28 yards.	22222 20022 122*2 12222 22222-22
Colonel Anthony, 27 yards.	12211 22122 22212 22202 022*2-22

Marshall won first money, \$500. Ties on 24 divided \$1600.15; ties on 23 divided \$1004.35, and ties on 22 divided \$254.

The scores of those who did not get into the money follow:

Gus Grieff, 28 1/2 yards.	01222 12220 22102 22222 222*2-21
Noel Money, 29 yards.	22012 22222 22222 20222 2220-21
J. G. Knowlton, 28 yards.	22222 22222 222*2 20222 02220-21
J. S. Fanning, 20 1/2 yards.	22222 2*222 12212 22222 020 w-20
Neaf Appar, 20 1/2 yards.	202*2 22212 22222 22022 2220w-20
D. A. Upson, 30 yards.	22222 22220 20222 222*2 2220w-20
J. Von Lengerke, 28 1/2 yards.	*1222 12111 10121 21121 12* w-20
J. R. Blaney, 26 yards.	22220 22122 22202 222*2 2210w-20
J. S. Duston, 27 yards.	12210 12112 12121 *1222 220 w-20
J. A. R. Elliott, 32 yards.	22222 22222 02222 22*20 220 w-19
C. T. Bodie, 27 yards.	22022 22222 22202 20222 120 w-19
Paul I. Clarke, 26 yards.	22121 02122 22122 22202 20 w-19
A. H. King, 29 yards.	22222 22222 220*2 22222 *20 w-19
Phil Daly, Jr., 29 yards.	22222 22200 22222 22222 020 w-19
J. Arlington, 27 yards.	21210 22222 11221 *1222 20 w-19
H. Landis, 28 yards.	220*2 22222 12222 21220 20 w-18
O. D. McElroy, 27 yards.	22220 22222 20212 02222 20 w-18
W. L. Shephard, 26 yards.	22022 21222 02222 12110 20 w-18
G. F. Brucker, 28 yards.	12121 11122 1022* 21220 10 w-18
Captain A. W. Money, 28 yards.	22202 12222 12022 22012 10 w-18
Ed. Rike, 27 1/2 yards.	21222 22222 2202* 11122 00 w-18
T. W. Morley, 20 1/2 yards.	22022 22222 22222 22222 0 w-18
E. D. Fulford, 30 yards.	2222* 21222 22222 2*022 2* -18
W. D. Stannard, 27 1/2 yards.	22202 22222 220*2 22222 0 w-17
R. O. Helkes, 30 1/2 yards.	02222 22222 22222 2222* * w-17
C. Woolley, 28 yards.	22222 02222 22202 222*2 0 w-17
W. H. Hyland, 27 yards.	22222 22222 22220 222*0 w-17
C. W. Reed, 27 yards.	22222 22202 22222 2*220 w-17
Ed. Bingham, 28 yards.	22222 02*22 22222 22222 0 w-17
J. G. Messner, 27 yards.	02222 22222 22222 *22*0 w-16
Lloyd Taylor, 27 yards.	22222 22222 02222 0220* w-16
Allen Willey, 28 1/2 yards.	2222* 22222 22222 02200 w-16
W. R. Crosby, 30 1/2 yards.	22222 12200 22222 222*0 w-16
Fargo, 28 1/2 yards.	22222 20222 22222 202* w-16
"Sporting Life," 20 1/2 yards.	22*22 22220 01222 12210 w-16
A. W. Du Bray, 27 1/2 yards.	22222 02220 20222 2220 w-15
J. S. Paddelford, 27 1/2 yards.	22222 22221 222*0 120 w-15
E. B. Puck, 26 yards.	22022 12201 02222 2220 w-15
E. F. Thomas, 29 yards.	22222 0*222 22222 220 w-15
Harry Dunnell, 20 yards.	22222 20221 01222 220* w-15
A. Dukes, 28 1/2 yards.	*1122 20222 22222 2200 w-15
Jas. M. Green, 27 yards.	22222 22222 22220 00 w-14
John Glover, 27 1/2 yards.	21202 20222 22221 2* w-14
Geo. A. Mosher, 27 1/2 yards.	12212 02220 22222 20 w-14
"Conny" Ferguson, Jr., 27 yards.	22222 22222 22220 2* w-14
J. J. Jackson, 27 yards.	11222 02221 22222 20 w-14
E. Dallas, 27 yards.	22220 12*21 10212 20 w-13
B. A. Bartlett, 28 1/2 yards.	22222 21222 02002 20 w-13
J. R. Malone, 28 yards.	22112 10222 11021 * w-13
J. M. Browning, 20 1/2 yards.	22222 22222 2220* w-13
Frank Class, 30 yards.	22222 20022 22220 20 w-13
M. Herrington, 27 1/2 yards.	21220 22220 02122 0 w-12
W. R. Patton, 28 yards.	22222 22022 20220 0 w-12
G. L. Piercy, 27 yards.	11222 10222 *0222 0 w-12
H. C. White, 28 1/2 yards.	21222 11222 02002 0 w-12
Thos. Howe, 27 yards.	21022 20202 21221 0 w-12
A. C. Monies, 27 yards.	22222 22022 22200 w-12
Joe Coyle, 28 yards.	12222 02222 20220 w-12
Fred Gilbert, 30 yards.	22212 22*22 *222* w-11
S. Johnson, 20 yards.	22212 22202 220* w-11
W. F. Quimby, 28 yards.	21222 20221 10220 w-11
Sim Glover, 28 yards.	22201 21222 1020 w-11
W. S. Edey, 28 yards.	22002 22222 2220 w-11
W. M. Thompson, 27 yards.	*2122 22222 0220 w-11
J. Bessemer, 29 yards.	22222 22020 220 w-10
E. C. Meyer, 28 yards.	22222 22222 000 w-10
C. Steffens, 28 1/2 yards.	21222 22201 020 w-10
Wm. Wagner, 27 1/2 yards.	22102 20122 210 w-10
Irby Bennett, 27 yards.	01212 22220 020 w-9
Jos. M. Baker, 27 1/2 yards.	22122 2*022 20 w-9
B. H. Williams, 27 yards.	22102 01121 020 w-9
Charles Jones, 27 yards.	21212 00222 0 w-8
C. A. May, 30 yards.	22222 0*222 0 w-8
A. Hofmeister, 27 yards.	22212 10222 0 w-8
Charles Zwirlein, 28 yards.	20202 21220 * w-8
E. A. Geoffrey, 27 1/2 yards.	*222* 22222 * w-8
Tee Kay, 27 1/2 yards.	22222 02022 0* w-8

A. Marshall, 27 yards.	21022 22220 0 w-8
Clem. Marsh, 28 yards.	21222 22002 0 w-8
J. S. S. Remsen, 28 yards.	22202 02122 0 w-8
H. W. Johns, 27 yards.	21220 20220 20 w-8
The Scribe, 28 yards.	220*2 22202 0 w-7
J. (147) L. Winston, 30 yards.	22*20 22020 w-6
S. T. James, 29 yards.	22*22 2020 w-6
J. H. Covington, 27 yards.	11021 2*20 w-6
W. Hammond, 27 yards.	10111 2200 w-6
R. Trimble, 28 1/2 yards.	01220 2220 w-6
J. Frank Kleinz, 28 yards.	04012 2220 w-6
Theo. Hostetter, 28 yards.	20222 2200 w-6
S. McPherson, 28 yards.	12220 2 w sickness-5
Fred Clayton, 27 yards.	12101 00* w-4
"U. M. C." Thomas, 26 yards.	2*211 0* w-4
Old Hoss, 27 yards.	02*21 0* w-3
B. Le Roy, 28 yards.	02220 0 w-3
F. E. Heyer, 27 1/2 yards.	12*20 00 w-3
Chas. Matsen, 28 yards.	01102 0 w-3
F. Lawrence, 27 1/2 yards.	10220 0 w-3
R. S. Waddell, 27 yards.	01010 w-2
T. Leuthausen, 27 yards.	10200 w-2
J. O. Haskell, 27 yards.	*0210 w-2
R. L. Packard, 26 yards.	00220 w-2

WHEN THE GRAND AMERICAN had been finished, on the morning of March 25, the Consolation Handicap was started. This event was at 15 birds, \$10 entrance, birds extra, handicap rise. Winners of money in the Grand American Handicap had one yard added to their handicap; money divided according to number of entries; high guns to win. Some fine shooting was done in this event and Charles Grimm, at the 33-yard mark, killed 15 straight, making several clever stops on fast birds. Fred Gilbert at 30yds, H. Dunnell at 29yds and A. L. Ivins at 30yds make clean scores and they divided \$305.50. Fulford, Clayton, T. Marshall, Knowlton and Duston grassed 14 and divided \$150.50. Powers won \$14 in shoot-off of those killing 13.

Consolation Handicap, 15 birds, \$10. birds extra, high guns; winners in G. A. H. had one yard added to their handicap.

H. Dunnell (29yds.)	22222 22222 22222-15
F. Gilbert (30yds.)	22222 22222 22222-15
C. Grimm (33yds.)	22222 22222 22222-15
A. Ivins (30yds.)	22222 22222 22222-15
E. Clayton (27yds.)	12221 21121 02211-14
B. Fulford (30yds.)	22220 21212 22112-14
T. Marshall (29yds.)	22222 22222 22202-14
J. Knowlton (28yds.)	22222 22222 2*222-14
J. Duston (27yds.)	21122 11211 22101-14
H. Coldron (30yds.)	20220 22222 22222-13
A. W. Money (28yds.)	120*1 12212 22222-13
F. Van Dyke (30yds.)	22022 22022 22222-13
B. A. Bartlett (28yds.)	2222* 21222 *2222-13
Dr. Carver (33yds.)	22222 2222* 22210-13
E. Bingham (28yds.)	02222 22222 22202-13
C. Powers (31yds.)	02222 02222 22222-13
R. Merrill (30yds.)	22222 21222 202*2-13
E. Burkhardt (28yds.)	22220 22222 22222-13
Ark. Traveler (30yds.)	22220 22202 22222-13
C. Ferguson (30yds.)	22220 22222 22222-13
G. Grieff (28yds.)	22222 20222 20222-13
T. C. Wright (28yds.)	20222 22222 22202-13
White (28yds.)	*1221 1*112 12110-12
A. Willey (28yds.)	02222 22022 20222-12
E. Voris (29yds.)	22222 22202 20w-10
J. Fanning (29yds.)	21102 01121 20w-9
Howe (28yds.)	20222 20111 0w-8
Arno (28yds.)	22221 20220 w-8
Parmelee (31yds.)	12222 12011 0w-8
Fairmont (28yds.)	01210 21220 w-7
C. Budd (31yds.)	22202 12*20 w-7
P. Daly, Jr. (23yds.)	22220 22220 w-7
Irby Bennett (27yds.)	22221 0220 w-7
G. Cubberly (30yds.)	20211 110 w-6
"Sporting Life" (20yds.)	02222 22* w-6
Williams (27yds.)	2122* 100 w-5
Herrington (27yds.)	20222 20 w-5
C. Zwirlein (28yds.)	01212 0 w-4
N. Money (29yds.)	2202* 20 w-4
W. S. King (30yds.)	10222 0 w-4
Guthrie (29yds.)	20222 0 w-4
Williamson (31yds.)	20222 0 w-4
Brucker (28yds.)	22021 0 w-4
Alkire (30yds.)	01220 w-2
Patten (28yds.)	20* w-1
Dickey (31yds.)	0* w-0

Forty-seven entries, \$470 in prizes. Ties on 15 divided \$305.50; ties on 14 divided \$150.40; ties on 13 shot off for \$14. Powers winning. Ties on thirteen, for \$14.00.

C. Powers (31yds.)	22112 22 -7
Ark. Traveler (30yds.)	22222 2* -6
A. Money (28yds.)	11222 -5
G. Grieff (28yds.)	21222 -5
T. Wright (28yds.)	22212 -5
Bartlett (28yds.)	21112 -4
F. Van Dyke (30yds.)	21210 -4
Dr. Carver (33yds.)	22120 -4
Coldron (30yds.)	2220 -3
Burkhardt (28yds.)	20 -1
Bingham (28yds.)	20 -1
Ferguson, Jr. (30yds.)	0 -0

ON FRIDAY MORNING a number of the men went to the grounds where several good events were shot. Members of Mr. Rice's party assembled at the Casino, and after giving three cheers for the Grand American Handicap of 1897, boarded carriages, which had been provided through the kindness of Mr. Rice, and started on a visit to the most interesting points around Long Branch. Just before they started the shooters present assembled in the Casino and gave three hearty cheers for Tom Marshall, winner of the big event. The parting of the Eastern and Western sportsmen was very cordial, and we hope one and all of the Western men

left Elkwood Park with none but the best of feeling toward the managers, and all with whom they came in contact during their short stay in this part of the country.

THE SHOOTING WAS GOOD

on this day, but the entries were not large. The first event was a miss and out. Welch, Anthony, Coldren, Fulford and Upson killed 10 straight and divided.

The second event was of the same nature, and Upson, Ivins, Coldren, Patten and Applegate divided on five kills each. In a 15-bird event Fulford and Patten killed straight. Welch and Coldren grassed 14, Daly and Upson 13, Clayton and Applegate 12. Sumpter and Ivins withdrew on losing three birds.

A 25-bird race between Dr. West and W. Patten attracted some notice. West winning by one bird, the score standing 17 to 16, but West had a handicap of four yards over Patten.

The hottest race was a 10-bird sweep, with an entrance of \$50 a man, high gun to win the purse. Colonel Anthony, Harry Coldren, D. A. Upson and R. A. Welch entered. At 10 birds Welch and Upson tied, after withdrawing their entrance \$50 each they shot for the remaining \$100 and Upson won.

A miss and out, \$5, was divided by Upson, Ivins, Coldren, Patten and Applegate on five straight.

Another miss and out was split by Coldren, Fulford and Anthony in six kills each.

In another of same nature Fulford and Ivins divided the purse on 10 straight kills.

NOTES FROM ELKWOOD PARK.

The Hon. Thomas A. Marshall, of Keithsburg, Ill., won the Grand American Handicap for 1897. Mr. Marshall is well known to trap shooters throughout the West, where he participated in all events of an important nature. He is immensely popular with sportsmen, and is an honest, whole-souled jovial fellow, who tries to get all the pleasure out of life that can be found. He shoots at the trap as a recreation and is one of the "simon pure amateurs" that you sometimes read about. He has been Mayor of Keithsburg, Ill., for twelve years, and is so popular with all classes that the people of that little city believe in keeping him as their chief executive as long as he desires that office. He was elected as representative from the Twenty-fourth Senatorial district for two terms. He is 40 years of age, weighs 170 pounds, stands in good position when at the score and fires both barrels within quiet, regular time. He is temperate in his habits, unassuming in nature and is a "hale fellow well met." He has a good reputation as a marksman and his records at targets and live birds are ones to be proud of. He shot three matches with the celebrated Dr. Carver in 1895. The first was at Hot Springs, Ark., Carver winning by the score of 96 to 94. At Oskaloosa, Ia., Carver defeated him by killing 94 to 92 out of 100 live birds. At Galesburg, Ill., Marshall defeated Carver by scoring 49 out of 50 birds, while his opponent lost three. Marshall defeated Wilson at Peoria, Ill., in a 100-target match by breaking 97. He has averaged 90 to 95 per cent in a day's tournament on targets and can hold his own in any company. He has been shooting at live birds but little during the last year, and the handicapping committee gave him the favorable mark of 28 yards. He shot in fine form, had good luck with the birds and won the prize. Mr. Marshall is interested in the Long Distance Telephone Company in Keithsburg, and also in the Electric Light Company. Tom Marshall's win was a popular one, especially in the West, where he is well known and universally respected. He won honestly by good shooting and deserves the honor. "Sporting Life" wishes him continued success. He used a Cashmore 12-gauge gun, 3 1/2 drams Du Pont Smokeless powder, one Winchester blue, 1/8-inch card board wad, one 3/8-inch white felt wad, one 5/8-inch white felt wad and then a dry felt wad about the thickness of an ordinary card board; 1 1/4 ounce, full of No. 7 chilled shot, one thin card board wad in a U. M. C. Trap shell 3 3/4 inches long.

Dr. Carver came near landing his Cashmore gun on top and only the hardest kind of luck prevented it. His twenty-fourth bird was killed several feet inside of the line, but the wind blew it out. Carver was not feeling in the best of health, having hardly recovered from the sickness which attacked him at San Antonio in January last. He was shooting a splendid race and doing some good talking for the Cashmore gun which he represents in this country. He was much elated over the loss of his twenty-fourth bird, but was pleased because the Cashmore gun won the big prize.

A. W. DuBray had the honor of being the first man at the score in the Grand American Handicap. He tried hard to have the Parker gun win first prize again, and started out well; but some fast birds on the sixth and tenth rounds were too much for him.

Charlie Grimm had a hard mark at 32 yards, but he got a piece of the money on 22 kills, and killed 15 straight from the 33rd mark in the consolation event, which was surely clever shooting.

Irby Bennett made some good kills with his Winchester, but the quality of the birds were a little too good for him.

John G. Messner, winner of the Handicap in 1895, started out by losing his first bird, the same as he did in this event last year. He killed 14 straight and lost the fifteenth and eighteenth dead outside.

J. S. Fanning, of California, a representative of the Gold Dust powder, was in the race to the twenty-third bird. He was shooting well, and came near landing among the winners.

Harry Landis, of Philadelphia, the crack of the Keystone Shooting League, drew some good birds in the last part of the race and withdrew from the game.

E. C. Meyer, of Rochester, killed ten straight and then lost three in a row.

Charles Jones, of Baltimore, was number 13, and so, of course, could not win. He withdrew on the eleventh round.

Noel E. Money, of the E. C. Powder Co.,

shot better than his father and missed a piece of the money by losing his twenty-fifth bird.

James Green, of Washington, killed straight to the fifteenth bird, and then lost three in succession.

F. D. Alkire, of Ohio, got into the money by killing 23. He was straight to the seventeenth bird.

J. F. Paddleford was straight to the fourteenth round, but the next two birds were fast ones and he fell down.

"Old Hoss," of Pittsburg, lost his first, third and sixth, and went in search of a new voice.

C. A. May killed 47 straight in sweeps, but lost the sixth and seventh birds in the big race.

D. A. Upson, Cleveland's crack shot, staid in the race to the twenty-fourth bird. He had been shooting in fine form previous to the grand event, but found some birds in this race that were too fast for him.

Rolla Heikes, the champion target shot, worked his Winchester gun all right after the first bird, and grassed fifteen straight. His twentieth and twenty-first were dead out of bounds and it put him out of the race.

B. LeRoy got a piece of the money last year, but this time he had hard luck in drawing some fast birds in the beginning and withdrew on the seventh round.

Charlie Budd, the quiet, clever pigeon shot of Des Moines, landed some of the money by killing 23. Charlie is a popular fellow in the East and has many friends who are also glad to see him in this neck of land.

C. Furgerson, of the New Utrecht Gun Club, was one of the winners. His fourteen-year-old son, "Connie," shot in the G. A. H., and attracted great attention. Whenever he was at the score a large crowd followed him, to watch his shooting. He made several beautiful kills, but finally had to withdraw on the seventeenth round, losing a bird dead out of bounds.

John Glover is no relation of Sim Glover, the Rochester crack shot, but he killed several good birds and had the sixteenth and seventeenth fall dead outside.

J. S. S. Remsen did not shoot in his usual good form and withdrew in the eleventh round.

E. B. Puck, of Boston, does not have an opportunity of shooting at live birds in his State, so, of course, could not be expected to kill all of them.

Dr. Williamson kept up his record and landed in the twenty-four hole, having the tenth bird fall dead outside.

W. H. Shephard, of Chicago, came up well in the race, but withdrew on the twenty-second round.

W. Herrington, of W. A. powder fame, did not keep up his reputation as a live bird shot, and withdrew on the sixteenth bird.

J. A. R. Elliott shot well from the 32nd, and made some clever kills with his Winchester gun, but he drew some birds that were too fast for him and withdrew on the twenty-third round. "Jim" had just arrived from a long and tiresome ride from Carson City, and was not in shooting form.

Fred, Gilbert lost four birds dead out of bounds, which put him out of the race; but it showed that he was pointing the gun in about the right place.

Ferd. Van Dyke kept up the reputation for the Winchester repeating shotgun, and killed 24, getting a good piece of the money. His thirteenth bird was an unlucky one for him.

Frank Parmelee came all the way from Omaha to shoot in the big race. He was in for a piece of the money, but could only bring down twenty-two birds.

"U. M. C." Thomas was placed at the twenty-six yard mark, but it made no difference to old U. M. C. He went out on the sixth bird with two dead out of bounds. He was pleased, however, when U. M. C. shells landed first prize.

J. 147 L. Winston was in poor form, and only remained in the race to the tenth round.

E. A. Welch, of Philadelphia, the amateur champion live bird shot, went out with 23, his twenty-fourth bird being dead out of bounds.

Chan. Powers, inventor of the combination cleaning rod, is one of the "simon pure" amateurs like Tom Marshall and Dick Merrill, and he won some of the money on twenty-two kills.

W. Dummell, of Fox Lake, belongs to a family of shooters, and they will doubtless take the place of the Kleimans around Chicago in a few years.

A. H. King had two birds fall dead outside. "Alce" is hardly shooting in his old-time form.

W. Fred. Quimby tried hard to land his Smith gun on top of the heap, but the combination of Western cracks and good birds was too much for him. Fred was satisfied when he saw the large number of Smith guns used and several were money winners.

Hank White, an old-time pigeon shot, grassed ten straight, and then lost three out of the next four birds.

Sandy McPherson would have been all right, but he was taken sick in the seventh round and had to return to the hotel and take to his bed. He had only one lost bird scored against him and might have finished with a good score.

George Mosher, of the Syracuse gun, was shooting well, but he drew some birds which he could not kill, and retired in the seventeenth round.

Captain B. A. Bartlett, of the Winchester Repeating Arms Company, started out strongly, but drew some "screamers" after killing ten straight, and lost three out of four birds. The Captain killed some fast ones during the first ten and handled the "pump" gun very cleverly.

S. T. "James" did not stay in the game long, although he shot well in the Elkwood Park Introductory, and got a piece of the money.

Dr. S. V. Hudson shot a strong race and landed some of the money. He found 27 1/2 yards a nice mark to shoot from.

J. H. Covington left the race on the ninth round and returned to his home in Maryland.

Sim Glover, the Rochester expert, did

KING'S · SMOKELESS

Won the live bird championship match at Harrisburg on October 2d. Also plenty of other events. Read "Sporting Life" of October 10 and see who used King's Smokeless and what they won at State shoot.

Joseph Thurman won live bird championship, killing 39 out of 40.
H. Landis won Parker Handicap.
H. Thurman killed 42 straight birds in open sweeps.
B. F. Smith won a 25 live bird match.

All of these men used KING'S SMOKELESS.

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not land any of the money this time, but it was not on account of the half-yard handicap; Sim simply drew some birds that he could not kill, although he pegged away at them with all his might.

Thomas Howe came from a State where they eat beans, and don't allow the shooting of live birds from traps. His scores prove it.

G. F. Buckler lives in Parmelee Town, in the County of Omaha, Neb. He is hardly as clever a shot as the famous Frank of that city, and he never caught a tame goose with a fish line.

Allen Willey left the theatrical business long enough to try his hand at pigeons. He has not forgotten how to point a gun.

Little "Connie" Furgerson shot a fine race and attracted more attention than such men as Dr. Carver, Grimm, Elliott, Budd and other crackajacks.

James Malone did not come up to the expectation of his friends.

R. S. Waddell, of Cincinnati agent for Du Pont and Hazard powder in that city, showed that he was not an expert on live birds. He understands the powder business all right and gave one of the largest tournaments in the country, at Cincinnati last year.

Harry Thurman, of shooting blouse fame, landed his load of King's Smokeless and Smith gun in a piece of the money. It was Harry's first trial in the G. A. H.

Col. A. G. Courtney, of the Lefever Arms Co., was an interested spectator, and, of course, noticed that Arno killed 24 out of 25 with a Lefever gun. "Court" was renewing acquaintances among the shooters and talking guns on the side.

A. C. L. Hofmeister is a crack rifle shot in Pittsburg, and is a little bit off form on live birds.

E. C. Burkhardt, of Buffalo, was the one representative from that city. He held up his record all right and grassed 24 birds, getting a nice part of the money.

R. Merrill, of Milwaukee, was in the 23 place and shot a strong race, after losing two birds in the early part of the game.

Charlie Zwirlein drew some birds such as he has on his own grounds, and went out on the tenth round.

"The Arkansas Traveler," J. J. Sumpter, Jr., looked as fat as ever. He had hard luck in losing his first bird dead outside, but finished with 23 to his credit. He was hardly shooting up to his usual form.

Captain A. W. Money, of the E. C. Powder Co., killed several fast birds before he was shot out.

George Cubberly killed 24 out of 25, which is the same score as he made last year. If he keeps on he may land the big prize.

"Billy" Crosby, with his Baker gun, stayed in well after losing two birds together, but finally withdrew on the twenty-first round.

A. C. Monies, of Scranton, started out all right, but found a couple of fast birds in the fourteenth and fifteenth rounds, and left for home that night.

J. C. Haskell came from Massachusetts and said that live birds could not be shot in that State. We believe Mr. Haskell has not broken the laws by practicing on live birds in the Bean State.

Guthrie, of Pittsburg, was all right and gathered in some of the coin.

Colonel Anthony, of Charlotte, N. C., looked like a winner and killed lots of fast birds until he had 18 straight. Then he took a fall and went out on 22 dead.

W. A. Hammond, of Richmond, Va., withdrew on the ninth round.

Joe Coyle, of Lexington, Ky., divided first money in the introductory event, and stayed in the big race to the 15th round.

Ralph Trimble, of Cincinnati, representing Du Pont & Hazard powder, says he is not a live bird shot. Ralph evidently tells the truth.

Ed. Rike started out well and lasted until the 23d round. He shoots targets better than live birds, but is pretty good at either mark.

J. M. Browning, of Salt Lake City, who is inventor of several of the guns made by the Winchester Repeating Arms Company, killed 13 straight before missing, then he lost two birds and withdrew. Had he continued in the match he might have landed some of the cash.

Phil Daly, Jr., stayed in well after losing the 9th and 10th birds. He withdrew in the 23d round.

C. W. Reed lost but one bird in the first 15. Then he struck the slide.

F. E. Heyer, of Colts' Neck, got it in nearly the same place and withdrew on the seventh round, having missed more than he killed.

Harry Dummell was supposed to be a better shot than his brother, but in this case he was not.

B. Fargo was all right until he struck the 17th and 19th birds, when they fell dead outside. It is hard luck and not poor shooting.

Tom Morfey got an easy mark for a previous handicap winner, but he was unable to strike his usual form.

Harry Coldren, the pride of Reading, shot a strong hard race, but lost his first bird dead outside. He stayed in the race just the same and landed some of the money.

O. R. Dickey, winner of last year's handicap, came near repeating that performance. For a man who shoots but little at live birds he is a very clever shot. The two birds which he lost were hard enough to escape from any man, even if he shot at 100 birds a day.

Eddie Bingham thought he was going to win the handicap. Eddie thought of several things that got away and not all of them dropped dead out of bounds, either. Eddie says that Chicago has two advantages over New York. It has the Masonic Temple and Billy Mussey's billiard parlors.

J. Frank Kleinz, the old-timer did not stay in the race as long as he expected. Frank did draw some fast ones in the early part of the game and a poor start is enough to discourage any man.

Tom Keller, shooting under the old nom de plume of "Tee Kay," started out like a race horse and killed five straight. He did not forget to let people know that he was using a cheap target load put up by the Peters Cartridge Company, and in the introductory event divided the purse on ten straight. Tom says the G. U. N. Club is booming and Tom Marshall is one of the members.

J. Elmer Applegate killed twenty straight before he missed, but went out with twenty-four dead.

I. W. "Dukes," of Pemberton, lost three birds because his shells were loaded with cranberries instead of shot.

Will King, Pittsburg's champion live bird shot, pained his friends by losing two birds in the last ten. He was looked upon as a likely winner by the Smoky City men. He was shooting a strong race and made but few misses, but, of course, got a couple of birds that any man was likely to miss.

E. D. Fulford had his usual luck by losing three birds dead out of bounds. E. D. stayed in much longer than usual and came near getting some of the coin.

Frank Class paid \$10 extra to come in, because he forgot to enter in time. He was far from his usual form and fell out in the seventeenth round.

Frank Butler and Annie Oakley were among the interested spectators. Miss Oakley did not enter any of the events this year, preferring to watch the others shoot.

When Fred, Gilbert lost his third bird he went back in the Casino and remarked: "I went to the end of the furrow, unhooked, drove to the barn and fed. Now I will take a rest."

Nearly every one of the shooters wore a "Sporting Life" button. Everyone of the winners did, and when the gun editor placed one on Tom Marshall's sweater he remarked: "This will make you win, Tom." When Marshall finally did win the button was secured by John Messner, who will lock it in his safe and wear it in the G. A. H. next year. The Handicapping Committee should bear this in mind and not give Messner an easy mark, as he has the winner's mascot.

Those belonging to the G. U. N. Club who won money in the G. A. H., were Tom Marshall, E. Van Dyke, C. Budd, R. Merrill, J. Sumpter and O. R. Dickey. This pleased Tee Kay immensely, and he said that "Prince Mac" would open a 10-gauge shell for the boys in California, when he heard of the grand victory for this new and improved order.

The following sign was hanging in the cafe at the Casino: "Found—a voice, soon after the G. A. H. of 1896. It sounds like the one 'Old Hoss' used. For further particulars inquire at the bar."

Seth Clover said the birds were fast enough to suit the most fastidious.

The Interstate Association made a mistake in not giving a suitable trophy or cup to the winner of first money. When a man wins such an event as the Grand American Handicap he should have an appropriate trophy to show for it. Last year the Dalys gave a handsome cup, and it seems as though the association should have offered one this year. Tom Marshall will have a cup just the same, as Mr. Rice with his usual generosity will present the winner of the Grand American Handicap of 1897 with a trophy that will be appropriate to the occasion.

Brewer kicked because he was barred. The Western marksmen said they were sorry because they wanted a chance to defeat "Captain Jack." They invited him to come out West where they said he would not be barred in a thousand years. Those Western fellows have lots of nerve and don't seem to be afraid of anybody. We admire a man who says little with his mouth, but allows his pocketbook to do the necessary talking.

All the pigs around Decatur, Ill., are without tails, as "Chan" with his little rifle shot them off close behind their ears.

Ed. Voris, of Crawfordsville, Ind., was one of Mr. Rice's party. He has a record of 96 out of 100 sparrows with three dead out of bounds. He used a Smith gun, 3 3/4 drams Du Pont powder, 1 1/4 ounces No. 11 and No. 10 shot for the first and second barrels respectively in making this record. In the G. A. H. he killed 24 out of 25 birds.

TRAP SHOOTING

THOSE YOU KNOW.

NOT TOO PERSONAL BUT JUST PERSONAL ENOUGH.

Bits of News and Gossip About Men Whom All Lovers of Shooting Know in Person or Through the Medium of General Fame.

H. S. Peed defeated J. M. Garrett in a match at 50 Blue Rocks, at Norfolk, Va., on March 17, by breaking 46 to 41.

Joseph B. Wampler was elected president and W. F. Poellot secretary and treasurer of the Irwin Rifle Club, of Irwin, Pa., on March 25.

Don't forget the second monthly shoot of the Philadelphia Trap Shooters' League, which will be held on the grounds of the University Gun Club, at Fernwood, Pa., on Saturday, April 3. A programme of the shoot will be found in another column of this paper. It is expected that 100 to 125 trap shooters will be on the grounds that day.

Isidore Shumacker won the gold badge at the Keystone Gun Club, of Lebanon, Pa., on March 27, by breaking 16 out of 25 Blue Rocks.

J. Benner won the gold badge at the regular shoot of the Boyertown, Pa., Gun Club, on March 27, by breaking 22 out of 25 Blue Rocks.

W. S. King, Pittsburg's crack live bird shot, killed 25 straight birds in the monthly sweep of the Herron Hill Gun Club, on March 18. In the sweeps that followed he grased 26 straight, making 51 straight for the day. He now holds the gold medal for the best average in five monthly shoots of the Herron Hill Gun Club.

Dr. W. F. Carver, the famous wing shot, who participated in the G. A. H. at Elkwood Park last week, returned to Chicago with Mr. Rice and his party. Before leaving he informed "Sporting Life" that, as soon as his health was better, he would return to New York and make some of the "shoot-any-man-in-the-world-for-\$1000" pigeon shots put up their money or retire from the game. Now that Corbett and Fitz have stopped talking and had a fight, let us hear the bang of the shotguns and less of vocal music about \$1000 matches, with ten cent pieces. We would like to see Dr. Carver come East and accept Brewer's def. It seems a long time since these two veterans met at the traps. Elkwood Park or Zwerlein's grounds would have birds good enough to afford a fine match. Let us have pigeon matches without the use of phonographs.

Our readers will notice that "Sporting Life" is again on top. In last week's issue we gave a complete record of all the shooting at the Grand American Handicap up to the end of the second day, giving the make of gun and load used by each contestant. We were a week ahead of all other sporting papers in giving the name of the winner of the Grand American Handicap for 1897. "Sporting Life" will continue to keep a week ahead of all other papers, and it will pay you to read it every week, if you want to keep posted in all trap shooting affairs.

Edward Richter, of Milwaukee, defeated F. E. Van Duesen at Winona, Minn., on March 22, in a rifle shooting match, by the score of 2156 to 2104, in a hundred-shot contest. On March 21 Richter was victorious by the score of 2207 to 2174, but Van Duesen was handicapped by giving his opponent two extra shots. On even score Van Duesen would have won.

The Brooklyn Gun Club have put in a Magautrap on their grounds, and will hereafter use that machine for throwing Blue Rocks.

The Pelican Gun Club, of Sacramento, Cal., has adopted a new rule. Shooters that desire to shoot with the butt of the gun below the elbow when they call "pull," may stand three yards nearer to traps than those that shoot with the gun at the shoulder.

Harvey McMurchy, of the Hunters Arms Co., is now in California, taking orders for the L. C. Smith gun. "Mac" will be among the entries in the pigeon shooting events on the coast within the next few days, and will try to come out on top of the heap.

Peter Murphy, of Philadelphia, known throughout the West as "One-barrel Murphy," has been matched against M. O. Feudner, of San Francisco. "Pete" has been taking part in the events on the coast and has shot very well.

Charles Grimm, of Clear Lake, Iowa, holder of the "Cast-Iron" medal, told "Sporting Life" that John L. Brewer would be allowed to enter in any trap shooting

match held in Chicago. From all that we could learn the Western shots were rather anxious to have "Captain Jack" come to Chicago on a search for pigeon shooting matches. Those Western fellows are quite a good many, when it comes to a shooting match.

Frank Ruhstaller, Jr., of Sacramento, Cal., recently broke 94 out of 100 Blue Rocks in a club shoot.

W. R. Patton defeated Hank White in a match at 25 pair of live birds at Elkwood Park, N. J., on March 27, by killing 30 to 29 out of the 50. The match was for \$50 a side.

G. E. Geikler defeated Geo. Buck at Bridesburg, Pa., on March 27, by killing 15 straight live birds, while Buck grased 12. Geikler also defeated Clendaniel, of Delaware, by killing 14 to 13 out of 15 birds.

J. P. Carmichael and J. L. Potter shot a match at 25 live birds at Milwaukee, Wis., on March 23, Carmichael winning by grasing 23 to 22.

A. Klapinski defeated E. B. Rogers in a match at 25 live birds at Lake Station, near Milwaukee, Wis., on March 23, by killing 25 live birds straight, while his opponent missed two.

Howard George won the club shoot of the Frankford Gun Club on March 27, on their grounds at Bridesburg, Pa., by breaking 17 out of 25 Blue Rocks.

Seth Clover, of Erie, Pa., was at the G. A. H., but did not shoot any, owing to rheumatism in his ankle. He had his jokes with him, however, and enjoyed a little fun with the boys. Seth says that Jack Fanning is again in the East and has his celebrated music box with him, which he will play in his room at the hotels where he stops, between the hours of 12.30 and 8 A. M. Seth has just invented a combination corkscrew, bottle-opener, tack hammer and screwdriver, which he will soon put on the market. It is a very ingenious article, and if Seth makes a fortune out of it you will see him around the circuit pounding out the Blue Rocks and grasing live birds as he did in the good old days gone by.

J. Herrold won the county championship at live birds at Shamokin, Pa., on March 25, by killing 9 out of 10 and shooting out G. Trometter in the tie.

Some one tells the following story on Frank Parmelee, of Omaha. It seems that Frank was out with a party after ducks, but had had no success, returning about dusk they passed a farm house, and Frank noticed a fine flock of geese in the barnyard. He reached in the pocket of his hunting coat, produced a fish line and hook, which he baited with a kernel of corn, and threw it into the flock, where it was at once gobbled up by a big gander. Frank started down the road with the goose following him, flapping its wings and hollering with might and main. The farmer came out to inquire the cause of the uproar. Parmelee called out: "S-s-say, c-c-call off your g-g-geese: it is t-t-trying to b-b-bite me." The farmer called to the goose to return to the flock, but it did not seem to mind him, and Frank started on down the road with the goose in hot pursuit, and you can make up your mind that those fellows had roast goose for dinner the next day.

Dr. Carver says that a few more champions are needed. He would like about twenty-five to make it interesting, one for each section of the country. We think there are too many champions now. Sift it down to one good, honest champion, and we will be satisfied. One champion for targets and one for live birds is plenty. Every State has a champion at targets and one at live birds, and nearly every county has its champion shot. Nearly every style of shooting has a champion. So we think there are plenty of them. When it comes to targets Rolla Heikes is the undisputed champion at any kind of rules. On live birds there are two men holding trophies and claiming this honor, and two or three more who hold no trophies, but claim to be the champion of the world. Let us have one champion live bird shot of America, and let it go at that. When will the question be positively settled?

Frank E. Butler, manager and husband of Annie Oakley, was among the spectators at the G. A. H. While talking with him he told of a curious incident that came to his notice while on a gunning trip in the West. He was stopping at a small farm house, where the occupants were as poor as Job's turkey. The place was thirty miles from a railroad and completely in the wilderness, but tacked over a broken pane of glass was a copy of "Sporting Life." This goes to show that people will have "Sporting Life" no matter how poor or how far removed from the busy haunts of man.

J. A. R. Elliott, of the Winchester Arms Co., defeated A. P. Bigelow in a match at 50 live birds at Carson City, Nev., recently, by killing 47 to 43. "Jim" surprised the sports when he handled the "pump" gun on fast birds and brought them down as nicely as though using a double-barrel gun.

Charles W. Budd, of Des Moines, Iowa, one of the best shots in the West, has challenged J. "147" L. Winston to shoot for the Du Pont trophy. Winston will doubtless name some grounds in the East, and the match will take place within a few weeks.

Charlie Grimm has accepted J. L. Winston's offer, made a few weeks ago, to shoot at 100 targets and 100 live birds. "147" says that he is out of the match-shooting business at present and his offer not being accepted within a reasonable time is now withdrawn. We are very sorry that "147" will not shoot a few more

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"THE SURVIVAL OF THE FITTEST."

At the Grand American Handicap held at Elkwood Park, Long Branch, N. J., March 24th and 25th, 1897, U. M. C. Paper Shells took the Highest Honors.

The Hon. Thomas A. Marshall, of Keithsburg, Ills.,

was the only contestant out of 134 shooters facing the traps to make a clean score of 25 birds.

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matches; it gives us something to write about.

"A Simon pure amateur" won the Grand American Handicap. That is what Tom Marshall is called when his picture adorns the page of a programme of a trap shooting tournament. Now, do you know what a "Simon pure amateur" is?

D. A. Upson, of Cleveland, O., defeated Theo. Hostetter, of Pittsburg, on the grounds of the Herron Hill Gun Club, on March 29, by killing 93 out of 100 live birds to 74 for Hostetter. The birds were a very good lot, but the wind was light and did not help them. Mr. Upson is surely shooting in fine form, and his friends predict that he will soon be after some of the numerous championship cups.

E. G. Horton, of Hackensack, N. J., informs us that the monthly shoot for the Recreation cup will take place on April 7, on the grounds of the Bergen County Gun Club, at Hackensack, N. J. There will be plenty of good sweeps open to all and a large turnout of trap shooters is expected.

Paul North, of the Cleveland Target Co., writes us that the Magautrap was tried on Saturday last by the Brooklyn Gun Club and threw 1537 Blue Rocks and broke but two in the trap. At Kansas City the Magautrap broke but five in throwing 3000 Blue Rocks, and at Omaha but three were broken in 2000 thrown. This is certainly a great saving, and any club will profit by using a Magautrap.

H. T. Hearsey, secretary-treasurer of the Trap Shooters' League, of Indiana, is sending out to all clubs in Indiana a copy of the constitution and by-laws of that organization. A letter accompanying same urges all clubs to become members, as the strong clubs will help the weaker ones, and so strengthen the good cause and help promote the interests in the sport of trap shooting.

Col. A. G. Courtney, of the Lefever Arms Co., Syracuse, N. Y., was in Philadelphia on Tuesday of this week visiting the trade with a trunk full of samples. The Colonel was looking as plump as ever and reported a good business.

Lou Erhardt, of Atchison, Kan., is now

sending out the programme for the third annual manufacturers' amateur tournament, which will be held at Atchison, Kan., April 14, 15 and 16. \$750 is added to the purses; \$50 each day to the five high guns. The programme has eight events each day, at 20 targets, \$2 entrance, with \$25 added in each event. Purses divided into five equal moneys—20, 20, 20, 20 and 20 per cent., and dropping for will not be tolerated. All the boys will attend Alry Louhart's shoot, and it will be a big one. The programme is a very handsome one, profusely illustrated with half-tone cuts of prominent trap shooters. It is printed on fine paper, and Louie should feel proud of it. We will try and give a more extended notice of this shoot in our next issue. WILL K. PARK.

TRAP AT NORFOLK.

Taylor Did the Best Shooting at Targets.

Some of the shooting men at Norfolk, Va., shot at Blue Rocks on March 17. Taylor led for the day, breaking 42 out of 50. In a 50 target match Peed broke 46 to 41 for Garrett. The scores follow:

Events	1	2	3	4	5	6
Targets	10	10	10	10	5	5
Garrett	8	9	7	3	4	3
Peed	5	4	5	1	5	3
French	9	5	6	8	1	1
Major Laird	9	7	1	1	3	1
Taylor	9	9	8	8	5	3
Deshiels	3	4	1	1	1	1
McWhorter	3	1	1	1	1	1

Wayne Gun Club.

A number of sweeps were shot on the grounds of the Wayne Gun Club of Philadelphia on March 27. The scores follow:

Sweepstake, 10 Blue Rocks—Kane 9, Green 8, McConnell 6, Rockefeller, Solstman and Emery each 4.

Second event, sweepstake, 10 Blue Rocks—Kane and Simpson 9 each, McConnell, Green, Scargle and McMichael 8 each, Emory 5, Abele and Garis 4 each, Solstman 1.

Third event, sweepstake, 10 Blue Rocks—McMichael 7, McConnell and Green 5 each, Kane 4, Garis and Abele 3, Solstman, Scargle and Rockefeller 2 each.

Fourth event, sweepstake, 10 Blue Rocks—McConnell 10, Kane 8, Green 6, Rockefeller, Abele and Cheney 4 each, Solstman and Garis 3 each.

Fifth event, sweepstake, 5 Blue Rocks—Kane and McConnell 4 each, Green and Abele 3 each, Garis 2.

TRAP SHOOTING

IN CHICAGO.

LIVE BIRD SHOOTING AT WATSON'S GROUNDS.

How Some of the Experts Knocked Over Pigeons—They Got Some Practice Before the Grand American Handicap—Audubon Club Shoot.

When Mr. E. S. Rice, of the Du Pont Powder Co., organized his team of expert pigeon shots to represent the West at the Grand American Handicap, he left no stone unturned to have them in fit condition. Nearly all of the men came to Chicago a few days before the start and got some practice on John Watson's best birds. It will be seen that Mr. Rice had made a good selection, as high scores predominated. On March 16 Dr. Carver, Ed. Bingham and Fred. Gilbert made good scores. On March 19 Dick Merrill, Tom Marshall, Dr. Williamson made clean scores of fifteen, while F. Gilbert and W. Dunnell missed but one bird.

The scores follow:

PRACTICE, MARCH 16.
E. S. Rice.....01021 03011 10221 10301 02021-14
22032 10200 20110 12011 00111-14
21030 01010 01111 20122 10012-15
02020 10010 02100 021-8
Dr. Carver.....21202 22022 11221 12221 10122-22
21211 11022 22121-13

MARCH 17, PRACTICE.
C. S. Wilcox.....11221 11010 01-9
Dr. Frothingham.....22220 21112 12121 11212-10
W. P. Mussey.....11211-5
E. S. Rice.....00221-3
F. Gilbert.....02211 21222 02222 22222-18
J. Gillespie.....20112-4
Dr. Carver.....22222 12222 22222-13
E. Bingham.....21221 21222 22022-14

MARCH 17, AUDUBON CLUB SHOOT.
E. S. Rice (30).....21222 20121 22120-13-2-H-15
J. Gillespie (30).....11202 01010 11211-11-2-H-13
W. Mussey (20).....12222 10012 22222-13-2-H-15
C. Wilcox (28).....01202 22220 02021-10-2-H-12
Dr. Frothingham (30).....21202 12222 22222-13-0-H-13
J. Amberg (29).....20202 10122 21011-11-2-H-13
Wilcox and Frothingham shot off an old tie.
C. S. Wilcox.....12122 20112 11112-14
Dr. Frothingham.....20222 22120 01012-11

PRACTICE, MARCH 18.
Fred Gilbert.....11121 21221 22122-15
H. Dunnell.....11222 00212 12121-13
W. Dunnell.....11221 20121 21202-13
F. Voy.....22111 11102 21221-14
F. Pitzer.....20220 10021-6

PRACTICE, MARCH 19.
Dr. Williamson.....22222 22222 22222-15
Tom Marshall.....22222 22222 22222-15
Dick Merrill.....21211 12211 22222-15
Chan. Powers.....02221 21221 12022-13
Ed. Bingham.....02222 20222 12222-12
W. L. Shepard.....01201 10120 01212-10
F. Voy.....20122 22212 22221-14
Harry Dunnell.....02221 00202 11202-10
Wm. Dunnell.....21112 22221 21110-14
Fred Gilbert.....21102 22212 22122-14
Jay Bird.....11002 11212 20211-12
F. Pitzer.....22221 22210 01222-13
W. P. Stannard.....02201 21111 22112-13
Dr. Shaw.....22222 22222 22222-13
E. S. Rice.....22101 12020 22101-11
Dr. Shaw.....22222 22220 22222 22220 20222-22
J. H. Amberg.....01001 00110 02101 12222-12
F. L. Hollister.....01101 11111 01210 21002 21202-18
Ed. Steck.....11122 22220 01100 02122 20102-18
02202 10230-6
Jay Bird.....02000 02200 00-3
SAME DAY, ON TARGETS FOR PRACTICE.
Jay Bird broke 42 out of 70.
Hollister broke 55 out of 100.
Grebaum broke 28 out of 100.

PRACTICE, MARCH 20.
J. H. Amberg.....01202 22200 22221-11
Lean.....10022 22101 11120-11

GARFIELD CLUB SHOOT, 20 BIRDS.
O. Von Lengerke.....22222 22220 20120 22222-19
R. Kusp.....22100 22221 20120 20222-17
R. W. Wright.....22222 20222 22020 22222-17
O. Von Lengerke.....22222 22222 22222 22222-19
J. M. Young.....22010 11110 20221 12012-15
E. E. Neal.....22222 22222 22112 22122-20
Graham.....22210 12102 21112 02002-15
John Smith.....22220 20202 02222-10
Russell.....10001 02102 01110 20010-10
L. P. Hicks.....02221 20222 21222 01111-17

PRACTICE.
Graham.....22222 Von Lengerke.....02202
Neal.....22202 Wright.....22025
Russ.....22022

ROCHESTER ROD AND GUN CLUB
Only Eight Members Were Present at the Prize Shoot.

The Rochester, N. Y., Rod and Gun Club held a prize shoot March 25, which proved highly interesting. Davis and Goldstudd tied on 12 in a 25-target event, and in shooting off the tie Davis won. In the seven events the following scores resulted:

Events.....1 2 3 4 5 6 7
Targets.....10 10 10 10 25 10 10

Forst.....9 6 4.....15 7 7
Gardner.....5 7.....13
Iyer.....9 8 9 8 22 8 6
Kay.....6 7 7 5 17 6 9
Davis.....9 8 4 8 12 8 6
Goldstudd.....8 8 5 12.....
Stocum.....7 6 16 6 8
Dewitt.....19

West Virginia News.
Parkersburg, W. Va., March 21.—Editor "Sporting Life":—The Mountain State Gun Club is making all necessary arrangements for a three-days' target shoot with \$500 in added money, to be held the second week in June.

They have assurances of a very large attendance and will in addition to the added money give some very handsome merchandise prizes for the best averages.

Many of our shooters attended the Sistersville shoot, among them being J. F. Mallory, F. E. Mallory, Robert Clark, S. T. Mallory, Leon Epstein, Levi Stephens, D. A. McGillis. The boys all made good scores. LEON J. EPSTEIN.

BUFFALO BUDGET.

Details of the Audubon Shoot—The Bison Club's New Move.

Buffalo, March 22.—The Bison Gun Club has decided to throw targets from its traps to all who may wish to shoot over them, for 1c. each. It has been customary to charge 2c. to all who did not belong to the club. It did not seem right when a few visitors from neighboring clubs came to charge them double for targets that it would cost them over their own trap. The Bisons have purchased one of the new Magau traps, which they expect to have in position in about a week. This trap will be used at the State shoot at Auburn. The Bison grounds will be a good place to get in form for the State shoot. A shoot is held every Thursday. All are cordially invited. AUDUBON SHOOT.

Only 13 shooters turned out last Wednesday at the shoot at Audubon Park. The small attendance for such a nice day was caused by the interest taken in the fight returns. In all the shooting was first class. E. C. Burkhardt carried off high honors, making several clean scores. He was closely followed by Werlin, Francis and Krotz. Manager Garbe is now arranging to have a big live bird event on the 7th of April. The conditions will be: 25 live birds, entrance \$15, \$10 added; three moneys, open to all. Yesterday's scores:

Events.....1 2 3 4 5 6 7
Targets.....10 10 10 10 20 10 10

E. C. Burkhardt.....10 10 10.....19 7 8
Werlin.....8 9 8 11 16 7 8
Coppins.....8 8 6.....11 7
Seigrist.....8 7 8 12 17 7 8
Krotz.....10 9 7.....8
Snap.....7.....8
W. H. Woodbury.....8 9 7 12.....4 7
Myers.....9 8 9.....
Francis.....9 10 12 13 9 6
Norval.....
Dancer.....6
Geisdorfer.....7 7 12 14 9 7
Wilson.....4

Event No. 8.—Five live birds, two moneys.
E. C. Burkhardt.....21222-5 Krotz.....01112-4
Werlin.....11022-4 Snap.....22202-4
Coppins.....11122-5 Geisdorfer.....20202-3
Seigrist.....11222-5

TRAP AT CLEVELAND.

The Semi-Monthly Shoot of the Cleveland Gun Club.

The members of the Cleveland Gun Club spent a very pleasant afternoon at their traps, on Kershaw street, March 11, the occasion being the semi-monthly club shoot. The certificate winners were J. I. C., first; Elliott, second; Mingo, third; Silsby, fourth. The score follows:

Elliott.....11011 10111 11011
11111 11111 00111-25-2-27
Bodie.....01100 01110 11101
10111 00110 11001-18-4-22
Curtiss.....11111 11111 11111
11111 11101 11101-28-3-20
J. I. C.....11011 03111 11111
11111 11110 11101-25-4-29
Mingo.....11111 11110 11111
11101 11011 10110-25-0-25
G. E. W.....11011 10111 10110-23-0-23
Brown.....01011 00110 00001
00111 01011 11111-17-4-21
Stearling.....11111 11111 01111
11111 11111 11110-28-4-29
Redwing.....11101 11111 11110
11011 01011 11111-25-0-25
Silsby.....11100 10101 11111
01010 11109 11101-20-4-24
Dutton.....11111 11111 11111
11111 01111 00011-27-3-29
Don.....11110 10010 00011
10110 10000 10101-14-9-23

BLOOMSBURG GUN CLUB.

Ikler Kills All But One Bird in the Club Shoot.

The Bloomsburg Gun Club held a live-bird shoot on their grounds at Bloomsburg, Pa., on March 11. Ikler gave his friends a surprise by killing 14 out of the 15 birds shot at. The scores follow:

Ikler.....10121 12121 21121-14
11202 1*112 02101-11
Evans.....01021 20201 11212-10
F. Quick.....11101 12100 01000-8
McKelvey.....01021 0*021 12200-8
Rushton.....00022 2001* 02200-6
Astrand.....01101 10010 0*1 w-6
Snyder.....00002 20120 00100-5
Schoch.....00002 0*011 **21-5
Mercer.....

Trap at Washington.

Washington, Pa., March 20.—The Acme Gun Club, of Washington, Pa., held a shoot at Blue Rocks on the William Trigg range, Friday, March 19. All birds thrown at unknown angles. Following are the scores:

Events.....1 2 3 4 5 6 7
Targets.....10 10 10 10 10 5 5

P. Mosier.....3 3 8 9 7 3 4
C. Baker.....7 6 8 8 7 4 3
J. B. Canan.....6 8 8 7 4 2 3
H. Mackey.....7 9 9 6 6 3 3
S. Wierich.....1 3 4 2 5 4 3
D. Baker.....1 3 3 5.....
W. Wiedich.....1 3 3 5.....
J. Wylie.....3 4 1

Magruder Defeats Antoine.

Charles Antoine, of Chicago, was defeated in a match at 100 targets at Kankakee, Ill., on March 24 by Charles Magruder, of that city. Magruder scored 75 out of the 100 to 56 for Antoine. The poor scores are due mainly to a high wind, which prevailed during the match, and caused the targets to take all kinds of flights and bothered the shooters considerably.

Henry Goodman, of Cincinnati, announces that he will give a Blue Rock shoot on the Independent Gun Club's grounds as soon as the weather permits.

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SHOOTING AT BAY RIDGE.

Crescent Athletic Club Gunners Smash Clay Birds.

Ten events at 25 clay birds each were decided March 20 at the regular shoot of the Crescent A. C. on the Bay Ridge grounds. Adrian A. Hegeman did the best work of the day. Scores:

SWEETSTAKES—25 TARGETS—KNOWN.
A. A. Hegeman 11111 01110 10100 11111 11101-19
L. G. Geddes.....01101 01111 10110 01110 11111-18
C. A. Sykes.....10011 11101 00111 11110 11000-15
Wm. Pickett.....10111 00001 10011 10110 10000-12
L. C. Hopkins.....01101 11109 10000 10000 10000-9

MATCH—25 TARGETS.
A. A. Hegeman 01011 11011 11011 01100 11011-17
C. A. Sykes.....11111 10111 10111 10101 01010-17
L. C. Hopkins.....01010 11100 01000 00110 00010-8

MATCH—25 TARGETS.
A. A. Hegeman 11111 11111 11010 11101 10010-10
D. G. Geddes.....01110 11101 10011 11011 10111-18
Wm. Pickett.....10011 01010 10110 10101 10011-14
L. C. Hopkins.....10010 10000 10000 10100 00010-7

MATCH—25 TARGETS.
D. G. Geddes.....01111 11011 11111 11111 11111-23
D. G. Geddes.....00011 10000 00011 11011 01111-13
A. A. Hegeman 00001 01011 10100 00010 11001-10

MATCH—SAME CONDITIONS.
D. G. Geddes.....11111 11110 10110 00011 01001-16
A. A. Hegeman 11101 01100 11111 00000 10101-14

MATCH—SAME CONDITIONS.
A. A. Hegeman 11111 11109 10101 11111 10010-18
D. G. Geddes.....10111 10111 11103 10000 11111-18
Wm. Pickett.....00011 10100 11010 01111 11110-15

MATCH—SAME CONDITIONS.
A. A. Hegeman 11109 10111 11101 11101 10011-19
D. G. Geddes.....10111 10000 10100 10101 01011-14
Wm. Pickett.....00110 10010 10010 00011 11110-13
L. C. Hopkins.....01100 10000 11001 00000 00101-7

MATCH—SAME CONDITIONS.
Wm. Pickett.....01100 11111 10111 10110 10011-17
A. A. Hegeman 00011 11101 01011 10011 00001-12
L. C. Hopkins.....11001 01000 01111 00100 10110-12

THE KENSINGTON CLUB

Has Its First Club Shoot of the Season.

The Kensington Gun Club held its first tournament of the season on March 18, on its grounds, above Frankford. Despite the inclement weather, the affair proved a great success. The chief event was between two eight-men teams, each man having ten birds to shoot at, governed by Rhode Island rules, 25 yards rise and 80 yards boundary. The match was won by Mr. Spaeth, who succeeded in killing nine of his ten birds. John Cooper was referee, Edward Jones, trapper, and G. Gerstlaue, official scorer. Summary:

K. M. | K. M.
Spaeth.....9 1 Gerstlaue.....5 5
Welsbrod.....7 3 Goebert.....5 5
Kramer.....6 4 Baumann.....4 6
Moier.....5 5 Hess.....3 7

New Castle Gun Club.

New Castle, Pa., March 27.—The New Castle Gun Club elected officers last week as follows:

President, H. L. Reis; first vice president, W. L. Johnston; second vice president, R. W. Cunningham; secretary and treasurer, D. F. Harland;

captain, William H. Hill; directors, Dr. G. W. Greene, J. O. Sutherland and Charles Matthews. It was decided to abandon the grounds that have been used for some time and move to the new grounds, which will be located near the fair grounds, on the street car line. The club is in a very healthy condition, and has about 75 members. It is likely that during the coming summer a clubhouse will be built.

AUDUBON SHOOT

At Unknown Angles, Reverse Pulls and Expert Rules.

There were some innovations at the regular weekly shoot of the Audubon Gun Club, of Buffalo, N. Y., on March 20. Captain Forrester introduced two events, the last ones on the programme. One was at expert rules, unknown angles. It was won by William Hines, Jr., with a score of 14 out of 15. The other special event was at known angles with reverse pulls. It was won by L. W. Bennett with a score of 13.

Event No. 3 was the club badge shoot. E. C. Burkhardt won A Class badge, Sandy won B Class, and D. C. Sweet won C Class.

Following are the scores:

Events.....1 2 3 4 5 6 7
Targets.....10 15 25 15 15 15 15

E. C. Burkhardt.....5 11 23 13 12.....
George McArthur.....7 8 19 11 11 11 10
L. W. Bennett.....8 13 21 15 13 12 13
Wm. Hines, Jr.....8 13 20 12 13 14 9
P. G. Myers.....5 9 14 14 11 11 8
Charley.....9 11 19 8 11 12 8
D. C. Sweet.....8 10 18 10 7 3.....
McMichael.....7 9 19 11.....
Reynolds.....12 18 7 10.....
W. E. Story.....18 9 6.....
E. W. Smith.....3 20 10 9 11 9
Sandy.....8 20 10 9 11 9
Norris.....12 16 10 7 8 7
J. J. Reid.....15.....
A. Coombs.....18.....
S. Nap.....19.....
P. Talsma.....18 7 12.....
L. Fries.....10.....8.....
J. Potts.....6 8

CAPTURED BY CROSSLAND.

Hazelwood Medal Contest Furnishes a Singular Coincidence.

The second shoot in the medal contest between members of the Hazelwood Gun Club was held on the club grounds March 17, at noon, and was won by Mr. Crossland, who tied in the regular shoot with John McNeil, and then won out in the shoot-off.

There was a singular coincidence in this shoot, and the first medal contest, when Crossland and McNeil tied in the regular shoot and Mr. McNeil won in the shoot-off. The medal must be won three times in order to be retained, and some interesting contests may be looked for. The scores made yesterday were as follows:

Parsons.....01001 11111 10000 10110 11010-15
McNeil.....11111 10110 10111 01111 11111-21
McVey.....10001 01110 10101 10010 10001-13
Knede.....11111 11111 10110 11100 01011-19
Crossland.....11111 11100 11111 10111 11111-21
Tapper.....11101 01101 10111 01110 11101-18
Hopkins.....10111 01110 11011 10101 10101-17

Shoot-off.....11011 01110 11011 10101 10101-9
Crossland.....01111 11111-9
McNeil.....01111 11101-8



AT SISTERSVILLE.

A WEST VIRGINIA GUN CLUB SUCCESSFUL.

A Two-Days' Tournament Which Was Well Attended—Ralph Trimble Carried Off Best Average—Mallory Second and Alkire Third.

The two-day tournament given by the Sistersville Gun Club at Sistersville, W. Va., on March 17 and 18, must now be recorded in the list of successful shoots for the year '07. Some \$150 was added to the purses, and it had the effect of drawing a good crowd from out of town. Among those present were R. S. Waddell and R. L. Trimble, of Cincinnati, representing Du Pont and Hazard Smokeless powder; H. E. Norton, of Ironton, O., representing the Winchester Arms Co.; J. H. Mackie, of Cincinnati, representing the Peters Cartridge and King Powder Companies; F. D. Alkire, of Woodlyn; J. E. Wright, Wheeling; J. G. Gohl, Martin's Ferry; C. E. Verges, Lowell; P. Schlicher and Geo. Alford, Marietta; T. E. Mallory, L. Stephens, J. E. Mallory, L. J. Epstein, S. T. Mallory and Robt. Clark, Parkersburg; D. A. McGillis, St. Mary's; T. S. Bibbee, Elba, and A. H. Donnelly, of Fairmont.

The writer fully appreciates the usual objection to stereotyped descriptions of the weather, grounds, etc., but it is necessary for a true comprehension of the conditions, and more especially to present a highly-colored and plausible excuse for the scores submitted herewith. The grounds are located just south of the city, access to same being gained by ascending exceedingly long and steep stairs, which lead from the Ohio River Railroad tracks up about 450 feet, at an angle of 40 degrees. All the visitors had heard of those steps, but being anxious and somewhat over-confident, they started up briskly, only to slacken their efforts and finally halt, each one having a look of goneness on their faces. At last the top was reached, and to the right stood a large and commodious club house, the traps being placed facing East. On account of the uneven ground a plank board walk was built, on which the shooters stood. The background was the remaining half of the hill, as the shooting ground is located on a platform just half way up. To the right, or at number five trap, the screen is some six or seven feet high, while number one is only a couple of feet above the ground level. The rolling nature of the background "hill" made shooting very difficult, and as the traps were screwed up tightly the flights were swift and, in fact, the target appeared to be absorbed by the same color of the ground, and unless one shot quickly the result was invariably "lost bird."

On the first day only four straight scores were made, and even then they were of a scratchy order. The first day opened dark and cloudy, a strong wind blew during the day, and made one's teeth chatter until it seemed an impossibility to shoot well. A large concourse of ladies graced the occasion by their presence, and it was indeed gratifying to see the vast number of citizens who were present to witness the events. A large majority of the contestants used Du Pont Smokeless, loaded in the Leader case.

R. L. Trimble won first average, J. E. Mallory came in second and F. D. Alkire won third general average. The team race between Sistersville and Parkersburg resulted in favor of the former, by a score of 119 to 108. The local paper at Sistersville came out with flaming headlines and unmercifully roasted the Parkersburg team over their defeat. One of the Sistersville shooters was accused of same, but he stoutly proclaims his innocence. At any rate, no harm was meant, and Parkersburg at the next meet will very likely have an opportunity to return good for evil and thereby do much toward holding up this manly sport to the degree it rightfully belongs. Following are the scores. The team race resulted as follows:

SISTERSVILLE.												
D. S. Allen	10111	11111	11111	11111	11111	11111	11111	11111	11111	11111	11111	11111
E. O. Bower	10111	11111	11111	11111	11111	11111	11111	11111	11111	11111	11111	11111
L. M. Goham	11111	11111	11111	11111	11111	11111	11111	11111	11111	11111	11111	11111
A. D. McVey	11111	11111	11111	11111	11111	11111	11111	11111	11111	11111	11111	11111
S. T. Mallory	11111	11111	11111	11111	11111	11111	11111	11111	11111	11111	11111	11111
L. Stephens	11111	11111	11111	11111	11111	11111	11111	11111	11111	11111	11111	11111
D. A. McGillis	11111	11111	11111	11111	11111	11111	11111	11111	11111	11111	11111	11111
Curt Hall	10010	00110	11111	11111	01011	01111	01111	01111	01111	01111	01111	01111
Total	119											

PARKERSBURG.												
J. F. Mallory	10111	11001	11111	01111	10111	10111	10111	10111	10111	10111	10111	10111
F. E. Mallory	10111	11111	11111	00111	01101	01101	01101	01101	01101	01101	01101	01101
Robert Clarke	10010	10111	01111	01111	01111	01111	01111	01111	01111	01111	01111	01111
S. T. Mallory	11011	11111	10011	01111	01111	11001	11001	11001	11001	11001	11001	11001
L. Stephens	01111	00111	11011	01111	01111	00011	00011	00011	00011	00011	00011	00011
D. A. McGillis	01101	01101	00110	11010	01111	01111	01111	01111	01111	01111	01111	01111
Total	108											

MARCH 17.												
Events	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Targets	10	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15
Alkire	9	14	13	11	11	13	12	14	12	12	13	147
Trimble	10	11	13	11	14	13	11	12	14	13	14	147
Norton	8	14	13	11	13	11	12	11	10	13	13	147
Stah	5	11	8	9	13	11	11	7	10	10	13	118
Rice	7	10	12	13	13	13	15	10	13	13	12	138
McVey	7	11	11	11	10	8	11	11	8	10	13	121
Mackie	5	9	12	13	13	11	10	10	11	11	12	132

MARCH 18.												
Event	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Targets	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15
Gorham	8	11	12	14	10	13	12	13	13	12	13	143
J. Mallory	8	12	13	12	12	11	12	14	11	12	14	143
Gohl	5	13	9	11	11	11	10	10	9	11	11	119
Wallace	7	14	13	14	8	9	10	12	8	12	13	130
Bower	8	9	10	10	14	10	14	12	8	14	12	133
Hall	5	12	12	11	11	11	11	8	10	12	7	119
Schlicher	6	13	12	13	9	12	10	11	7	9	6	117
Allen	7	13	12	13	9	12	10	11	7	9	6	117
S. F. Mallory	6	10	7	7	7	9	11	10	9	6	11	102
McGillis	6	11	9	10	8	11	10	8	11	7	5	104
McVey	8	10	10	13	13	10	12	9	10	10	10	125
Clark	7	11	11	9	11	12	12	9	12	8	7	114
Stephens	7	11	9	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	57
F. E. Mallory	12	11	12	14	14	11	13	14	13	10	11	135
Alford	11	12	10	9	8	11	9	9	12	8	9	106
Agnew	11	11	10	10	12	10	10	10	10	10	10	54
Epstein	5	4	6	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	31
Eckbert	10	3	5	10	3	5	10	3	5	10	3	18
Bibbee	9	10	9	10	9	10	9	10	9	10	9	28

MARCH 18.												
Event	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Targets	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15
Alkire	12	12	14	12	13	14	18	11	15	15	9	164
Trimble	12	13	14	12	18	14	18	14	13	13	14	170
Norton	11	12	14	11	11	12	15	14	13	9	12	151
Stah	13	13	7	15	10	13	13	12	16	11	12	112
Rice	14	12	14	13	13	13	17	11	13	11	13	166
F. E. Mallory	13	13	13	10	20	12	15	9	11	9	12	152
Neacker	13	15	13	11	16	12	18	14	13	13	9	162
Gorham	13	10	10	8	17	8	11	10	14	6	11	133
J. F. Mallory	13	12	11	15	18	14	15	15	13	13	12	169
Gall	11	11	11	12	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	45
Wallace	13	12	11	12	12	13	13	12	15	12	16	153
Bower	7	9	10	8	16	9	18	10	13	10	9	136
McVay	13	12	11	18	10	14	10	12	10	12	12	146
Bibbee	7	11	14	9	14	11	17	7	8	11	10	137
McGillis	11	9	12	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	32
Allen	14	12	11	13	12	11	17	8	12	10	8	141
Schlicher	10	14	11	13	11	10	16	9	12	7	14	142
Vergis	10	12	9	12	17	12	17	10	13	10	14	146
Donnelly	11	13	11	10	12	13	16	12	13	6	14	139
Alford	12	8	9	13	9	15	15	13	12	13	15	66
Hall	11	16	11	15	11	15	13	12	13	15	11	117
G. T. Mallory	9	11	9	11	9	11	9	11	9	11	9	29

THE SECOND MONTHLY SHOOT

Of the Philadelphia Trap Shooters' League.

The second tournament of the Philadelphia Trap Shooters' League, which will be held on April 3, under the auspices of the University Gun Club, on their grounds at Fernwood, promises to be a big one, as 11 teams of six men will compete in the team match, and several clubs will have more than that number represented in the sweepstake events. As it will draw 100 to 150 marksmen to the grounds, an extra set of five traps will be placed in position, and, with two sets of traps in good working order, 7500 targets will be thrown during the day.

Oglesby Paul, William A. Steel and Frank Cooper, the Executive Committee of the University Gun Club, have been doing an immense amount of work in preparing for the coming tourney, and have arranged the following programme:

The shooting grounds are located at Fernwood, Pa., on the Media branch of the Pennsylvania Railroad. Shooting to commence at 10:30 A. M. No one barred. Trains leave Broad Street Station 9:56 A. M., 12:13, 1:28 and 2:18 P. M. Targets in all events will be thrown at one and one-half cents each.

The match for the League trophy will begin at 2 P. M. sharp, the home team to the score, the other teams to follow in the order of their arrival on the grounds. The programme includes 22 events, four at 15 targets each, the remainder at 10 targets each. The entrance varying from 50 cents to \$1.50. All purses divided according to the Rose system. These events are especially arranged for the amateurs, and it will allow them to compete on an almost equal basis with the expert. Targets will be thrown at 1½ cents each.

That the League has come to stay is fully demonstrated by the increased activity among the gun clubs and the great amount of trap shooting that has been done in this vicinity during the past two weeks. Club grounds that have been almost idle for a long time are being overhauled, new traps put in and several clubs are holding weekly practice shoots, preparatory to the selection of their team for the next tournament, which will be shot under a handicap system.

The target allowance for each team will be: Independent, scratch; Penn., 9; Florists', 12; Silver Lake, 17; Glenwillow, 24; Roxborough, 24; Southwark, 26; Forest, 32; Frankford, 39; University, 43; Wayne, 45.

This handicap equalizes the strength of the different clubs, according to their showing in the first tournament.

The grand total of 342 marksmen are represented by the 11 clubs, which are members of the League, and are divided as follows: Penn., 43; University, 40; Independent, 35; Silver Lake, 38; Southwark, 37; Florists', 36; Glenwillow, 26; Roxborough, 25; Wayne, 24; Frankford, 18; Forest, 17.

IN VIRGINIA.

The Roanoke Gun Club Has an Outing.

The Roanoke Gun Club had a very interesting live pigeon match at Carr's woods on Saturday last, in which the following members participated: Messrs. Charles Eggleston, B. O. Mays, D. M. Miller, H. L. Valentine, J. M. Snyder, A. M. Sheppard, C. Dennison, S. Reed, S. K. Betterman and John Walthall. The following score shows for itself. The conditions were 100 birds, 10 birds each man. Score:

Chas. Eggleston 9, B. O. Mays 9, D. M. Miller 10, H. L. Valentine 9, J. M. Snyder 10, A. M. Sheppard 7, C. Dennison 7, S. Reed 6, S. K. Betterman 7, John Walthall 7.

The day was rather unpleasant and made shooting rather difficult.

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ITEMS ANENT SHOOTING GATHERED ON THE FLY.

Announcements From Club Secretaries—Coming Trap Shooting Tournaments—News Notes of General Interest.

A number of well-known sportsmen of Allentown, Pa., have organized the Allentown Gun Club and elected the following officers: President, Edward Fink; vice president, Wilson Dosh; secretary, Joseph Flickinger; assistant secretary, F. X. Grim; treasurer, Edward Minnick; captain, Herman W. Bennings; trustees, Edward Fink, Wilson Dosh and Henry Gebris. A committee consisting of Edward Minnick, Wilson Dosh and Edward Fink has been appointed to secure grounds and purchase traps, targets and other necessary paraphernalia.

At Reading, Pa., March 17, over 300 persons, including 25 ladies, attended the shooting match between Miss Annie Oakley, the champion female shot of the world, and Harry S. Coldren, the champion of Berks County. American Association rules governed the match, and each contestant shot at 50 live pigeons. Coldren won, killing 40 to Miss Oakley's 37.

A rifle match has been arranged between Ignatz Martin, who has been doing such splendid shooting during the week at the Sportsmen's exposition, and Gustave Worn. Both are residents of Brooklyn and members of the Zettler Rifle Club. The contest will take place at Bookman's Cypress Hills Park early next month. The conditions call for 100 shots each, 200 yards range, off hand shooting, for \$100 a side.

The Frankford Gun Club on March 20 held a shoot at Blue Rock targets at Bridesburg Station. The contestants were Howard George, secretary, and John Crowther, captain of the club. Each shot at 100 targets, unknown angles, the event being divided into four rounds each at 25 targets, and the former won by the margin of 10 points, the total score being 66 to 56.

The following are the total scores made at the practice shoot of the Wisconsin Gun Club, of Milwaukee, Wis., on March 22, at 25 Blue Rocks: Faber, 20; Fisher, 15; Himmelstein, 22; Liese, 13; Frank, 18; Wollmer, 13; Haertle, 24; Ruggaber, 15; A. Haertle, 19. The following scores were made in the team shoot at ten Blue Rocks at unknown angles, with four members on each team: J. Haertle, 7; Farber, 8; Ruggaber, 6; A. Haertle, 9; total, 30. Himmelstein, 9; Fisher, 6; Frank, 9; Wollmer, 5; total, 29.

The Rochester Rod and Gun Club will hold a spring tournament at Rochester, N. Y., on April 20 and 21. The Magatrop will be used for throwing Blue Rocks. Ten events are arranged for each day, with ten targets, 15 at \$1.50, 20 at \$2 and 25 at \$2.50. In all 165 targets, with a total entrance of \$16.50. Targets will be thrown at 1½ cents each, five per cent. of the entrance money will be deducted for a general average, to be divided 40, 30, 20 and 10 per cent.

A shooting match at live pigeons was held March 25 on Kirkman's range, at Barren Hill, Montgomery County, Pa., for a 300-pound hog. The conditions were Rhode Island rules, at 21yds. rise, and 80yds. boundary; miss and out. There were fifty-six competitors, but owing to the high wind, most of the birds got away. Frank Hoagland, Joseph Dirkins and Lewis McFall tied, killing six birds each. They concluded to sell the prize and divide the proceeds.

At the annual meeting of the Lancaster, Pa., Rifle Club, March 25, the following officers were elected: resident, C. Herbert Obreiter, Esq.; vice president, Thomas Anderson; secretary, Dr. E. B. Ilyus; treasurer, E. C. Gleim; captain, Otto E. Weber; executive committee, Monroe B. Hirsh, H. E. Anderson, Dr. R. M. Underwood.

SOME GOOD SHOOTING.

W. S. King Wins the Sweepstake at the Herron Hill Grounds.

The fourth series of 25-live bird sweepstakes was shot at the Herron Hill Gun Club grounds March 18. W. S. King was the winner, killing 25 straight in fine style. Jacques and McPherson divided second money with 23 each and A. H. King was third. The scores are as follows:

Jacques	22220	22222	22220	22222	22222	23
W. S. King	22222	12221	22222	12122	22222	25
A. H. King	22222	21212	22222	22220	22220	22
McPherson	22222	22222	12222	12221	22221	23
Strong	12220	20210	21222	01121	22022	20
C. A. May	22222	22022	02222	22222	20220	21

There were three seven-bird races in which W. S. King killed seven straight in each, making him a total of 46 straight

for the day. C. A. May also killed seven straight in each event and Anson killed 14 straight.

SILVER LAKE VICTORIOUS.

Florists' Gun Club Defeated in the Third Contest.

The Silver Lake Gun Club, of Philadelphia, defeated the Florists' Gun Club, on the latter's grounds at Wissinoming, Pa., on March 27. This was the third match of a series of three, and the Silver Lakers, by winning it, take two out of the three contests. The first match was won by the Florists by one target. The second was taken by the Silver Lake Club, with forty-three to the good, and the third was also won by the "Neckers," the score standing 243 to 240. It looked like a victory for the flower cultivators, but two or three of their so-called "crackjacks," who are usually good for 80 to 90 per cent., fell down to near the 60 mark. One of their scratch men had not recovered from the effects of the Grand American Handicap, and his score was very poor.

Harvey French, the crack shot of the Silver Lakes, led his team, with 26 broken. Geo. Anderson was high man on his team, with 25 broken. Wm. Harris surprised his friends by breaking 23, which is 10 to 20 per cent. above his usual average.

The conditions of the match were: Twelve men to each team, 15 Blue Rocks, known angles, and 15 Blue Rocks, unknown angles.

The day was unpleasant, as a cold wind blew across the grounds and an occasional flurry of snow bothered the shooters. The Blue Rocks were thrown hard, and the wind caused difficult shooting.

The scores follow:

SILVER LAKE GUN CLUB.			
French (known)	01111	11110	12
(unknown)	01101	11111	14
Lane (known)	01111	11111	14
(unknown)	01111	01100	11
La Rue (known)	01111	10111	12
(unknown)	11011	10110	12
Ford (known)	11111	10011	12
(unknown)	01010	10111	10
Mink (known)	10010	01111	10
(unknown)	10010	11111	11
Hahn (known)	11110	01111	11
(unknown)	10101	10101	9
Woodstager (known)	00010	10111	9
(unknown)	10111	11011	10
Haldt (known)	01111	10011	10
(unknown)	10101	11010	10
Felix (known)	01000	11110	8
(unknown)	01101	10111	11
Apker (known)	11110	01111	11
O'Brien (known)	10100	00011	6
(unknown)	10111	10101	10
Timme (known)	10100	10110	6
(unknown)	00101	01011	7
Total			243

FLORISTS' GUN CLUB.			
G. Anderson (known)	11111	10011	12
(unknown)	10111	11111	13
W. Harris (known)	11111	10100	11
(unknown)	11101	11111	12
J. Burton (known)	00111	10111	9
(unknown)	11111	11100	12
W. Smith (known)	10001	11000	11
(unknown)	11111	10111	13
A. S. Edwards (kn)	10011	00111	10
(unknown)	01010	11011	11
"S. P. Life" (kn)	11001	01011	7
(unknown)	11111	10111	12
Ed. Reed (known)	00110	10110	10
(unknown)	00111	11000	9
G. Craig (known)	11110	10010	10
(unknown)	01101	11011	9
A. Cartledge (known)	10110	10101	8
(unknown)	10011	10101	11
G. O. Bell (known)	11111	10000	9
(unknown)	11110	10101	9
C. D. Ball (known)	10111	11111	14
(unknown)	00110	00100	4
B. Ward (known)	00101	00010	6
(unknown)	11101	01111	11
Total			240

The following sweeps were shot; entrance 50 cents:

No. 1.	No. 2.
French	11111 01111-9
G. A. Bell	00000 11111-5
Stevens	11001 10011-6
Ford	11111 10010-7
Haldt	00101 11111-7
Anderson	11011 10101-7
Burton	10011 01011-6
Harris	10110 10100-5
Smith	11111 01011-8
Hahn	11111 11111-10
Woodstager	01011 10101-6
Lalutue	11011 11111-9
Lane	11110 11111-9
Mink	10911 11111-8
Cartledge	11111 11111-10
Reed	10111 11011-8
Apker	11111 01111-9
No. 3 same.	
Anderson	10. Smith 8. Stevens 8. Burton 8.
LaRue 7. Cartledge 7. Ridge 7. Bell 5. Harris 3.	

AT BALTIMORE.

McComas Does Good Work Before the Traps.

At the Baltimore Shooting Association, March 11, McComas beat Jones in a shoot for \$100 a side. The marksmanship of McComas was of the highest order. The match was made for 100 birds, but Jones gave it up after shooting at 60. McComas killed 57 of his 60 within bounds, and one fell dead just out of bounds. He actually killed 36 straight. Jones killed but 43 out of 60.

Following are the results of miss and out events at \$2 each.

McComas	4 2 4 0 x x
Simon	1 3 2 x x x
Pete	1 2 x x x x
Dupont	3 2 2 0 3 2
Macalester	4 3 3 2 1 3
Malone	x x 4 2 4 3
Jones	x x x 1 1 1
Johnson	x x x 2 3 2
Thompson	x x x x x 1

Davidson and Franklin shot two matches \$10 a side at ten birds each. They resulted—Davidson 8, 9; Franklin, 9, 9. The second match, a tie, was shot off. Franklin killed eight and Davidson five.

In two matches at ten birds Jones killed 7, 4 and Dupont 8, 5.

A series of five bird races resulted as follows:

Jones 4, Dupont 5, Chenoweth 3, Davidson 3. Shoot-off—Davidson 3, Chenoweth 4. Shoot-off—Davidson 5, Chenoweth 3.

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HARRIS WON A POINT

In the Contest For the Silver Cup at the Florists' Club.

The contest for a silver cup, presented by one of the members of the Florists' Gun Club, of Philadelphia, for competition among its members, took place on the club's grounds at Wissinoming, Pa., on March 23. A handicap allowance was given to the poorer shots, and Wm. Harris surprised every one by breaking 36 out of 50, and his handicap of 24 gave him a total of 60, which credited him with a win. The conditions were 25 Blue Rocks, known angles, and 25 Blue Rocks, unknown angles. Matches will be held once a month for this trophy until won three times by a member, when it becomes his property. The scores follow:

	Known.	Un-known.	Allow.	Total.
W. K. Harris	18	18	24	60
T. Jones	13	15	24	52
Geo. Anderson	21	17	8	50
J. G. McCaraher	17	13	20	50
George Craig	15	14	20	49
A. B. Cartledge	17	17	14	48
John Burton	19	16	12	47
G. O. Bell	14	13	20	47
T. Cartledge	13	10	24	47
Wm. Taplin	16	12	18	46
Wm. Smith	15	18	12	45
C. D. Ball	15	14	14	43
T. C. Brown	8	11	24	43
Wm. Mercer	14	16	10	40
T. Downs	11	14		25

A team shoot was then arranged between two teams chosen from the club at 25 targets.

McCaraher's Team.	Ball's Team.
Wm. Smith	21 Geo. Anderson
Wm. K. Harris	19 Wm. Smith
G. O. Bell	19 G. Ball
T. Towns	15 John Burton
Wm. Taplin	14 C. B. Ball
McCaraher	12 T. Cartledge

Total 100 Total 91

NEW YORK GERMAN CLUB

Has a Shoot on the Day of Ireland's Patron Saint.

St. Patrick's Day was celebrated at Dexter Park by the members of the New York German Gun Club, and in honor of the occasion the white pigeon feather, usually worn in the hat-band by every man participating in a shoot, was changed to a green ribbon. Scores:

CLUB SHOOT—TEN BIRDS.			
Seven points, handicap.			
Dr. Hudson	22222	02211	9
John Welbrock	12121	01201	8
Six and one-half points handicap.			
John Schlicht	12212	21201	9
Six points, handicap.			
Bernard Koeng	22122	21110	9
Henry Leopold	11220	12122	8
Peter Garms, Jr.	20212	22111	8
Henry Thomford	22020	02212	7
Henry Nobel	10211	20110	7
Fred. Sauter	00112	02222	6
J. P. Dannefeller	00112	00002	3
August Schmitt	00220	00002	3
Six and one-half points, handicap.			
Fred Kronsberg	11102	22121	9
August Lucas	21011	01120	6
Ernest Radel	10102	10010	5
Five points, handicap.			
Michael Bondon	11020	00011	5
A. Le Mout	12020	02000	4
Four and one-half points, handicap.			
Henry Oehl	02120	00100	4
Four points, handicap.			
Jacob Moersch	21110	10100	6
George Heissenholder	01120	10022	6
Henry Meyer	12010	02000	4
Jac. Bissinger	00010	02201	4
E. Hotz	00220	20000	3

*Dead out of bounds.

Shoot-off for club badge, three birds—Fred. Kronsberg 3, Dr. Hudson 2.

Sweepstake, five birds, all twenty-eight yards—brock 5, Schmitt 4, Sauter 4, Kronsberg 4, Kronsberg 4, Schlicht 3.

BENNETT'S STRAIGHT

Made at the New Utrecht Gun Club's Shoot.

For a novice, John A. Bennett showed the members of the New Utrecht Rod and Gun Club how to kill live birds at Woodlawn, March 20. Scores:

CLUB SHOOT—10 BIRDS—CLASS A.			
J. A. Bennett (27)	12121	22222	10
John Gaughen (28)	22222	22222	8
W. H. Thompson (27)	12200	22021	7

CLASS B.

F. A. Thompson (29)	11121	20122	9
Platt Adams (28)	00012	*1121	6
Dr. Littlefield (30)	3001*	0 with'dn	
*Dead out of bounds.			
Sweepstake—five birds—J. A. Bennett 5, F. A. Thompson 5, Platt Adams 4.			
Sweepstake—same conditions—Bennett 5, Gaughen 4, Littlefield 3, W. H. Thompson 3, F. A. Thompson 2, Adams 2.			

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