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A LESSON OF THE WAR—THE NEED OF THE HOUR.

Having done all in its power consistent with dignity to avoid the present needless and costly conflicting dates, the Players' League is absolved from all blame for whatever harm may come to the game itself through the conflict which was thrust upon the new League by the old magnates.

To accept the League's challenge to battle and bravely meet the issue forced upon it was assuredly a manly and dignified thing for the Players' League to do; nevertheless the new League was in the business to play ball, not to fight with rivals.

Of course all this is ancient history now, and the matter is only alluded to here to point a moral. In future the new League should bank less on public sentiment, which has been proven to be a barren idealism, an airy nothing, out of tune with and having little effect upon the practical conduct of professional base ball.

And yet we find that the ball-going public is, to a certain extent, indifferent to this and that its fickle favor is not to be counted upon with any degree of certainty, no matter how honestly and industriously wooed; we discover that the same public which was ready to forget the services of the old magnates in purifying the game and elevating it by long years of struggle and work, is equally ready to forget the labor of the new magnates to lift the game out of the ruts into which it had fallen, to rescue it from monopoly's grasp and to broaden its scope and enlarge its field; we also find that sentiment, honor and decency cut no figure with the public, which seems callous to the character of many exponents of the game, and looks no deeper than upon surface indications, no further than on results on the field of play and very superficially at that.

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loose with their comrades, their clubs and leagues, and who would have ruined the one by their desertion in the hour of need and wrecked the other through their venality, are also already forgotten, and the games participated in by these fellows are just as well patronized, their base hits or brilliant plays are just as heartily cheered and their sayings and doings are chronicled with as much detail by the press as if they were the soul of honor and had never done anything to disgrace themselves and their profession.

These are also undeniable facts. But nevertheless leagues, clubs and players should not be discouraged thereby, nor refrain from well-doing, because in the long run honesty is the best policy in base ball, as in everything else, though perhaps the reward may be somewhat slow in coming, and any deviation from the straight path is sure to recoil ultimately—just as all the former mistakes of the League came home to it in its battle against the organization of the Players' League and enormously strengthened the cause of the latter; and just as the few digressions the new League was guilty of, as for instance, the Pickett case, inflicted damage.

The lesson of the situation for the Players' League is:—In future, in all matters affecting its financial interests, it should shape its course in accordance with necessities or policy—always keeping honesty of purpose and method in view, of course—without considering too nicely the effect upon press or public, which, as before pointed out, is but transient, and other things being equal, of little force as a factor in the general patronage. Nothing can be truer than that "nothing succeeds like success," and the methods by which that success is achieved cut but little figure, provided they be clean and honorable, and the last is mainly necessary for personal satisfaction, self-respect, and the judgment of history.

The matter of changing the schedule dates is the question that is undoubtedly vexing the souls of both parties to the present war. The Players' League made a mistake in not changing its schedule when advised to do so by THE SPORTING LIFE; the National League made one also when it adopted a conflicting schedule, and is making another in adhering to that schedule in the vain hope of crushing out a rival too well entrenched now. So we have mistakes on both sides openly denied and secretly admitted, and it has become a case of "one's afraid and the other dare not," since there is little doubt that a change of schedule is absolutely necessary, not only because both sides are suffering from conflicts, but more particularly because in the long run the game, as represented by the major leagues, must suffer, owing to perpetual factional division and permanent alienated patronage.

Now then let the leaders of the Players League—admittedly more progressive than the old magnates—put their heads together and consider the situation. If they find that they can afford to fight the League on the lines laid down by the latter, well and good. If on the other hand it would appear best for the future of the new League, for the good of the game and for the financial interests of the capitalists and players to change the schedule, then let the change be made without the slightest regard for the jibes of time-serving newspapers, the jeers of the unthinking multitude or the exultant shouts of the League camp-followers. All that will be forgotten in a week; even more quickly than were the issues involved in the present war. The public will certainly welcome the change and the Players' League suffer not a whit in public estimation because it chose to consider its own interest first in ending a battle which was not of its choosing, and which while it may not be doing it great harm, is certainly not doing it any good, a fact for which the damage the League is sustaining is but small consolation.

The National League is admittedly carrying on the war to crush out a business rival; the Players' League, on the contrary, is in the business to make money, without which there can be no success either in base ball or anything else. The latter, by changing its schedule, can demonstrate to the public that its purpose is honest, its methods legitimate, its existence desirable; that it desires to live and let live, and that so far as it is concerned this is not a case of trying to break down one monopoly only to build another in its place. It has all the best of the fight now, despite League whistling to the contrary, in the situation; it can gain still greater advantage by changing its schedule, because, while such a change may enable the League to pull through the crisis and firmly re-establish itself, it will, on the other hand, remove all harassing doubts as to the future of the new League, and will positively insure its existence and permanence, which from a Players' League standpoint is of far greater importance than any effect such action may have on the National League or the merely transient impression it may make on the public.

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players all admit this fact and the magnates clearly recognize it also. If the National League will not change its schedule let the Players' League change its dates. It doesn't matter which takes the bull by the horns so that the present war be brought to an end and the old-time base ball enthusiasm in the great cities of the country be rekindled.

THE AMOUNT OF malicious misrepresentation the Players' League is being subjected to by newspapers which masquerade as impartial is positively appalling in the aggregate, and no doubt has its effect on the attendance. But the new League made a successful fight against that sort of crushing method last winter, and will easily outlive the expiring efforts of its disguised enemies. It affords a melancholy spectacle, though, how the press can be manipulated by employes, who subordinate their judgment and journalistic instincts to personal and partisan sentiments, and do not hesitate to resort to deliberate falsehood to serve their ends.

THESE CONFLICTING DATES are confirming the partisan spirit so rife and there are many base ball patrons who cannot now be coaxed or bribed to go to the grounds of the organization they are not in sympathy with. Without conflicting dates this spirit would gradually disappear, because with but one club at home at a time these partisans would sooner or later satisfy their base ball craving by attending the game of the opposition club, and soon find something to please and worthy of patronage. Change the dates and stop clubbing patrons into partisans.

"WHEN WASHINGTON gets back into the League—if it does next year, as seems likely—it will have a nine that will be better able to hold its own than the nine it had last year."—Washington Post.

The probability is that Washington will never again be found in National League company. The American Association is the proper place for Washington and eventually it will fall into the arms of that popular-priced and Sunday-playing organization, unless the Players' League should some day throw out a grappling hook for the capital as well as Baltimore.

IT IS WORTHY of passing comment, that nearly all the facts and figures showing an inevitable loss for the Players' League come from disinterested (?) League statisticians. Figures, they say, can not lie—but it all depends upon the sentiment of the mathematician.

IT IS A FACT that everywhere the attendance of ladies at ball games exceeds that of any former season. And still the magnates and their newspaper "me-too's" tell us that "interest in the game is declining."

NOTES AND GOSSIP.

THE SPORTING LIFE will be mailed post paid to any address in the United States and Canada one year for \$4.00, six months for \$2.25, three months for \$1.25. RED BITTAN has signed with Dallas. Anson is as popular as ever in Boston. The League should change its schedule. ZIMMER is batting way below his average. RAT, of Baltimore, is laid up with a lame ankle. ALL of the Western Association teams are strong. THE Hartford Club has suspended Henry Lynch. PITCHER TOBY LYONS has been released by Syracuse. CAPTAIN DONNELLY, of Detroit, is nursing a lame arm. BILL GLEASON is certainly handling the Washingtons well. WASHINGTON has a record of eleven consecutive victories. AND the rain fit raineth, but salaries go on just the same. SINCE Zimmer was hit last summer he has batted weakly. PITCHER RICHARDT has been dropped by Grand Rapids. PETE BROWNING uses the longest bat of any one playing ball. WILL the League never learn by past disastrous experience? NIMICK is surely letting himself gradually out of the Pittsburgh Club. HARTFORD has released pitcher O'Connell and catcher Miah Murray. AS ROCHSTER'S captain Greenwood has so far acquitted himself well. PITCHER SERAD is nursing his broken arm at his Chester (Pa.) home. THIRD BASEMAN McGRW is no longer a member of Olean's team. McDERMOTT, of Newark, and McDermott, of Jersey City, are brothers. POWER is as quick as a flash in handling the ball for Baltimore on first. THIS is the third time Jim Davis has been tried by the St. Louis Club. THERE have been six 1 to 0 games in the Western Association so far. THE ex-Brooklyn short stop, Otkerson, is playing second base for Altoona. THEY say that Fred Carroll is to be married this fall to a California lady. THE Des Moines Club has released John Walsh and J. T. McCloskey. BRD, of Washington, is said to be a marvelous thrower from right field. A PLAY between Denny and Esterbrook is now called a Tom and Jerry. THE Newark Club has released outfielder Jack Hennigan to reduce expenses. FIVE stolen bases in one game is the record Hub Collins made last Monday. BUCKENBERGER seems to be having lots of trouble with his team this season. FRED CLAUSEN, Ed Slich, and H. H. Howe have been released by Milwaukee. THE Cincinnati old nickname, "quitters," has followed them into the League. CATCHERS Cook and Reidy have been released by Jersey City to reduce expenses. PITCHER JOE RAMSEY, for a brief time with Syracuse, has engaged with Akron. THE Eastern Club has discharged Alex Cargu. We mean the catcher of that name. OUTFIELDER CARL, late of Newark, has signed with Wilmington to play third base. GEORGE MILLER is doing splendidly, the best player for Pittsburgh's League.

THE Saginaw-Bay City team is trying to buy Killen and McMahon from Manistee. 'Tis said that the expenses of the Chicago League Club are over \$500 per game. ROCHESTER misses Sandy Griffin's heavy batting, but doesn't quit on that account. THE Saginaw-Bay City team was the first International League club to be shut out. FIRST BASEMAN HARTNETT would like to return to Toronto and will probably succeed. THE Grand Rapids Club is to have trouble from local fanatics over its Sunday games. DAN O'LEARY, the hustler, seems to have utterly disappeared from the base ball arena. IT is pretty near time for the Cincinnati press to subject Tom Loftus to the customary nagging. PAT MURPHY, of the New Yorks, is accused of grand stand playing by the New York Press. BURROCK has an unlucky season, having been hit a number of times already by pitched balls. IT is said that Rochester has gotten team work and sacrifice hitting down to a fine point. T. M. FITZGERALD and H. A. Cragin are the official umpires of the Pacific Northwest League. ESTERBROOK is playing a great game for a man who says he is yet nervous on the ball field. HARRY T. SMITH is canvassing Indianapolis for stock for a Western Players' League team here. KRUSMAN, recently released by St. Louis, has signed to play first base for the Mansfield Club. ANSON is still the hard worker of old. He is on the coach line all the time when his team is at bat. THE Jersey City Club has arranged to play its Sunday games hereafter at Erasina, Staten Island. IN THE Atlantic Association New Haven is doing better and Worcester worse than was expected. THE Worcester Club has signed Joe Slattery, a brother of Mike Slattery, of the New York Giants. KANSAS CITY's boasted pitchers have so far proved not a bit too fast for the Western Association. EX-LEAGUE Umpire and ex-Manager George W. Barnham is now traveling for a car wheel factory. CATCHER MCKEON, of Rochester, they say, can discard his mask quicker than any other catcher. THE Lansing Club has signed short stop Tom MacMahon and catcher John Pierson, of Detroit. ANSON is as big a kicker as ever and just as ready to tell the umpires that they do not know the rules. MICHIGAN State League umpire Bresky has resigned. John McGinty, of Cleveland, is his successor. IT is claimed for Widner, of Columbus, that he is the best fielding pitcher in the American Association. PROBER DANIELS is the last discharge from Pittsburgh's League Club. Hartford is negotiating with him. DETROIT won nine straight championship games before Hamilton checked the streak on Saturday last. DESPITE their liberal outlay of cash for players the Boston triumphs are in the consummation with their team. CATCHER MURPHY has been released by Sioux City. Pitcher Burdick and Bobby Black are on the ragged edge. GEORGE HOPE, of Jamestown, N. Y., has been appointed umpire in the New York and Pennsylvania League. WILMINGTON has a good fielding team, but they cannot bat and do not seem able to run bases effectively. TED SULLIVAN doesn't make many mistakes, but he certainly blundered when he let young pitcher Mac go. TOWNSEND and Mack are doing great work for Baltimore, playing their respective positions equal to anybody. IF a long time until October, and there'll be a great deal of shifting before the pennant-winners are decided. JOHN COLEMAN seems to have recovered his pitching ability judging from the game he is putting up for Toronto. THE Monmouth, Ill., Club has released Tom Gillen and Kid Brunner and re-signed pitcher Jones and Frank Lewis. IT LOOKS as if Tom Loftus made a mistake in releasing Hiok Carpenter. Mullan is not filling the bill at third base. EDDIE GILROY, who is pitching for the Johnstown Club, shut out the Utica team Saturday with but one safe hit. AT THE Washington Club's grounds a charge is made for the care of bicycles, and there is a big growl in consequence. THE New York and Pennsylvania League wants competent umpires. Address president J. A. Lindsey, Bradford, Pa. WASHINGTON needs Sunday games, as the week-day attendance is not paying expenses, even with a winning team. "CHUB" COLLINS resigned his International umpireship when he received the offer from Omaha, which he accepted. FIRST BASEMAN SPREIDEL, late of Wilmington, has caught on with Dayton. He will replace Burke, to be released. THE Canton Club has released catcher Collins and signed Umpire Jimmy Peoples to catch, play in the outfield and captain. BARNIE still thinks he has the best team in the Atlantic Association. But then Barnie all ways was of a sanguine disposition. GRAND RAPIDS has signed pitcher Inks, whose curves didn't suit various League clubs. By the way what has become of Ivory? COMISKEY calls the Cincinnati team "the star losers of the world," and adds that one can't for the world figure out how they do it. MURPHY now regards himself as a mascot because his team has been winning since he has taken to sitting on the players' bench. CLEVELAND'S League Club has engaged pitcher Garfield of last season's Pittsburgh Club. He will join the team upon its return home. THE Pittsburgh League Club settled in full for rent of grounds last Monday. The club wanted more delay, but the owner wouldn't have it. JIMMY KNOWLES is said to be putting up a wonderful game at Rochester's third base. He played ten straight games without an error. THE Central Illinois League has been organized with clubs located in Pelican, Saybrook, Leroy, Farmer City, Clinton and Monticello. AN EFFORT is being made to organize a Kansas State League, but so far only Newton, Hutchinson, Emporia and Wichita have responded. PENNSYLVANIA UNIVERSITY beat Princeton for the first time on Wednesday last. The Quakers played an errorless game and won by 8 to 3. LONG JOHN HEALY is pitching in old-time form for Toledo, and those League managers that sniffed at John are now kicking themselves. WALTER TAYLOR has resigned from the Inter-State umpire staff. V. D. HUDSON, official scorer of the Altoona Club, is his successor. MANAGER GOODHART, of the Lancaster, has waived all claims to catcher Goodhart, now playing with Altoona, and the release dates from May 13. HARRY WRIGHT and Deacon White are now the only active connecting links between the base ball of the past and the base ball of the present. DESPITE the addition of Cincinnati and Brooklyn, the attendance at the League games showed in the aggregate a fall-off of about 100,000. ANSON may forget a great many things, eye, even how to play ball, but he will never forget to kick on all possible occasions at the umpire's decisions. IF THERE'S anything in omens the New York League team will have bad luck, as it started the championship season with nothing—a whitewash. WONDER how the old war-horns Welch likes the prospect that is being showered on Rustie

in the effort to make a drawing star out of the young man.

NEITHER Stern nor Nimick have as yet made any denial of Von der Ahe's assertion that Pittsburgh and Cincinnati will return to the Association next fall.

PRESIDENT STERN claims the credit for the capture of nearly all of the successful youngsters secured for the Cincinnati Club within the last three years.

THE Cincinnati papers are not satisfied with Mullan's third base play. If Tony is compelled to go back into the box Viau will probably be shipped.

MOST of the Toledo team played together as the same team that Big Holliday graduated from—Des Moines. That was Charley Morton's great aggregation.

ATLANTIC Umpire Larry Corcoran is not reliable in the matter of keeping his appointments. In that respect Bob Ferguson excels any umpire in the business.

CARTON has the two tallest men acting as a battery in this country. Their combined length is about thirteen feet. Young is the pitcher and Kellogg the catcher.

PHOENIX, of Detroit, doesn't bat heavily enough to drive opposing pitchers to drink, but he can on occasion send them to the hospital—vide unlucky Sera.

IT is said that Von der Ahe has his eye on Power, of the Baltimore Club, and Virtue, of the Detroit. He wants a good man to play first base for the Browns.

THE Altoona team is drawing like a house afire at home. Last Saturday with a circus as opposition the club drew 5000 people to two games with Lebanon.

MANAGER POWER, of the Galesburg Club, tried his hand at pitching against Peoria the other day and was hit by a liner that very nearly broke his jaw.

SUNDAY games for Washington are assured and President Hewitt, Manager Sullivan and Treasurer Burket are busy looking up available sites for a Sunday ground.

IF THE authorities should make trouble for the Syracuse Club about Sunday games, the club would be harassed on two sides, as the ground at Three Rivers is situated partly in Oswego and partly in Onondaga County.

BOSTONERS think the League pennant lies between Brooklyn, Chicago and Boston. They have not a very high opinion of Cincinnati and New York down there apparently.

THE Muskegon Club has signed Pitcher Wheaton, formerly of Saginaw, and released third baseman Harris. The club has secured a new ground conveniently located.

PITCHER DORAN, of New Haven, has a record. He was the first pitcher this season to dispose of a team without a hit in nine innings. He did that at Washington on May 21.

DARBYVILLE has been presented by Milwaukee "Friends of '78" with a silver-headed cane. Delroy Temple was a member of the Milwaukee National League team of 1878.

MCLAMANY has succeeded Jack Crooks as captain of the Columbus team and will endeavor to improve the well-founded assertion that a team cannot be well handled from the outfield.

BOTH factions still maintain a hold fast, but the heavy pressure of financial losses is sure to make some impression within the next few weeks. The League should change its schedule.

PITCHER SAM SHAW has been released by Baltimore because of his constitutional infirmities. He will go to Terre Haute. Pitcher Star has also been released by Barnie. Hartford will get him.

THE old players who deserted the Brotherhood are undoubtedly the backbone of the various National League teams now. Without them some of those teams would make a sorry showing.

NEWARK defeated Harvard at Cambridge last Monday in a closely-played game. Bates made his first appearance with the collegians and did well, but six hits being made off him. Newark won by 4 to 3. JACK KERINS' accession to the St. Louis team reunites the battery that created such a furor with Louisville in 1884. Kerins will play first regularly, going behind the bat when Ramsay does the twirling. LOVE, of the Boston League Club, has had his injured knee examined by a doctor, who finds that one of the ligaments across the knee has been severely strained, and that Love may not be able to play again before July 1. EXACTLY on what ground Toledo bases her protest against Brooklyn for declaring the Ridgewood ground unfit to play upon last Monday is not clear, as the rules make the captain of the home club the sole judge in this matter. IN PAST seasons it was only the magnates who asked the question first, "How many people were at the game?" and then the result of the contest. Now every ball crank is interested in the number of people who passed the turnstile. "MURPHY has secured a colored mascot known as "Whittier George." He will carry him on the club to "Washington, Pa."—Chicago Tribune. THE New York Club is doubtless losing enough money without wasting any on alleged mascots. IF DIRECTOR J. PALMER O'NEAL, of Pittsburgh, is the "wealthy gentleman of social status" he is represented to be it is rather remarkable that he should have become the manager of a base ball team, and one not an all-star combination at that. BOTH the National and Players' leagues have many friends, and the majority of the lovers of the game are anxious to see both do well. There is room enough for both leagues in this country despite the assertion of would-be monopolists to the contrary. LONG being a new man in the business, his work naturally causes more praise than an old player like Irwin, yet in the same number of games the latter has made twelve more assists and three less errors and comes off with the best fielding average. THE new ground of the Cohoes, N. Y., Club will be formally opened Decoration Day. The date is still open for a good attraction, and Secretary Thomas Wallace should be communicated with. The club also wants a good battery and a second baseman. IN M. B. CURTIS' new play, "The Shatthen," Meyer Potowsky, who wears his watch on his upper vest pocket, takes "a flyer" at the sport and says:—"I paid fifty cents to see a game of base ball, and mine heart beat so I put my watch out of order and it cost \$7 to have it fixed." SIOUX CITY is proving a formidable foe by putting up a class of ball that none but a rattling good aggregation could put up. Captain Powell is after the pennant and after it in a manner sufficiently impressive to command the respect of all concerned before he gets through. GUS SCHMELZ, in his handling of the Cleveland League team, has added to his reputation as a skillful manager. He has brought out much of the talent that is within the team, and will bring out still more, enough to make it a stumbling block for would-be pennant winners, at any rate. IF THE Cincinnati papers are to be believed, Bid McPhee is the whole Cincinnati team; and the Commercial-Gazette foolishly says:—"What would the Cincinnati team be without him?" Small wonder that the team doesn't pull together, when one man is rated above all the others combined. THAT De Wolf Hopper holds a strong place in the affections of ball players was farther evinced last Tuesday night. The Chicago Players' League purchased two boxes at the Broadway Theatre and surprised Mr. Hopper with their presents and several choicest pieces for himself and Marion Monola. ALTHOUGH the managers and attachés of League and Brotherhood clubs, in cities where they are competitors for patronage, hate each other intensely, yet they manage to keep an outward appearance of being on friendly terms. It is a hand-shake and a sort of "jolly" for each other whenever they meet. THE Rochester Union says that in the Rochester-Columbus game of the 15th, "O'Connor became so disgusted with Crooks and his mouth while at the bat in the third inning that he yelled:—"Oh, shut up!" and struck out." There's harmony and discipline for you. It was nearly time for Crooks to resign the captaincy.

A LETTER sent to J. C. Morse, Boston Herald, will carry a beautiful printed and illustrated base ball book, vest pocket size, containing in the most handy shape the League, Brotherhood and other schedules, full lists of officers of associations and clubs, players, managers and captains. The cuts of Kelly, Brouters and Clark-son are perfect.

"WHEN such men as Keefe and Crane say that Rustie is pitching the greatest ball in the country to-day it must be so."—Philadelphia Star. They could not have said so, as they have not played with or against him and therefore do not know what kind of ball he is pitching except from hearsay. That's a poor way to boom a rising pitcher who needs no such help.

RECORDS go for very little in comparing League and Brotherhood players. Bennett may have as good a record in catching as Kelly, and yet the Brotherhood man has many more assists, mostly to second, preventing bases being altogether, while the League man has made but two assists in eight games, preferring to save his arm rather than take a chance.

THE Cincinnati team is disappointing its home patrons, and murmurs of dissatisfaction are deep and loud. The team is not cutting a better figure in the League than it did in the Association, despite the fact that the League of to-day is not as strong in playing as the Association was last year, while the Cincinnati team was supposed to have been greatly strengthened.

CHANGES are to be made in the New Haven team. Lauman, who has been playing right field for the New Haven team, will be released, and Henry Lynch, late of Hartford, will be signed. Terrier will not be released, and he and Hoffer will do the catching this season. Cahill, when he arrives from Philadelphia, will be put on third base and Doyle will probably be released.

IN A GAME between two amateur clubs, the Elliotts and Woodburns, of Cincinnati, O., played at Walnut Hills May 13, before about a 1000 people, a remarkable home run was scored. With two on bases, the batsman hit a ball to left field, an ordinary base hit, but the ball took refuge in a lady spectator's dress and was not found or recovered until three runs had crossed the plate, the batsman counting a home run. It was the feature of the game.

SYRACUSE SAYINGS.

THE Games of the Week—Keefe's Great Feat—The Sunday Game at Three Rivers Successful and Well Conducted.

SYRACUSE, N. Y., May 22.—EDITOR THE SPORTING LIFE:—The Stars found the ball during the past week and won three of the four games from St. Louis. Mr. Von der Ahe has a club composed of gentlemen and they will receive a hearty welcome when they return to our city.

IN Friday's game after the Browns had been treated to one of Mr. Von der Ahe's curtain lectures in regard to being out nights, they won the game 7 to 4. There had been a general change in the nine, as Harnett had been released and a number of the other players fined from \$25 to \$100.

ON Saturday Keefe gave the best exhibition of pitching that we will see this year; just think of shutting out the St. Louis Browns with but one hit—enough honor to last a whole season. Mr. Whitbeck was touched up in good shape, and the boys ran bases to win by the score of 5 to 0.

THREE Rivers on Sunday was quite moist, but the 4000 people were treated to a good game of ball. Stivett's, who proved an enigma to the Stars in Friday's game, was batted in great shape, and "Dan" Casey didn't fare much better. The fielding of Pitcher Morrison was of the gilt-edge line, and his wonderful catch with one hand of high fly among the carriages was a great feat.

ONE of the features of the day was the absence of police, and I am pleased to say that we had no use for them, as there was never better order among any class of people. Not a "drunken mass of bums," as I was informed by one of our local sportsmen, on Friday night, will go "ten better" if that same person, before the season is over, is not at Three Rivers enjoying the pleasures of a "day's outing." Why, it's all right; far better to do that than to stay at home and carry on an afternoon's conversation about the people who are there.

WE had had more rain than our share in this section, but to-day it looks as if we would have some good days. We can find much fault with what we cannot change. The Columbus Club are here this week, and Sunday we have another game at the Point. C. S. R.

MANISTEE MENTION.

THE Work of Individual Members of the Team Considered.

MANISTEE, Mich., May 20.—EDITOR THE SPORTING LIFE:—Kilken and McMahon Bruster Murphy has secured a battery that is fast enough for any League, Kildon, without doubt, has as much, if not more, speed than any left-hand pitcher in the country, but Murphy is as fast as a star, and his catching, hitting and throwing to bases cannot be excelled.

HALL and Stillerberg are both pitching excellent ball, and the three pitchers combined makes a triad hard to beat.

Sheenan, while not having the experience, has the making of a first-class catcher, and after his nervousness has worn away will make a first-class man. Although he is not quite so experienced, having the reach and being long, will make a good man in time.

CULL on second plays his usual good game, covering so much ground that, if not more, and is hitting a great deal better than last season. Westlake, our short stop, is the base-runner of the team if not of the League. His game at short stop could not be improved. He is hitting well and as a run-getter he has no equal.

RILEY on third is one of the coming men, being quick and lively on his feet, and as a hitter he will get very near being at the top of the list when the season closes.

R. McLaughlin, in left garden, is playing a great fielding game and hitting in good shape. Centro field is filled by the batteries on off days and is being taken care of in a N. O. style. Harnett, at right, gets over an unusual amount of territory and is hitting and fielding well, throwing no less than six men out on base hits since the season opened.

THE team is doing together, and if team work and steady ball playing will win the team will be up among the clouds when the snow flies in the fall. W. A. W.

Literary and Journalistic Notes.

Decidedly the best work yet produced on lawn tennis, the fashionable sport, comes from the pen of H. W. Slocum, Jr., the famous amateur expert. It is extremely well written and highly interesting. No one who plays or is interested in lawn tennis should fail to peruse the book. A. G. Spalding & Bros. are the publishers.

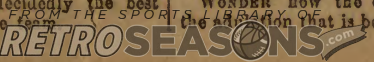
Edward J. Prindle, of Milford, Conn., has published a valuable little book entitled "The Art of Base-balling." Mr. Prindle is the author of books on entertaining and is a student of A. J. Eddy & Co., and writes most entertainingly and instructively.

"The Corsican Brothers: A Tale of Corsica," published by T. B. Peterson & Brothers, Philadelphia, is "Peterson's New Twenty-five Cent Series," is the original work, by Alexander Dumas, from which the popular play of "The Corsican Brothers" was dramatized. It is one of the wildest and most thrilling inspirations which ever came to a fertile brain.

The League and Double Umpires.

"President Young, of the National League, has several additional umpires in mind, and he is prepared to inaugurate a new system, namely, to employ a majority of the League club's demand it."—Reliance.

This will be, we fear, a long time in the future. Too much money is being lost now for the League to take a step so much in accordance with popular demand, even if expensive. If the League would change its schedule, it could easily afford to adopt the double umpire system.



BASE BALL TOO MUCH LAW UNLOOKED FOR RESULT OF THE GRANT INJUNCTION A Judge Who Thinks Lightly of Ball Contracts and Questions the Legality of Club Charters.

So far as base ball law is concerned, the annoying dispute of the Interstate League is over the colored player Grant, is settled. After the meeting of the Interstate board of directors at Lebanon last week, President Voltz submitted the case to John I. Rogers, of the Board of Arbitration, who said that under Sec. 33 Grant belonged to the Capital City club, as his contract with York was signed before that club became a member of the Interstate League.

The legal proceedings. This decision will settle the case, as the legal proceedings which the York Club foolishly brought are quite likely to also result unfavorably to the York Club. It is to be regretted that the York Club ever ventured to try the law, as the judge before whom the case was heard does not appear to hold base ball in such esteem as the judges of New York and Philadelphia; on the contrary he was inclined to disagree with the other judges and to grant the national injunction requested.

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THE GOOD WORK OF THE TEAM ABROAD—Bright Local Prospects—That Alleged Wage Explained—Club News and General Comment. LOUISVILLE, May 20.—Editor SPORTING LIFE:—During the absence of the Louisville Club in the East local base ball affairs are rather dull, and the talk is chiefly confined to a discussion of the team, its record and its prospects. While the boys have not been sweeping things before them in the East they have nevertheless done fairly well, and people here are not disposed to complain.

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Table with columns: Team, W, L, Pct. Lists records for various teams like Denver, Des Moines, Minneapolis, etc.

Games Played May 13. MILWAUKEE VS. DENVER AT MILWAUKEE MAY 13.—Griffith beat the visitors at his mercy, only five being made in his solitary effort.

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HOT SHOT FOR SPALDING. The Magnate Scored For His Recent Utterances—Evidence That the League Is Being Hurt—A Timely Warning—Baltimore to Have Sunday Games Also, etc.

BALTIMORE, May 21.—Editor SPORTING LIFE:—Of all the panic-stricken men, President Spalding appears to be the worst. If he is to be any assistance at all to the old League his cerebral vertebrae requires stiffening to a considerable extent.

What is the matter with the magnates? Are they fools or crazy? Don't they know they are so much the subject of the magnates? The Players' League people should retaliate by giving a complete history of some of the old League's magnates, there would be something of a sensation.

AN INFERNAL GRIDIRON. but if he is having a more unhappy time of it than Spalding, Byrne, Day, Robinson and Nimick he is certainly not making so much noise. All of them, in emulation of Albert, are "fighters," you know, and "fight to the death."

THE AGGREGATE ATTENDANCE OF THE SEASON COMPARED WITH LAST YEAR. Here are the attendance figures for the first twenty-four playing days this season and those for the same number of days last season:

Table comparing attendance figures for 1900 and 1901 across various dates and leagues.

THE FAMOUS EX-PRESIDENT OF THE NATIONAL LEAGUE TO AMATEUR PLAYERS. Mr. A. G. Mills, ex-president of the National League, has offered two gold badges to be awarded to the members of the New York Athletic Club team competing for the American League Union Championship.

THE FUTURE OF THE PLAYERS' LEAGUE. The Baltimore Club is away on its trip to the East, and is not expected to return until June 6, when it is anticipated there will be a new departure in the way of Sunday games. The manager sees clearly that something extraordinary has to be done to carry the club through the season without enormous loss, and the club people believe that panacea is in the hands of the gods.

ONLY A FINE ROMANCE. Only a few members of the Milwaukee Club are aware of the fact that Bob Westlake, the unassuming but get-her catcher of the Milwaukee, is the hero of an elopement. Less than a year ago Bob was playing ball in a West Virginia club, and while on a visit to an adjoining town he met and won the fair daughter of a wealthy farmer.

BASE BALL.

BLUFFING AS USUAL. THE CHICAGO CAPTAIN, ANSON, AIRING HIS OPINIONS.

Opposed to Any Change of Schedule Dates--Cracks at the Players' League--A Characteristic and Unwise Bluff, Etc.

While Anson was in Boston he delivered himself rather freely of his opinions regarding the Players' League, of the Chicago League team and other matters of more or less importance.

"Early to the late state of the weather, and very largely to the unsettled state of the base ball situation, there is no use denying the fact that the action of the old guard in Chicago is a serious blow at base ball.

"For his team the big captain, of course, had nothing but praise. Said he: "A good one--in fact, a first-rate one. I don't say it is the best team I ever had, but it's better than the one I had last year.

"I could take my team and beat the Brotherhood team. I have got a better team than they. I know those fellows well, have had more of them than I can count, and I know what they are capable of.

"The above is on a par with Anson's persistent annual bluffs of winning the championship by sheer force of breath. His statement that the clubs that play the best ball will get the patronage is misleading, because winning ball is not always the best ball.

"Such a series may never be played, but if it should be the public would be quickly opened to the great difference in the calibre of the teams. Meantime it is simply out of the question to compare by the playing from year to year the clubs of the two leagues.

"The New York World has the following to say of Anson's remarks: "Capt. Ewing is angry over Anson's slur on the Players' League. Anson, says Ewing, is the most overrated man in the business. Every ball player will tell you that he cannot beat the position of Anson as a player, but he is a newspaper writer.

"The discipline of the Chicago Brotherhood team is far superior to that in the Chicago League. Why, then, the notion that the Chicago Brotherhood team is a statement that his club could beat the Brotherhood nine, the battle, if it could be so called, would be as hollow as has been the attendance at the League game in Chicago, compared with the Brotherhood game in Chicago.

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CHICAGO GLEANINGS.

Apathy in the Windy City--Spalding Explains and Reiterates--He Sticks to His Divided Interest Theory--A Chicago Opinion of the Fogarty-Love Row, Etc.

CHICAGO, May 20. Editor SPORTING LIFE: The season has been a very lively one for a period of its existence thus far, but it is positively dead so far as interest in either the Brotherhood or League championship race is concerned in this city.

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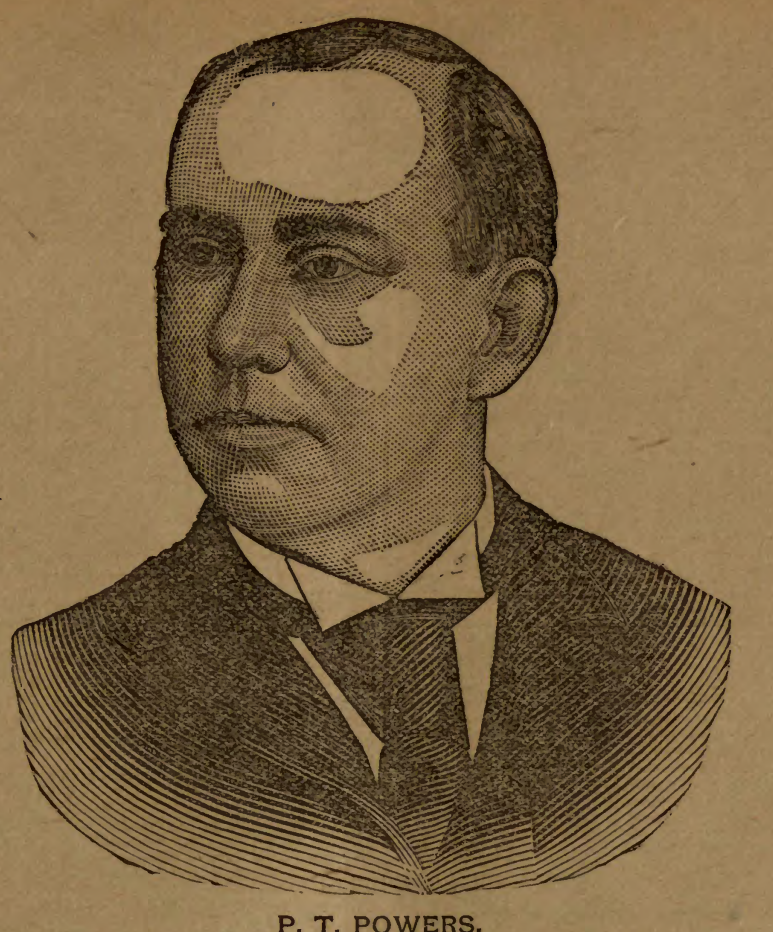
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ST. LOUIS SIFTINGS.

The Browns Criticized--McCarthy is no Longer Captain--Roseman at the Helm Temporarily--The Team's Poor Showing With the Stick--The Association Treated Badly by the League--The Boston Brotherhood Team All Right--Pitcher Stivetts "Cribbles" at a Bath, Etc.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., May 22. Editor SPORTING LIFE:--The friends of the Brown Stockings are anything but pleased at the game they have been putting up recently. And the reports telegraphed from Syracuse of the action of some of the men was another thorn in the sides of the admirers of the St. Louis team.

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EASTERN INTERSTATE.

Games to be Played. May 24--Altoona vs. York at Altoona, Harrisburg vs. Lancaster at Harrisburg, Lebanon vs. Easton at Lebanon.

The Record. The York Club is getting rather a big lead and bids fair to run away with the pennant, unless the Harrisburg, Altoona and Lebanon teams brace up quickly.

Table showing game results for Eastern Interstate League, including teams like Altoona, York, Harrisburg, Lebanon, Easton, and scores.

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BASE BALL.

OUR GAME'S PROGRESS IN THE "ISLES OF THE BLEST."

The Championship Race in Honolulu-- Rapidly Getting to the Professional Gate-money Stage, Etc.

HONOLULU, H. I., May 1.—EDITOR SPORTING LIFE:—The base ball season opened in Honolulu Saturday, April 12. The first scheduled game was between the Honolulu and Stars. About 2000 people were on the grounds, which were in fair order for base ball. Unfortunately, after one inning each had been played, it commenced to rain and the play stopped, the Honolulu having made two runs and the Stars one. The Hawaiian Band was on the grounds, but a band at a ball game is a nuisance, for while it is playing you cannot hear the umpire.

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If any eyes are looking Southwest for twirlers, I would advise them to keep their eyes widely open on Frank Wood, Houston and Houston's work for Galveston. These two, in my opinion, are the comers in the Texas League for coolness and head work. They will make their mark in any league and be a success. They are both also good managers.

The entire schedule has been revised and altered to suit Fort Worth, Waco, Austin and Dallas. Houston and Galveston, though just returned from their trip, will be compelled through the alteration of the schedule, after playing a short series with each other, to take the road again for another trip. Houston and Galveston deservingly in their power to keep the weaker cities in line, and no break will occur if they are on their toes.

All our boys are now playing great ball and all are in fine trim, and from now on they will play for blood. They have occasionally dropped games through over-confidence in themselves, but with each other, they have had the riot act to them to take things easy and cool, and they are wisely and profitably following his advice.

The boys start on the 20th again, and I trust when they return they will be loaded down with scalps and in the lead for the pennant. CLEAR.

BUFFALO BITS.

The Bisons at Red-rock—Mention of the New York Series and the Buffalo Players' Individual Work—Comment on Manager Bacon's Men—Notes From Everywhere.

BUFFALO, May 21.—EDITOR SPORTING LIFE:—The Bisons went Eastward, the rainy weather followed. Secretary Fitzgerald piloted the team to New York, the rain stopped at the Gilsey House (I think) and waited there. The Honolulu having made two runs and the Stars one.

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LAVE CROSS, The Clever Catcher of the Philadelphia Players' League Team.

THEY SIGH FOR SUN.

How Bad Weather is Affecting the Attendance at Games in Brooklyn—John Ward's Mud House Practices and What May Come of Them—Byrnes Smiles and Hids All "Bide a Voe"—Jim Kennedy's Coming Surprise—General Mention.

BROOKLYN, May 21.—EDITOR SPORTING LIFE:—That infernal refrain, "Rain, rain, go away," has become chronic with all the base ballists here, and they are mumbling it orally and mentally in a sort of half-hearted way, wondering when the moisture is going to take a halt.

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GAMES TO BE PLAYED.

May 25, Galveston vs. Burlington at Galveston, Evansville vs. Peoria at Evansville, Terre Haute vs. Peoria at Terre Haute.

May 26, 27, 28, Quincy vs. Terre Haute at Quincy, Evansville vs. Peoria at Evansville, Burlington vs. Galveston at Burlington.

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Table with 4 columns: Team, Won, Lost, Pct. Lists records for Burlington, Evansville, Peoria, Quincy, Terre Haute, and Galveston.

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QUINCY. AS IT WAS IN BURKE'S PROVINCE TO MAKE THOSE DECISIONS, AND QUINCY REFUSED TO PLAY AND NOT POSSIBLY THE SCENE OF SUCH A SCANDAL.

EVANSVILLE vs. BURLINGTON AT EVANSVILLE MAY 16.—The leaders of the Interstate were trounced by the home club through the steady work of Eiteljorg. He only contributed several runs through his errors.

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BASE BALL. PHILADELPHIA POINTERS.

All of the Local Teams Doing the City Proud—The Work of Each Considered—The Row in the Players' Club—Current Local News and Gossip.

PHILADELPHIA, May 23.—This city occupies a unique position in base ball, inasmuch as it has three strong professional clubs, and is represented in each of the great major leagues. Beside all this it has as much reason to be proud of the clubs as it has of its prominence as a base ball city.

THE ATHLETICS' BRILLIANT WORK. The Athletics are now playing the strongest game any team bearing the time-honored name ever put up.

THE PLAYERS' STIFF GAME. The Players' League team has been putting up fine games, and the Athletics find it hard to get down even with Fogarty off.

THE LEAGUE'S FIGHT FOR PLACE. The Philadelphia League team is holding on to first place with grim determination and ought to stay at the top at least until the series with the Western teams is over.

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HAVING FUN WITH THEM. Least said is soonest mended, and the work of the clubs on these glorious trips.

THE TRI-STATE TEAM. The big strike at McKeesport makes the little town rather gloomy.

LOCAL POINTERS. It will be remembered that the Philadelphia audience, Mullane indulged in a little transaction similar to Foreman's one.

Del., young lady of the historic name of McGinty. Of Al Johnson comes to arbitrate the Fogarty trouble, he will interfere in a matter which doesn't concern him.

Manager Sharsig is confident that young Conroy will develop into another Bierbaum, in fielding at least.

The West Chester Base Ball Club has just organized with the following amateur players: Miller, pitcher; Rupert, catcher; W. Smith, first base; Haggerty, second base.

The Brandywine Club has been organized and the fair ground has been leased for the season.

Manager Wright caught a bad cold some time ago, which has settled in his eyes, and he is unable to see.

Ugly and Dangerous Stories About Base Ball Clubs—President O'Neill's Significant Talk—Poor Work by Pittsburgh's Clubs—Bits of News.

PITTSBURG, May 21.—Editor SPORTING LIFE:—Next pay day will make somebody lumpy.

ONEONTA'S INDIANS. The Season Opened—A Good Showing—A Shabby Trick—General News.

EVANSVILLE EVENTS. Splendid Local Attendance—A New Pitcher Signed—News Notes.

CELEBRATION. The Lively Iowa Town Represented by a Fine Club—Illinois-Iowa League Matters.

FOR PHILADELPHIA. The Lively Iowa Town Represented by a Fine Club—Illinois-Iowa League Matters.

Monday and yesterday. Well, the report is correct. A visit to the park yesterday showed that the tented concern had certainly damaged the newly-made enclosure.

MUST GET AN OFFICE. In a base ball way W. A. Nimick seems to have been lost sight of altogether.

CIRCUS JOTTINGS. President O'Neill had nothing new to-day. "I am sorry," said he, "but if we had another Dunlap case we could keep the papers in news for a good many days."

Secretary Tenor wasn't a bit slick when he made the contract with the circus.

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WATERBURY. A GREAT MEETING.

Wonderful Performances at the Berkeley Oval—An Unprecedented Number of Records Broken at a Single Meeting.

The spring meeting of the Berkeley Athletic Club, at Morris Dock to-day, was the most successful ever given in this country.

The next wonderful performance was in the 600-yards scratch race, where Downs, the Harvard sprinter, ran the distance in 1:11.25.

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TRIGGER. SHOOTING NOTES.

How Shulzow Powder Should Be Used—A Pointer About Shells—The Evil of Spring Shooting—Scarcity of Birds in South Jersey, Etc.

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COLLEGE RECORD BROKEN.

A Great Running High Jump at Brown University Sports.

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WHEELING.

CYCLING COMMENT.

A Racer's Successful Suit For a Trophy—The Roads Improvement Question in Pennsylvania—A Step in the Wrong Direction—General Mention.

PHILADELPHIA, May 22.—Editor SPORTING LIFE:—Everybody will be glad to hear that W. I. Wilhelm has won his suit for the possession of the gold cup which he won at Lancaster some time ago. He raced for it under the colors of the Reading Bicycle Club, and when that body dissolved through dissensions among the members, a few of the latter who were opposed to Wilhelm personally entered suit for the possession of the cup on the ground that it was the property of the club. It was well known that there was a small piece of personal spite work on the part of a few sore-heads, and their defeat was a foregone conclusion.

After years of labor all our hopes of good roads in Pennsylvania are likely to be blasted. The road commission has come to the conclusion that the problem given to it to solve is too difficult; either this or there has been some undue influence brought to bear from some quarter; no other reason seems plausible for their last action which is that they will not report to the Legislature any plans for improved roads in Pennsylvania, but will circulate the State outside of the big cities and get the opinion of "the people" on the subject. The following are the questions asked in the circular which is being sent almost exclusively to the farming element.

1. Are you in favor of abolishing the present system of working out road taxation and paying cash instead? 2. Are you in favor of the present method of improved roads? 3. Do you think it is so, or how shall it be distributed—to townships or counties? 4. How shall the amount be ascertained, by valuation of assessable property, number of inhabitants, road mileage or otherwise? 5. Do you favor the use of convict labor on public roads? 6. How shall roads be superintended and controlled, by State, county or township supervisor or engineer, and shall the State, if any, be held responsible for local taxes? 7. Is the stone in your county suitable for road building? 8. Do you favor an agricultural, manufacturing or mining county? 9. Are you in favor of authorizing townships to borrow money for road purposes? 10. Give your views upon any other questions pertaining to road law and construction.

Of course it is a foregone conclusion that these questions will be answered in the same old way; then the commission will doubtless report that "the people" think the roads are as good as their grandfathers used, and therefore good enough for anybody that taxes are heavy enough already, goodness knows, and there is no use in spending money on roads for the good of a few rich men who want to drive fast horses, etc., etc., ad lib., ad nauseam.

Why should the question of how a road should be built and maintained be referred to a farmer any more than to a shoemaker? One knows as much about the matter as the other, and neither knows anything. Look at question No. 9. In what the world was the commission appointed for if not to answer the very question that they have put to their constituents?

Why, in the name of everything that is just, is the question of State expenditure referred to any one class of citizens? Are those living outside of the great cities the only ones that pay taxes? On the other hand, denizens of great cities pay the bulk of State taxes, and surely their voice should be heard when the question of expenditure arises.

Here is a good opportunity for the officers of the Pennsylvania League of the League of American Wheelmen to show that they are alive to the importance of the road question. The opportunity to do some practical work has at last presented itself; what are you going to do about it gentlemen?

The final of the road race between B. McDaniels, of the Wilmington Wheel Club, and W. Taxis, of the Pennsylvania Bicycle Club, from Wilmington to Middleton, on Saturday last, ended in a tie. The distance, 25 miles was covered in 1 1/2 hours and 12 minutes. It will be the outcome of the result, for a medal, to be paid for by the loser.

BUFAFLO BRIEFS.

A Tournament Among the Prohibitions—Reminiscences of the Brief Ducker Regime—One Result of His Buffalo Visit, Etc.

BUFAFLO, May 20.—Editor SPORTING LIFE:—The Athletic Club's committee and "our own" track committee are negotiating with the Fair Association people for their bicycle track, and if successful will make arrangements for a tournament to take place some time in August or September. This track, it will be remembered, was built under the supervision of H. E. Ducker for the tournament of '87. And that reminds me, where is the erstwhile famous "Henry"? Has he dropped out of sight entirely? I sometimes wonder whether he has. Buffalo any ill will. He came here with a bad reputation as a kingpin tournament manager (I believe that's what he was called), and in four short months it resembled a burst balloon. Ducker used to say: "I make it a point to get out of these things when they reach the height of their success, and therefore escape unscathed when the crash comes." "Henry" must have misjudged the time of his '87 venture, apparently. Well, Ducker is pretty good, fellow if you're not too particular. He has an aggravating way at times (pretty much at all times) of using that personal pronoun quite frequently, but then we're all liable to do that when we're considered famous.

A GOOD WORK.

Probably the tournament of '87 would have been more successful if H. E. had had his own way; he claims there were too many bosses. Ducker's coming here was not without its good effect, as the Ramblers Bicycle Club can justify. That organization's present reputation and strength is due more to Henry E. Ducker than its members care to admit. Why, previous to the spring of '87 the club barely existed with its 25 members, "the solid 25" as they called themselves, and when Ducker expressed his intention of joining the Ramblers and getting up a tournament in the interest of the club, Ramblers' stock went up 100 per cent, and at every meeting for the following three or four months the membership was largely increased. "Henry" didn't carry out his intentions, probably as far as the tournament was concerned, but he gave the club what it needed most, a boom with a big "B." Here's hoping his next venture will be a repetition of his Springfield success.

LOCAL ITEMS.

M. Brunner and F. Klipfel, of the Ramblers, have added another century run to their record for this season. They left Erie at 4:50 A. M. and arrived in Buffalo at 6:45 P. M., their actual riding time being about eleven hours, the wind blowing a perfect gale the entire run. Austin Crook, of the same club, was also of the party. The roads are in a fair condition.

Willie Windle, the noted amateur, Asa, his brother, and W. G. Glass paid the Ramblers a visit Sunday evening on their way to the Hamilton races. Willie "smoked" a huge smile when spoken of as A. B. Rich's accident, thereby preventing his coming race with Windle.

A special meeting of the Women's Wheel Club will be held May 26, to make arrangements for a run on Decoration Day.

Two prizes of \$25 each have been decided upon by Hedge and Lewis and Houck and Brunner for their 100 mile road race. Hedge and Brinker, of the Buffalos, and Schach, of the Ramblers, will probably enter some of the Hamilton races. Milley will not attend.

The Buffalo Bicycle Club will attend the Hamilton races in full uniform. They will be met at the depot by a delegation from the Hamilton Club and escorted about the city. In the afternoon the club will take part in the parade and attend the races. A special effort is being made by Captain Adams for the first prize to be given the visiting club having the largest number of bona fide uniformed members in the parade.

the bad condition of the roads it was postponed until May 24. The course will be from Brounville to the city line. CY SPOKS.

A RACE MEET.

The Rockland County Wheelmen Tourney at Spring Valley, N. Y.

The first annual race meet of the Rockland County Wheelmen was held at Spring Valley, N. Y., May 17. Quite a large number of New York and Brooklyn wheelmen were present. Although the track was in an unfit condition, some exciting contests took place in the bicycle and athletic events. Among the prominent riders entered in the bicycle events were Oakes, R. A. C.; Masterson, B. D. C.; and Heydecker, N. Y. B. C., who easily defeated the other competitors. The races were as follows:

One mile bicycle, open—D. Oakes, R. A. C., first; W. J. Masterson, B. D. C., second; time, 3:14. One mile bicyclist, handicaps—Y. Van B. C., D. Oakes, second. Two mile bicycle race, open—D. Oakes, R. A. C., first; W. J. Masterson, B. D. C., second; time, 6:37 1/2. Two hundred and twenty yard dash, handicaps—A. Keatinge, first; C. Hughes, second; time, 2:27. Half mile club, handicaps—J. D. Cole, first; N. Gardiner, second; time, 3:38. Half mile run—J. D. Oakes, first; L. Cole, second; time, 2:37 1/2. One mile bicycle, club handicaps—N. Gardiner, first; I. D. Cole, second; time, 3:40 1/2. Entries were received from members of the Englewood and Rockland County Wheelmen, who were unable to hold the pace with the New York and Brooklyn men.

The officers of the tourney were—F. M. Demarest, D. W. referee; Messrs. Keep and Armstrong, starters, and N. Gardiner, scorer.

RACING NEWS.

Prince Wins the Six-day's Race—A Postponed Road Race.

OMAHA, Neb., May 18.—Eight thousand people saw an exciting finish to the six-day eight-hour bicycle race between Jack Prince, the champion, and Sergt. Ned Reading, the soldier racer, Saturday night. All the week the men had been even. On the last lap the excitement was intense. The men were almost abreast, and, as they passed the line, the audience was unable to determine which man had won. The referee, however, declared Prince had won by half a foot. Prince fell from his wheel in a faint after he had crossed the line, and Reading had to be carried to his quarters. Prince wins \$1,500 stake money and all the gate receipts, amounting to \$2,000, while Reading receives \$100. The total distance covered was 716 miles and 9 laps. The diamond medal was presented to Prince as soon as the excitement had subsided, and he was formally declared the winner of the race and again champion of the world.

CRAWFORDSVILLE, Ind., May 18.—Owing to a misunderstanding as to the time for closing the entries for the one hundred mile bicycle race that was to have taken place here yesterday, only a few of the wheelmen got here. Accordingly the race was postponed until next Saturday, at which a dozen contestants will be ready. Van Wagoner, of Newport, R. I.; Barrett, of Chicago, and Hollingsworth, of Russiaville, are among the racers here. The race is to be run over the fifty mile straight-away, on which Stillman G. Whittaker, of Boston, Mass., the champion rider of the world, made his 325 miles in 23 hours and 59 minutes.

Wheel Notes.

Mrs. A. C. Barker, of Providence, has been appointed local consul by Chief Consul Davol. The team race between the Philadelphia clubs will be held Saturday for the Ehrenport cup, at Willow Grove.

Twenty-two riders have already signified their intention of participating in the tripean tour which is to be conducted by H. H. Elwell.

The Hartford Wheel Club has appropriated \$100 to pay the training expenses of their racing team this season.

Thirty members of the Century Wheelmen of Philadelphia have registered to attend the Century run on June 14.

Chief Consul W. S. Bull has appointed C. W. Wood, of Syracuse, vice consul of the New York State Division, vice M. L. Bridgman, resigned.

W. H. De Graf, chairman of the Second District Racing Board, has given permission to the Rome Cycling Club, of New York, for a relay race at their tournament on May 30.

The first national colored bicycle tournament ever given in the world will be held at Brotherhood Park, St. Louis, Mo., Sunday, June 8. Entries will be open to all colored bicyclists.

In England the question of letting, or rather not letting, the safety and ordinary types of machines race together is still unsettled. They race together now, but there is much opposition to the practice.

The Memphis, Tenn., Cycle Club last week elected these officers:—W. F. Yates, secretary; T. J. Dupree, captain; P. F. Gluck, president and treasurer; J. W. Wood, lieutenant; W. W. Martin, chief bugler.

It is understood that Willie Windle and Lumsden have entered for all the open events at the annual race meet to be held at Woodstock, Ont., during the present month, and that Bert Myers, of Paris, will ride in the Pullman road race and the Chicago races.

The clash in dates between the State meet at Syracuse and the meet of the Hartford Wheel Club on Sept. 1 and 2 will undoubtedly prove somewhat detrimental to one of the two. The chances of the Hartford meet being the better attended are very bright.

The new officers of the St. Paul Cycle Club are:—President, George W. Howard; vice president, K. F. Lot; secretary, Samuel W. Whitney; treasurer, E. F. Hertz; captain, T. L. Bird; first lieutenant, A. E. Greaser; second lieutenant, D. W. Van Vleck; bugler, George T. Biggs; color bearer, J. C. LaDossier.

For wheelmen there is no better shoe made than the "Crawford bicycle shoe," which is laced to the toe and is worn by all leading sparrers, carmen, clog dancers, pedestrians and racing cyclists. One trial will convince skeptics. The shoe can only be secured at 207 North Eighth street and 326 Chestnut street, Philadelphia.

Arrangements have been made for another match race between Dick Howell and A. H. Robb, the English professionals, for \$500 a side. The race will occur on Saturday, June 7, distance one mile, each man to run by himself and be timed by the referee, the rider doing the fastest mile to receive the money. A. H. Robb at present holds the one mile professional record, viz., 2m. 33.4-6s.

A. B. Rich, the well-known cyclist of the Berkeley Athletic Club, injured himself quite severely about ten days ago while training on the track at Berkeley Oval. He was making a five-mile trial, and when within a quarter of a mile of the distance his wheel ran into a hole in the track, the sudden jar causing him to break a blood vessel. He finished the distance, however, in very fast time.

The national committee on improvement of highways, acting in line with the policy and purposes of the executive officers of the national body of the L. A. W., have opened an office in the city of New York, from which it is intended to supply to the several State divisions such information, advice and assistance as may be from time to time requested, and to serve as a medium of intercommunication between those State divisions in which the general movement for improved roads shall be carried on.

Extensive preparations are being made by the wheelmen of Sunbury and vicinity for the second annual meet of the wheelmen of Central Pennsylvania, which takes place in Sunbury, May 30. Invitations have been sent throughout the entire State. The programme will consist of a run of five miles over a level road from Sunbury to Sooin's Grove at 9 o'clock, returning, parade at 11 o'clock. In the afternoon a five-mile road race and a hill-climbing contest for the championship of Central Pennsylvania will be the attractions.

The League handbook on "Improvement of the Highways" published last year, has been corrected and revised in some of its minor points, and a new edition of 29,000 volumes will soon be ready for distribution. Other printed matter is being prepared having important relation to the question of better roads in its various phases, and this will soon be ready for distribu-

tion. The committee desires the co-operation and assistance of the League at large in carrying out this work, and especially solicit from the officers of the several State divisions the fullest information regarding the conditions of the roads improvement work which they have in charge, a statement of plans, prospects and needs for the future and such suggestions as experience and observation have shown to be of value.

Mr. George R. McAuslan, of Rhode Island, announces himself the father of a touring party to the White Mountains. Mr. McAuslan's plans have as yet not fully matured, but the date of starting and the route of march have been determined upon. Aug. 2 the party (to consist of about twenty-five) will start from Boston. The route is—By rail to North Conway, where a stop will be made over Sunday; thence to Crawford Notch on wheel, thence to Mt. Washington by rail returning, from the Mountain House to Lancaster, a distance of twenty-one miles, on wheel; thence to Bethlehem, sixteen miles, on wheel; thence to Flams House in the Franconia Notch, sixteen miles, on wheel; thence to North Woodstock, six miles. From North Woodstock take train to Weirs, N. H., thence to Lake Winnipiseogee and home again. The round trip will take about ten days.

The National Committee on Improvement of Highways will arrange a list of good speakers in all parts of the country, whose interest in the work for improved roads will impel them to assist in the movement. In making up this list, it will be of special value to each State division to secure as many of these speakers as possible who reside within the limits of the State. It is not essential that they be members of the League so long as it may be indicated that they will address public meetings upon the subject of improved roads within reasonable distances of the places where they severally reside. Beside receiving the names and addresses of such speakers, the committee would also be pleased to receive statements showing what prominent agricultural events, fairs, meetings, etc., are appointed to be held in different States, and the dates and places of the proposed meeting, to the end that provision may be made, if possible, for bringing before these various bodies, in suitable form, the general question of improved roads.

The annual spring run of the Rhode Island wheelmen, which is always an immense and enjoyable affair, was held in Massachusetts last Monday. The party, which numbered about thirty wheelmen and wheelwomen, left Providence for Mansfield on the 6 o'clock train, changed at Mansfield for South Framingham, arriving there about 7 o'clock in the morning. Here the visitors were met by several Boston wheelmen, who escorted them through Natick, South Natick, Wellesley, Newton, Newton Upper Falls, Newton Highlands, to Chestnut Hill, thence returned via Beacon street, through Newton Centre and by a short cut to the Woodland Park Hotel in Auburndale. After dinner at Auburndale the party rode through West Newton, Newtonville, Newton and Brighton to Chestnut Hill Reservoir, thence straight to Boston via the Boston and again left the western railroad terminus of Boylston and Washington streets. No tricycles were taken on the cars either way. The run was an ably planned one and furnished just enough good roads, green lawns, etc., to make it enjoyable. The Columbia Bicycle Club, of North Attleboro, and all members of the R. I. Division, L. A. W., were invited to join in this run.

BASE BALL.

GALVESTON GLINTS.

Unwilling to Carry the Entire League—Return of the Team—Club News and Gossip.

GALVESTON, May 18.—Editor SPORTING LIFE:—Because the local club has always had the best financial backing of any other in the League, it has time and again been "played for a sucker" by the weaker clubs until a halt has been called. At the Austin meeting last Tuesday a new schedule was arranged that will send Galveston and Houston out upon the road again after to-day's game, although both clubs have just returned from their first trip over the circuit. This is for the benefit of the weak North Texas clubs, but the little scheme will not work, and President Bellinger declares that the locals will not move a foot away from town until their second home series is completed. McClary is also hot over it and swears he will stand by in the fight.

RETURN OF THE TOURISTS.

On Friday night the boys returned happy and smiling with seven cents to show for the twelve games played. There were three postponements and one tie. The last game they played was at Houston Friday, and the Mudcats were slaughtered to the tune of 10 to 3. About as they got up in the morning they did their usual good work, Huston doing the heavy work. Jack is pitching "out of sight" and his work is wonderful. He has lost but one game out of fourteen or fifteen, and none of the clubs seem to be able to touch him.

SAND CRAB SCRIBLET.

According to Secretary Jones Ward leads the League hitters. On the trip up from Houston to Fort Worth Polhemus, Stiller and Hinson kept the people in the sleeper awake all night by coughing in their sleep. The death of catcher Harry Bliff was deeply regretted here. He was a fine ball player and a splendid gentleman.

Steps are to be taken this week looking towards forming a strong amateur league in this city to play at Beach Park when the regulars are away. McClell says when he got up in West Texas he thought that every man he'd see would wear big sombreros and big top boots. He found it was hardly a bit different from his own native burg—New York City.

Keep your eyes on Jack Huston. He is so far ahead of the other pitchers that he is in a class all by himself. Every team but Fort Worth now has the proud distinction of being able to take a game from the Crustaceans.

Wartman is showing up well as a general utility man, though he has had no chance to work behind the plate.

The artesian water at Fort Worth greatly debilitated Luby, Hennessy, Wartman and Pender. The latter had to lay off two days, and though he pitched yesterday he was not in his normal condition.

Jack Luby came near imitating the feat of the lamented McGinty, at the Driskill House, in Austin. He fell into the elevator basement, where the water was very hot, and was held with difficulty fish-out.

Umpire Staunton, who is here at work, is a good one and quite a card in his way. He won't take "black" from anyone. In a game at the Fort, in which he had a debating match with Mike O'Connor, he said to him: "See here, Mike, if you give me any more lip I'll get a stepladder and climb up and lynch both of us over eyes out."

The Sand Crabs again broke the record for the season done here by making the most runs in one inning. They fell onto Weikert yesterday and made 10 runs in the eighth and left the base full.

Jack Wontz is playing a great second for Houston. He has played better than any other in the League, and is now getting to be a terror with the stick. The attendance of ladies at the games here is very large. The "women's press" among them are Hodameson Joe, Disinabell, Mark, Andrews and J. C. Easton, a trio that would never think of missing a contest. Dan Duvinsky has again been added to the staff of umpires. He is a good one. J. C. N.

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Thursday, May 23..... Philadelphia vs. Cleveland.
Friday, May 24..... Philadelphia vs. Cleveland.
Saturday, May 25..... Philadelphia vs. Cleveland.
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Saturday, May 24..... Athletic vs. St. Louis.
Monday, May 26..... Athletic vs. St. Louis.
Wednesday, May 28..... Athletic vs. St. Louis.
Friday, May 30, 2 Games. Athletic vs. Columbus.
Admission, 25c. Game, 3.30

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every morning and afternoon. Boats leave South Street Wharf every 30 minutes; last boat leaves Gloucester 12 P. M. Sundays every 20 minutes; last boat leaves Gloucester 12 P. M. Citymen Boat will make hour trips daily from Pier 12, above Race Street Wharf.

First boat leaves Philadelphia 11 A. M.; last boat leaves Gloucester 8:30 P. M. Sundays every 30 minutes. First boat leaves Philadelphia 10 A. M. last boat leaves Gloucester 9 P. M.

Home club and Clarke, Omaha's star twister, occupied the same position for the visitors. Mitchell, pitched an elegant game, allowing Omaha four scattered hits. He also batted hard, securing a home run and a two-bagger. Minneapolis won by a score of 14 to 2. If the boys continue to play as they did yesterday they will soon be on top.

Frank March, the local amateur who was given a trial by Gooding when he was manager of the Minneapolis Club, is playing with Tacoma and is looking his own. In game against Seattle recently he struck out eleven men and allowed them eight hits. He again pitched a fine game against Portland, allowing them only two hits in a healthy condition.

Carroll leads the Minneapolis Club in batting and Foster in fielding, he not having made an error up to date. Ryn is a split finger, which accounts for his poor playing Friday.

Joe Miller is getting his eye on the ball and is lacing them out in his old-time style. The poor playing of Kansas City is proof that the Western Association is as strong as the American Association, as their present position is about the part they traveled last season in the American Association.

Now that Shreve has been secured Hankness will probably be released, as the management will have enough good twisters without him. JAMES.

What Memory Is.

"Did you ever examine a phonograph?" said Professor Ludwig in his class in physiology. "It is a marvel of ingenuity. A sheet of tin foil covering, revolving cylinder receives the impressions. A diaphragm—the transmitter to a telephone—and a needle point attached to the diaphragm, vibrating when you talk to it, registers the sounds by its action on the tin foil, and what you have spoken is repeated by the machine at any time. The foil may be taken off, laid away for any number of years, and then produced and used again. Whenever on the hand, it is easily reproduced, and what it faithfully reproduces. The brain of mankind is much like the phonograph. If an impression is made upon a healthy brain there is something to remember. It can never be lost. A sheet of tin foil covering, revolving cylinder receives the impressions. 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BILLIARDS.

AROUND THE WORLD.

Schaefer to go to Australia and Europe After the McCleery Match.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 18.—Jake Schaefer, the "Wizard" accompanied by Frank Ives, the young "Napoleon" of billiards, arrived in this city from Chicago by the Central Pacific train yesterday morning. It has been generally believed here that Schaefer was coming to this city for the express purpose of meeting Prof. McCleery in a 3000-point game, Schaefer to give a discount. Such is not the case, however. Schaefer and Ives are making a tour of the world and will leave for Australia immediately after the present match, which will begin at Metropolitan Hall, May 29. As he intends to do in all other large cities, Schaefer agreed to play McCleery here and requested his partner, Dick Roche, to arrange this match. Schaefer will leave Australia in time to reach Paris for the great tournament, and expects to return to New York before October, when he will play Slosson. During their stay here, Schaefer and Ives will be the guests of J. W. Orendorf, of the Cafe Royal, who has already fitted up room 33 of the Flood Building for the special use of Schaefer and Ives. The former can practice there for his match. The trip around the world, Schaefer says, is merely an exhibition tour, but that he will make matches should opportunity offer.

Caroms.

Room-keepers are happy in consequence of the cool weather.

Edward McLaughlin has been on the sick list suffering from a severe cold.

The veteran John Deery talks of opening a school for billiards at some fashionable summer resort. Why not?

A Boston correspondent informs us that the sale of tables is quite lively in that cultured city of Homer and Horace.

J. E. Soule has been showing some of our local amateurs during the past few weeks how billiards should be played.

The veteran Chris Bird has charge of the new room in the Columbia Club, which contains six tables of the Brunswick-Balke-Collender make.

The new Hotel Iroquois, of Buffalo, N. Y., has a billiard room which contains five of the Brunswick-Balke-Collender Union League style of tables.

John H. McCabe, of the Charter House, Media, Pa., can be engaged to manage some billiard room during the summer. Mr. McCabe has had many years experience in the business and is very popular with those who know him.

A new room with six of the Brunswick-Balke-Collender tables was opened at Manayunk, this city, a few evenings ago. Exhibitions were played on the opening night by McLaughlin, Burris, Cline, Palmer and Bergman.

It is said that a Chestnut street billiard room with less than a score of tables can be purchased for very much less than a fortune, and yet most of our Chestnut street rooms are doing a very fine business, while the room referred to is by no means a "chestnut."

The latest addition to the fine rooms opened in Scranton is that called the Delmonico, at 406 Spruce street. It is furnished with tables of the Brunswick-Balke-Collender make and is so elaborately fitted up that it cannot but prove a profitable investment. Mr. T. J. Conway is the proprietor.

Patrick Ahern keeps a horse which tried to eat Patrick Ahern up one day last week. As the horse did not succeed, the failure will cost the American and National Billiard associations about \$30. In view of the fact that the horse cannot be used for trying to make a meal of its owner, the question now is if the owner cannot be used for keeping such a horse.

J. L. Malone, the pool player, has issued a challenge to any man in the world to play continuous pool, 600 points, 150 points each night, for \$500 a side and the championship. Powers or D'oro are preferred. The games are to be played in Chicago the third week in June, choice of final stakeholders and other details to be agreed upon later. Malone has put up a forfeit. He is enjoining at Denver, Col.

Eugene Carter, of Paris, William Sexton, of New York, and Manlio Daly, of New York and Brooklyn, the three cushion carom experts of the world, are said to have their war point on with the view of a tournament at this style of billiards in the near future. Such a trio should make things lively, if not decidedly hot at such a game, but how many trios are there in this country at present who would make things hot for the trio were such a tournament proposed? Cushion caroms has had its day. It is deadlier than pool for drinks.

It is said that young Edward Woods was robbed of \$75 a few days ago. He didn't keep his money in a stocking as the old lady of a generation or two ago did, "just where it could not be found, and yet it was." Young Woods is old enough to know by this time that the place for his superfluous cash, if he can call it such, is in some savings bank or trust company, where it would not only be safe but earn a little interest. No doubt it will teach him a lesson, which, although expensive now, should be of vast benefit in the future.

Scranton is getting to have a reputation for having some nice, if not fine, billiard rooms. Backus' room there, which contains ten tables, will compare favorably with any room in this country. It has been sufficiently independent for years past to charge at the rate of sixty cents per hour for the use of tables, with a result which has made Mr. Backus the owner of a fortune in his city to the value of from fifty to sixty thousand dollars, if Danno Ramon is true. If real estate keeps on booming in Scranton during the next ten years as it has during the past ten or fifteen, we see no reason why Mr. Backus should not become a millionaire.

AQUATIC.

THE SCULLING CHAMPIONSHIP.

O'Connor at Last to be Given a Chance—He and Kemp Matched.

Now that Peter Kemp has beaten Mattern and McLean the question of the world's sculling championship is being gradually settled. The next race will be between O'Connor and Stansbury over the Parramatta, June 23. There is but little doubt that O'Connor will win this race, and then he and Kemp will come together as the representative scullers of the world and the question of supremacy settled. This will be the programme, as a cable from Sydney on Monday last announced that a match between O'Connor and Kemp had been arranged.

TEEMER'S VIEWS.

In speaking of O'Connor's prospects in Australia and his chances of winning, John Teemer said the other day:

"I think O'Connor has a good chance to win the championship, as the race between Kemp and McLean on Thursday convinces me that the Australians are to some extent over-rated. Whoever they have beaten Americans the latter have not been on their best form. I have held this opinion all along. When I was in England in 1886 I was not at all fit to row. I was never in condition all the time I was there, and I could defeat Peter Kemp every day. Mattern and Kemp were the best of the world at that time. I was in Australia ever had, and I know that I could keep even with him even at that distance if I were in condition. When I rowed and beat, as much out of form as I was, he could not beat me more than about two lengths in three-quarters of a mile. We all know what Kemp could do, and the way in which he beat McLean entirely settles the matter. This strengthens my opinion that Stansbury is over-rated, and it is no use stating that O'Connor is not the rover many people think he is. However, I expect to see O'Connor win the title, and he does so by defeating Stansbury he ought to come home at once without rowing for it in Australia."

Ripples.

The Patapasco Navy is making preparations for the June 25 regatta.

The Adelphi Yacht Club, of Philadelphia, has elected the following officers for the ensuing year:—President, Charles Gabel; vice president,

James Campbell, secretary and treasurer, Michael J. Mather, trustees, Henry Armstrong, Robert Jeffries and John Cox.

The second annual invitation regatta of the Patapasco Navy will take place at Baltimore, on Wednesday, June 25.

A sculling match for £100 a side was rowed April 23 over the Parramatta course between Geo. Dubeau, of Putney, and Kohn, of Sydney. Dubeau won on a foul.

Henry W. Garfield, of Albany, has been agreed upon as referee of the Yale-Atalanta eight-oared race to be rowed to-day (Saturday) on New Haven harbor.

The Atlanta-Bradford match eight oared shell race, which was arranged to take place on June 17, has been declared off, Captain Van Rader, of the Atalantas, refusing to row.

The University of Pennsylvania will send an eight-oared crew to the Harlem regatta, and the Fairmounts, of Philadelphia, will send a crew to the Passaic regatta. Ellis Ward trains both crews.

Al Hamm claims to have made a new record in Florida, on Lake Bolo, May 5—a quarter mile dash, in 1m. 20s. He has four affidavits to back his claim made, respectively, by the surveyor of the course, the timers, judge and referee of the race.

THE STAGE.

GRAND OPERA HOUSE.

Farewell to the Educated Horses—The Approaching Season of Grand Opera.

Bartholomew's wonderful horses in the "Equine Paradox" are drawing crowded audiences at the Grand Opera House. The remarkable intelligence of these highly trained animals is brought out in a well-varied programme under the patient direction of Professor Bartholomew. It is announced positively that beginning on Monday next Professor Bartholomew will give his farewell week in this city, so that there are but few more opportunities of witnessing this interesting and remarkable entertainment. There will be matinees next week on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, and the last souvenir matinee will be on Wednesday, when all ladies present will be given a beautiful picture of the graceful mare Nellie. The special popular prices will be continued next week, making the best orchestra seats 75 cents.

THE OPERA SEASON.

On Monday, June 2, Manager Kelly will open the third summer season of grand opera at the Grand Opera House, and the season will be under the skilled direction of Mr. Gustav Hinrichs, who will bring many old favorites and new faces with his American Opera Company, including Louise Natali, Charlotte Walker, Adalide Randall, Chas. Bassett, Signor Montegriffo and the great baritone, Signor Del Puente.

The repertoire for the season will include many operas which are new to this company, such as "Ernani," "Rigoletto," "Satanella," "Oberon," "Lohengrin," "Laurezia Borgina," and Mr. Hinrichs' new opera, "Onti-Ora." In the first week of the season familiar operas of his old repertoire will be given, while preparation is being made for the first new production, which will be Verdi's "Ernani."

The season will be opened on June 2 with "Lucia," presenting Louise Natali as Lucia, her most brilliant role, and Charles Bassett as Edgardo. On Tuesday, June 3, "Il Trovatore" will be given, with Charlotte Walker as Leonora. The new contralto, Jeannie Dickerson will make her debut here as Azucena, and Signor Montegriffo will be heard for the first time with Mr. Hinrichs' company as Manrico.

The usual popular summer prices will prevail for this season, and it is only necessary to add that those who have enjoyed the cool comfort of the Grand Opera House in past summers, will find all the luxurious arrangements retained in the new Grand Opera House, which is unquestionably one of the finest theatres in the world. Orders for boxes and seats for the opening week of the summer season can be left now at the Grand Opera House or at Blasius & Sons, 1119 Chestnut street.

BASE BALL.

LONDON LAONICS.

Changes in the International's Tail-end Team—Ready Secured—General Mention.

LONDON, May 2.—Editor SPORTING LIFE:—The past week has seen no improvement in the position of the Teumseba. The boys seem to be settled in last place for a time. Three defeats and one victory tell the tale. There seems to be very little doubt now but that the great weakness of the team is in their batting. The pitching department of the club might be improved upon. Jones and Demaris appear to be good men, but Maguire is undoubtedly a losing pitcher. He goes completely to pieces at any critical point of a game.

Short stop Doyle and Catcher Sweeney have been secured. The London Club has telegraphed Secretary White asking the appointment of Sweeney as an International League umpire. Burton, a local amateur, is playing in Doyle's place, but is anything but an improvement on the latter. Manager Bessenden is engaged on a hunt for a good short stop and a first-class pitcher. It is to be hoped that he can get them soon.

Mr. Bessenden has received Jersey City's terms for third baseman Kelly and has telegraphed acceptance of the same. If this is Kelly of last year's Buffalo Club he ought to be a decided acquisition, as he is also a good catcher.

In Wright we claim to have the king of International second basemen. His great work on that leg has made him one of the most popular players on the team.

Catcher Murphy is putting up a great game behind the bat, and his throwing to bases is simply great. Also, how the mighty have fallen! The local Free Press base ball man who shouted himself hoarse at the beginning of the season in praise of the great slinger has announced that they "can't hit a little bit." So far as I can learn, President Hobbs has not yet decided to drop out of the League on account of the sitting position of one local Henry Chadwick.

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Olean Gossp.

OLEAN, N. Y., May 21.—Editor SPORTING LIFE:—Olean played a game of base ball (?) at their grounds on Saturday with the Erie. The result of the game was the home team's defeat to the tune of 14 to 1.

Two new men have been signed by the home team on trial. John Barnett, of Elmira, who will hold second base, and John Babson, of Buffalo, who will catch and play in the field.

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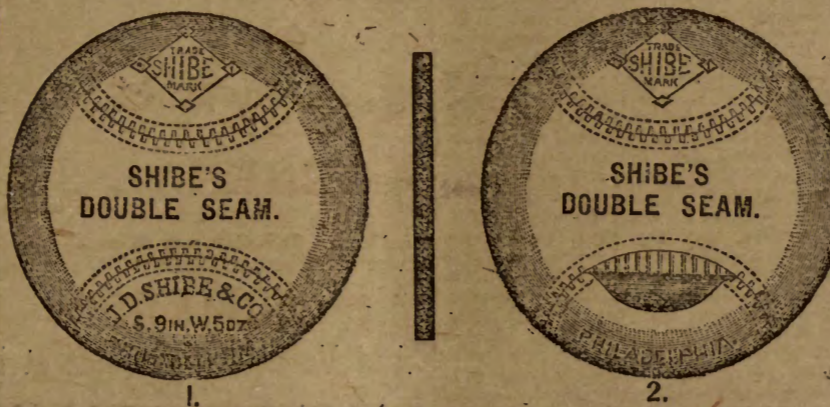
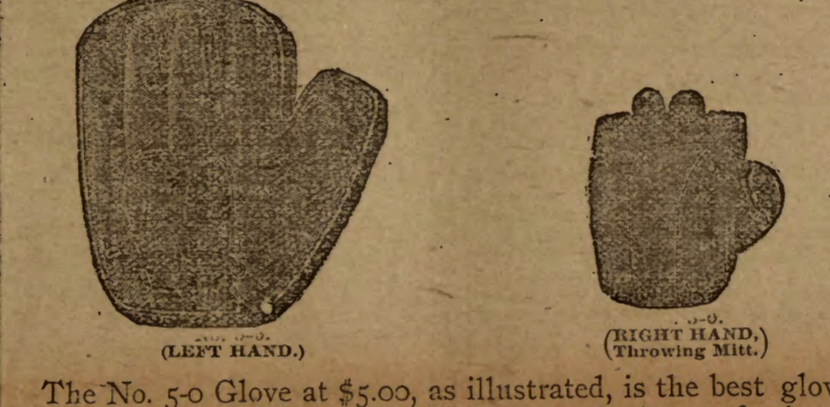


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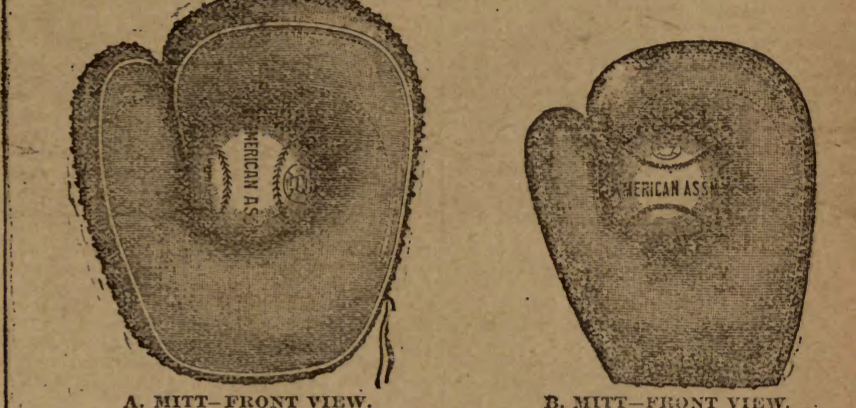
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