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## LEAGUE UMPIRES.

### LIST OF THE MEN MAKING UP THE DOUBLE STAFF.

Ten of the Dozen Are Old Ball Players—Four Members of Last Year's Staff Retained For Duty This Year by President Young.

While President Nick Young has announced that the names of the twelve umpires selected to govern and control National League contests the coming season would not be made public until the opening games, we have it from undoubted authority that the following will officiate on the League diamond under the double umpire system recently adopted: Emslie, Lynch, McDonald, O'Day, Connolly, Heydler, Woods, Snyder, Charles Cushman, Curry, Swartwood and Andrews.

Emslie, Lynch, O'Day and McDonald officiated last year, and are known to the public. Connolly comes highly recommended from the New England League. Heydler hails from Washington, where he has done good work on various occasions as substitute umpire and correspondent of "Sporting Life." Wood is the old Philadelphia left fielder, and a competent student of base ball. Cushman has also had plenty of experience, both as manager and player, and everybody remembers Snyder as the noted catcher of the Bostons and Cincinnati. Curry gave satisfaction on the League staff once before, and Swartwood has been a success in the Eastern League. Andrews was a crack centre fielder ten years ago, and played with the Brooklyn Players' League team in 1890.

## GALVESTON GLINTS.

### The Teams of the Texas League For 1898 Sized up.

Galveston, Tex., April 1.—Editor "Sporting Life."—The beginning of the Texas League season is hardly more than a week off and the various teams are fast getting in shape for the beginning of hostilities on April 10. The Galveston team are now in New Orleans, and are giving a good account of themselves against Abner Powell's crew. The Cincinnati came upon us and defeated us easily on March 19 and 20. And speaking of Buck's braves, they will be heard from this season without a doubt.

### OUR CORPS OF PITCHERS.

McDonald, Jemison, Glendon and Staples are all good men, especially the former, who have acquitted themselves nobly and give promise of winning the majority of games for their side. Of Staples we know but little. He pitched for Dallas last season with but mediocre success, but is said to be in better form and may improve on his last season's performance. Jemison, in my judgment, is a coming star. He is a big raw-boned fellow and handles himself like a veteran, and barring a little wildness gives us great hopes for the future.

### M'CLOSKEY, OF DALLAS.

seems to have at last picked a winner. Mac is a great hand for a team of youngsters, steadied by a few has beans. For the last two seasons he has been a monumental failure. This year, however, he seems to have struck his gait, as his team easily defeated the regular team of the Cincinnati. This feat was also accomplished by the Austin Club, thus verifying my prediction that, barring accident, the Austins will land one, two at the end of the season.

### GALVESTON

will need strengthening in at least three places to make a good showing. Fort Worth will most likely land at the foot, with San Antonio pushing them hard for the last notch. Houston has a good team and will in all probability hover near the head of the procession. GAL.

### A New Sporting Company.

A company has been incorporated at Albany, N. Y., to be known as the Coney Island Base Ball and Cycle Park Company, of New York City. It is capitalized at \$5000. The incorporators are Jos. V. Byrne, John Gillen and Abner M. Brown, New York City.



ELMER E. FLICK,

### The New Outfielder of the Philadelphia National League Club.

In Elmer E. Flick the Philadelphia Club has a young outfielder of much promise. Flick is an Ohio boy, living at Bedford, in that State. He was drafted last fall from the Dayton, O., Club, of the Interstate League. In that circuit he made so many long hits that he was nicknamed "Home Run." Last season he was fourth in that League, with a percentage of .386. Of his hits last year 10 were home runs, 20 three-baggers and 42 two-baggers. In the exhibition season this spring with the Phillies Flick has proven himself to be quite as good a batsman as his reputation called for, besides being a fast outfielder, and he is now quite certain to retain his connection with the Philadelphia team.

### WHISTLER'S WAY.

#### He is Rapidly Getting His Affairs in Good Shape.

Springfield, O., April 3.—Editor "Sporting Life."—Sunday ball may be played here, but it is extremely doubtful. The Law and Order League, which fought Sunday ball so vigorously last season, has come forward with a proposition to furnish money for the support of the club if Sunday games are abandoned. There is a disposition to accept the offer.

Manager Whistler has released catcher Vetter, of Mansfield, because he had no room for him. The Detroitis will open the exhibition season here with two games April 6 and 7. Mr. Whistler has ordered his players to report here April 1.

The ball park is now being repaired, and it is expected to be in condition for practice when the players arrive. Manager Whistler also sent some of the signed petitions for the repeal of the Sunday ball law to Representative Chase Stewart, of Clark County, to-day.

The following schedule of exhibition games was given out to-day by Manager Whistler: April 6 and 7, Detroitis; April 9, Cleveland; April 13 and 14, Columbus at Columbus; April 19 and 20, Columbus, at this city; April 16, Farm and Fireside team; April 22 and 23, Pine Ridge Agency Indian Club.

### Pitcher George Stovey Cut Up.

Williamsport, Pa., March 31.—George Stovey, ex-pitcher for the Cuban Giants, received wounds of a serious nature in a fight last night with "Son" Williams. Stovey alleges that Williams slashed him with a razor.

### THE SIX NATIONS

#### Will Again Put a Representative Team in the Field.

Manning, N. Y., April 4.—Editor "Sporting Life."—The Six Nation Indians will again be in the field with a base ball club. The famous Seneca Stars have been reorganized as the Nationals. This has been done by Chief Shunks to do away with the Indian jealousy that existed among clubs that had been organized in the last three or four years. The new club will return all the best players of the Stars, and draw from the other clubs material that will greatly strengthen them. Fish, the famous catcher and pitcher of the Stars, will be retained, as will catcher Snyder, pitcher Mosses, left fielder Jemison and others. Fish has been in active training all winter, throwing the snow snake, and won the international championship near Bradford, Ontario, last month against all Indians in the United States and Canada, throwing over 60 snakes the last day, and winning besides the prize a large sum of money from other Indians. The club will retain as agent Col. H. R. D. Lawton, of this city, who will have exclusive charge of dates, etc.

### A Postal League.

Uncle Sam's employes in the Post Office contemplate forming a League in which New York, Brooklyn, Philadelphia and Boston are to have teams entered. According to the plans laid out the teams are to play two games against each other, one on each home grounds.

## GAS BELT LEAGUE.

### SUCH A BASE BALL ORGANIZATION NOW ASSURED.

Preliminary Organization Effected at a Meeting Held on the 1st Inst.—Six Clubs Enrolled as Members of the New League.

Representatives of the proposed Indiana Gas Belt Base Ball League met at the National Hotel in Muncie, Ind., April 1, and furthered the plans of the organization, which is now an assured fact, with Anderson, Alexandria, Kokomo, Marion, Elwood, and Muncie as the members.

It was decided to start the season May 15 and play 32 games at home and the same number abroad, with a salary limit of \$600. The work of preparing the schedule has not yet been completed, but will be reported at the next meeting at Elwood, Ind.

The following gentlemen will manage the clubs: Anderson, H. T. Mole; Muncie, F. L. Wachtell; Alexandria, W. T. Edwards; Kokomo, Joseph A. Starr; Marion, Frank Moser; Elwood, Enoch Sommers, of Zanesville, O.

### ALLENTOWN AFFAIRS.

#### Manager Sharsig Secures a Few Changes in the Schedule.

Allentown, Pa., April 13.—Editor "Sporting Life."—Manager Sharsig, of the Allentown Club, is making a vigorous kick against the Atlantic League schedule, adopted a week ago, and which gives Allentown six games at home in April, nine in May, eleven in June, eight in July and every day except Sundays in August. Sharsig's protests were so persistent that President Barrows has re-arranged the schedule to give Allentown six games at home in April, 14 in May, 11 in June and 15 in July and August.

Everything is in readiness for the welcome shout of the umpire to "play ball." Manager "Billy" Sharsig has been here all the week, and he will remain until the close of the season. He has been an exceedingly busy man. The players began arriving early in the week, and on Thursday all had reported. Whenever the weather permitted they practiced on the grounds at Rittersville and they are getting into fine condition.

Charley Culver, of Match Chunk, who has been signed to play third base, is suffering with a broken bone in one of his hands. He met with the accident several weeks ago while practicing at his home. Until he recovers it is likely that Moran will be played at third bag. It is believed, however, that Culver will be in condition by the time the championship season opens. Manager Sharsig has been congratulated by some of the leading citizens of this city on the fine appearance his players make. There is nothing of the "bum" about them. They are a gentlemanly, unassuming set, and "Billy" is justly proud of them.

The traction company promised Manager Sharsig to put the grounds in excellent shape, and they have kept their word. The diamond is the finest in Eastern Pennsylvania outside of Philadelphia. The exhibition season opens to-day with Lehigh University.

### PATSY'S CLEVER ASSIST.

#### How He Restored a Screaming Child to Its Frightened Mother.

Patsy Flaberty was hurrying to the depot at Rockford to take a train. He was burdened with two grips and carrying a cane, says "Rockford Register." While he was crossing South Main street a car came by from which a lady and a little child were to alight. The child tumbled from the car before it came to a stop, and went rolling over and over, landing at Patsy's feet.

The mother stood on the car screaming and gesticulating. Patsy dropped his grips, picked up the child with one hand as if it had been a hot grounder and dexterously tossed it into the mother's arms. Doffing his hat in his Christ-feldian manner Patsy picked up his grips and journeyed on. "Dat was de best assist I over made," he said at the depot.

# THE WORLD OF BASE BALL.

## BITS OF BRUSHISM.

MORE LIGHT LET IN UPON THE BOSS' METHODS.

How Brush Works the Farming Game, Invented by Himself, in Various Petty Ways to the Injury of Players and to His Personal Financial Advantage.

The outrageous case of catcher Kahoe, commented upon in our last issue, is given further attention, by one of Dictator Brush's own papers, the Cincinnati "Times-Star," as follows:

"It seems to be rather a hard matter for a 'farmed' player to keep track of himself. Word comes from Washington that Mike Kahoe, who supposed that he belonged to the Cincinnati Club, was released to Indianapolis some time in February. When he joined the Hoosiers last season Kahoe was signed to a Cincinnati contract. When the season closed he was on the reserve list of the Cincinnati Club. As the Cincinnati Club did not tender him a contract before the first of March Kahoe—who was ignorant of the fact that he had been released to the Indianapolis Club—thought that he was free to sign where he pleased. Now comes the information that the Cincinnati Club gave up its claim to him in February and as the Indianapolis Club offered him a contract within the limited time he must go to the Hoosier capital. It seems strange that this transfer should be made without the consent of the other clubs and without being mentioned in President Young's official bulletins. Still the information from headquarters says that all this did happen, so there was nothing for Kahoe to do but to sign an Indianapolis contract. And next fall, when the drafting season opens, it will be found that the Cincinnati Club has drafted Kahoe before any league that may want him. And thus will his prospects of breaking into fast company be killed. Verily, the farming and drafting systems are the pride of the magnates—or should be."

The "Cincinnati Post," another paper partial, if anything, to Boss Brush, reveals another one of that shining base ball exploiter's methods of putting money from one pocket into another at the expense of those who make his base ball profits for him. Here is how this is worked:

"President Brush, of the Cincinnati Club, has hit upon a new plan for keeping in the treasury of the Cincinnati Club the money that heretofore was paid to Cincinnati farm hands, who played all their games with Indianapolis. In seasons gone by all the farm hands signed Cincinnati contracts, calling for certain amounts—usually, in excess of the Western League limit. In cases where the Western League limit was overstepped the Indianapolis Club would pay up to the limit, and the Cincinnati Club the rest. This year the club gets out of paying the extra money by releasing all the farmed players to Indianapolis. This apparently gives the Indianapolis Club the ownership of the players and the only privilege to negotiate for their services. This lets the Cincinnati Club out of paying extra money, and in the fall the players are "drafted" by the Cincinnati Club. Thus the club saves money and has just as tight a grip on the players as ever."

The transfer of catcher Dixon from Providence to Minneapolis via the Washington draft route affords a really independent paper, the Wilkesbarre "Record," an opportunity to take a hard fall out of another League magnate, who has permitted himself to become tainted with Brushism, as follows:

"The Dixon transaction is simply an echo of the conversation a 'Record' man had with J. Earle Wagner in this city last summer. He then stated that both Irwin and Schmelz were his friends and naturally, he would assist them whenever the opportunity presented. Schmelz is now located at Minneapolis, and, coveting Dixon, it was a simple matter to get Wagner to draft the Providence Gray, ship him to Minneapolis and then reimburse him to the extent of \$500. This transaction on the part of Mr. Wagner robs his recent expressions against 'farming,' 'selecting' and 'loaning' of all importance, and labels them as utterances insincere. It is simply an execrable species of double dealing that calls forth condemnation of no uncertain kind. It is tricky. It is a dishonest practice—pure and simple robbery. Why is it that such methods are employed in base ball that, if introduced into business transactions, would result in shutting up the men who follow that course?"

## NORTH ADAMS IN IT.

Will be Represented by Two Good Teams.

North Adams, Mass., April 3.—Editor "Sporting Life":—This city will be the only place in Berkshire County where the great national game will be played to any extent during the coming season, but here we will have the game at its best. The Cuban X Giants, under the management of E. B. Lamar, having decided to make this their headquarters, insures some of the best games outside the big leagues, as Mr. Lamar has already booked several excellent teams. The X Cubans will open the season here the latter part of April.

John Dooley, who was last year connected with the star team which represented the city, has signed the following men for his aggregation: Catchers, Somers and Dovett; pitchers, Callahan, of Philadelphia, a left-handed twirler; Harry Chapman, of Union City, Pa., and Phillips, of the Central Pennsylvania League; first base, Sam Hill, of Georgetown University; second base, E. B. Lamb, of the New York State League; short stop, Harry Jones, of Brooklyn, a member of the Torrington League last year; third base, Sam Trainor, of this city; left field, Harry Wilson, of Dover, N. H.

It is likely that Danis, of last year's Stanleys, of Pittsfield, will play centre. The opening games will be played April 29-30, with the Geneva, N. Y., team. TOM A. HAGGERTY.

## THE PLAYERS' SIDE

Fairly and Convincingly Presented by Willie Keeler.

Right fielder Keeler reached Baltimore last week, from his home, at Brooklyn. He is the guest of left fielder Joe Kelly. In speaking of the strike of Jennings, Kelley and himself, Keeler said:

"We are more firmly convinced than ever that we are in the right, and will hold out at that. Of course we like to play the game and all that, but our livelihood is as vital a question with us as with the majority of people. Now, it's this: We can count on our fingers the number of years that we shall be able to play. At the end of that short period our ability to earn money as base ball players is ended, and how do we find ourselves?"

"Why, we have spent the best years of our lives on the diamond, those years usually employed by young men in acquiring commercial or professional knowledge that will prove lucrative to them for many times the period usually allotted to a ball player. At the end of our base ball career we then find ourselves unfitted otherwise to earn any considerable money. This makes it plain that we must make all the money we can during the short period we may be said to be star players."

"We believe we earn and are worth every penny that we ask of the management. It is not right to compare us with what we might earn in other vocations. As I have said before, the experience we might now be gaining in these other fields of activity would in the future yield us far more than we can hope for at the end of our base ball career. We maintain that the people come to see us: that we are the attractions; that we do much to win pennants, and that we are worth what we ask. In 1893 the scheduled games were cut down in number. In 1892 I signed a seven months' contract and was paid. In 1893 we signed a six months' contract and were reduced one month's pay over the preceding year. That set a precedent for our asking more pay for the playing of 22 extra games. I believe that Mr. Hanlon will prove reasonable and give us a chance to cheerfully work for another pennant."

## THE MERRY MILLERS.

Manager Schmelz Now Has Nearly All Under His Wing.

Minneapolis, Minn., April 3.—Editor "Sporting Life":—For the time being the Minneapolis team is in the best condition of all the members of the Western League. Every player, save Artie Ball, has signed his contract and is shaping himself out for the season at St. Louis. Gus Schmelz's full complement of players is as follows: Dixon, Ritter and Hickey catchers, Figgemeier, Phillip, Sonier, Berg, Mullaney, Cooke, Walsh, McNeely and Nolan pitchers, Welden first base, Hanna and Smith second base, Reilly third base, Ball and Rice short stop, Letcher, "Tacks" Parrott, Campau, Tobald and Morgan outfielders. Of this list but fourteen men will be retained.

## A NEW INFIELDER.

Fred L. Smith, the famous Princeton second baseman, has signed a contract to play with the Minneapolis team. Manager Schmelz has been after the college player for some time, and secured an accepted contract Saturday. Several prominent teams were after the man, and he is considered a valuable addition to the Miller aggregation. Smith graduated from Princeton last June, and has been coaching the college team since the first of the year. It was through the efforts of third baseman Reilly, who was helping the Princeton Tiger, that the collegian was secured. In a letter to Manager Schmelz Reilly said: "Smith is a wonder. You will never be sorry you took him. He will be a winner from the start, and will be the fastest man in the League."

## ANOTHER GOOD ONE.

A letter has been received from H. G. McNeely, a youthful pitcher, who was plucked from the Pennsylvania League. He writes that he has been getting into condition as the weather has been very favorable. In a semi-professional game last week he struck out 18 batters, and made four hits in as many times at bat. McNeely is a short, stocky man, built something like Willy McGill, but without the latter's failings, and may prove a "find."

## DETROIT DOILETS.

The Team Which Manager Graves Has Corralled For '98.

Detroit, Mich., April 4.—Editor "Sporting Life":—Manager Graves announces the team to represent Detroit this year, with possibly one or two changes, as follows: Catchers, Raffert and Twineham; pitchers, Underwood, Elliott, Waddell and Irwin; first base, Pabst; second base, Piper; third base, Nordyke; short stop, Richter or Stewart; outfielders, to be selected from Nicholl, Davis, Dungan, Lee, Dillard, Hendricks and Richter. If Stewart is not satisfactory at short Richter is a good all-round man, being at home either in the outfield or infield. Another pitcher may be carried, probably one of the youngsters, Dillard or young Thomas, if either one or the other shows he is worth keeping.

## THE SPRING SCHEDULE.

The exhibition games at Cincinnati April 4 and 5 have been canceled by Manager Bancroft, who sent word yesterday that the Cincinnati grounds were submerged. The games with Whistler's young men at Springfield April 6 and 7 have in consequence been declared off. It would not pay to make the trip to Springfield for two games. Manager Graves has been instructed to keep his men working at Nashville until April 7. On April 8, 9 and 10 the Detroiters will move northward to Louisville, and after two games at Dayton will drift home, reaching town April 13, for the opening exhibition game with the Abbotts, champions of the City League. Of the nine exhibition games originally scheduled away from home only five will be played, weather permitting.

## NEWS NOTES.

Hunky Hines has accepted the Detroit Club's terms. The only hold-outs now are Thomas, Hahn and Davis.

As a rule the Detroit team has started the season with but one pitcher in shape, but as it stands now Irwin, Waddell, Elliott and Underwood are all ready to pitch good ball from the first.

Pat Dillard is not at all pleased with the prospect of being a National Leaguer this year. He told the boys when he passed through Nashville on his way to join the Colonels that he would prefer another season with Detroit.

## GETTING INTO LINE.

Western League Players Making a Virtue of Necessity.

In spite of the many protests made by players of the Western League that they would not sign the contracts offered them by President Johnson, there are few men who are reserved by Western League clubs who have not come into the fold. The fact is that there is no alternative for them. It is a case of sign or quit the business. Some few of the players have succeeded in getting a slight advance over the original salary offered, but not any of these increases will make the fortunes of the players receiving them. There is not a man in the Western League who is satisfied with the salary offered him. That there will be discontent when the season opens there is no doubt. What effect this will have on the quality of ball played remains to be seen. Following is President Johnson's latest bulletin of contracts:

Minneapolis—E. S. Norton, Pat Tibald, F. L. Smith, Thomas Parrott, Frank Figgemeier, Milwaukee—W. H. Terry, Erving Waldron, F. E. Barnes, John Rath, Edward Lewis, George Rettger, William Weaver, Robert Stafford, Detroit—S. M. Dungan, M. J. Trost, Henry Hines, Fred Underwood, E. D. A. Pabst, Lee Dillard, Omaha—Steve Griffin, P. J. Sullivan, Edward Lawler, F. S. Blanford, J. P. Condon, D. C. McKinney, Frank Clements, Claimed—Denny Lyons, Charles Watkins, Columbus—Harry Wolverton, F. B. Butler, Charles Frank, William Sullivan, Frank Genins, George Tebeau, William Kuehn, Accepted terms—Mike McDermott, Claimed—P. Comiskey, Kansas City—James F. Slagle, St. Paul—Eddie Burke, Hon. Fricken.

## MONTREAL MENTION.

Death of a Player Well Known Along the Canadian Border.

Montreal, April 4.—Editor "Sporting Life":—I see Frankie Shannon gives it out that the Montreal Club is into him for some salary, and that he don't scratch his name to any League document till he gets what he demands for salary, and that item of back pay. Well, he may get his raise in salary, but Montreal does not owe him one cent. Vice President O'Neil says: "Possibly Rochester did. Well, if they did I guess the Big Three will keep it on the ice for Frank, and he will never make an error thinking some thief may take it out of his pocket in the dressing room while he is on the diamond for Buffalo."

## THE GROUNDS.

I just came back from a jaunt to the grounds. The diamond has been plowed and well plowed, and at this writing the plowshare is holding down the pitcher's box, and Sinclair McKey is holding down the home plate (at dinner). Messrs. Hiesley and Boyd will have all their spare time taken up if they have the grounds in the shape that has been promised. However, I will lose another hat to some one that the grounds will be in the shape the above gentlemen have promised for the opening game. The directors of the Montreal City and Suburban League that they are to have the use of the League grounds on Saturdays and Sundays while the Montreal team is away.

## THE HOLD-OUTS.

I see Jack Shearon and Barry are still reported out of the fold. Well, Barry is not known here by the local fans, so is not missed, although he may be the best short stop in the business. On the other hand there are many Eastern League critics that can tell you of better fielders and hitters than Jack Shearon. But let them come to Montreal and tell it to the bleacherites, and they can learn the Drummond habit, French Canuck, the bloomin' hold style, or any other language in less than five minutes. And I am with them. I am not aware of the trouble (if there is any) between the club and Shearon, but if it is salary I sincerely trust club and player will meet half way instead of letting a stranger roam around in the right garden this summer.

## A FAVORITE'S SAD DEATH.

Who is there that has followed base ball within a radius of 150 miles of Montreal does not know Jack Blevins, who for years was manager and captain of the famous Beverwycks, of Rouses' Point, N. Y.? Long before my time in this section Jack was a well-known and favorite ball player, all along the border line. His scrappy style and hard fighting to bring in his team a winner made him a valuable man to any team that was lucky enough to secure his services. As a catcher or second baseman in his day he was the star of this section, and at all times a gentleman. His death was due to the bite of a pet dog belonging to his child, and to which he paid no attention. One night, some days after having been bitten, he was seized with violent convulsions, and within two hours passed away. He was a shining light in base ball. Peace to his ashes.

## MINOR MENTION.

Montreal was supposed to have secured Knight and Eisey, Wilkesbarre, I believe, got the former, and now Toronto claims Eisey. What with Hall, Shugart, Geier and others, who have flown the coop the Montreal fans were not overpleased. "Tip" O'Neil is about due back from Mt. Clemens, where he went to spend a couple of weeks before taking up his umpire duties for the season. JOE PAGE.

## NOT A GOOD THING.

How About Brush's Interest in Two or More League Clubs?

From Pittsburg "Times."

Chicago papers are authority for the statement that P. L. Auten is Anson's principal backer in the attempted raising of \$150,000 to purchase the Chicago Club. Mr. Auten is at present in California. He is the principal owner of the Pittsburg Club, and, if the report of his backing Anson is correct, it would probably result in his disposing of his Pittsburg interest. It would not be a good thing for the League to have one man owning the controlling power of more than one club. If Anson succeeds in closing out the option he holds on the club, which he has been connected with for almost a lifetime, it will not only be a gratifying coup to both himself and many friends, but be one of the best and most sensational advertisements the National League ever received.

## FOOLING ANSON?

CONFLICTING STORIES ABOUT THE VALIDITY OF THAT OPTION.

A String Said to be Attached Calculated to Make It Impossible For Anson to Secure the Club Even if He Gets the Stipulated Cash.

The option held by A. C. Anson upon the Chicago Club, running until April 15, has served to let in a whole lot of light upon the inside workings of that close corporation, which is of considerable interest to the base ball public at large.

## PROFITS, BUT NO DIVIDENDS.

Will Mussey, a Chicago man of unquestionable reputation and ability, who is very close to Anson in all his dealings, and who will become associated with the Captain in a billiard room venture, no matter how the Chicago Club matter turns out, said the other day:

"According to a typewritten statement furnished to Anson some time ago, regarding the finances of the Chicago Base Ball Club, that organization has cleared in the neighborhood of \$50,000 in the past three years. This was divided as follows: In 1895, \$22,000; 1896, \$18,000, and 1897, \$10,000. If these figures are correct the franchise at \$150,000 is cheap, and Anson will be lucky if he is able to capture it."

So the statement which was given to Anson in regard to the finances of the club showed that it had cleared about \$50,000 in the past three years! Where this money went is a mystery, for, if we have been correctly informed, there has been no dividend paid to the stockholders for a number of years. This would argue poor management, and that is a defect Anson will remedy.

## THE ANSONIAN PLANS.

Mr. Mussey, in speaking of Anson's prospects of securing the Chicago Club, said, among other things:

"I think Anson will be able to secure the necessary money in time to buy the franchise, but things are not as bright as they might be. I think the war scare and the fact that he did not begin until late to give attention to the matter may be against him. The price itself, according to men well up in matters of the kind, is ridiculously small, and under good business management would pay from the start. His chief assistant in the management of the club, if he secures it, will be his son-in-law, Walter Clough, who will probably be treasurer. No one has been settled upon as president, but you may rest assured that Hart will not remain. In fact, it will be the ex-captain's greatest pleasure to get rid of Hart."

Mr. Mussey further stated that he received a letter from a man interested in base ball in another city, who advised Anson to wait until the club has had one year of Hart and Burns, and he would be able to buy the shares of stock at par.

## THE LATEST PHASE.

Captain Anson said as late as last Monday that already Chicago capitalists had pledged him \$75,500, and that there was every prospect of his securing the balance of \$73,500 before the option expires. A Chicago dispatch of that date also says that "Anson will not have to raise \$150,000 absolutely to secure control of the Chicago Club. It is required that he furnish \$150,000 security that the club will pay the rental of the grounds and other expenses. The actual amount of stock covered by the Anson option is \$96,000. Half of that amount is owned by A. G. Spalding and the other half by John R. Walsh. The option was given by Mr. Spalding."

## ARE THEY SPRINGING ANSON?

Since there has appeared to be a possibility of the "Grand Old Man" breaking into the game on his own account, it is said that the owners of the club will not part from the property unless Uncle Adrian becomes purchaser "in fee simple on his own account," whatever that may mean. The idea is that the club can be sold to Anson, but not to a stock company, of which Anson is the head. As the veteran cannot put \$150,000 into the club on his own account, it looks as though his chances of acquiring the property were about one in 100. The owners of the Chicago Club have evidently a string attached to the option given him which may prove an insurmountable obstacle, for it is well known that Anson cannot buy the club outright. What are they doing to their loyal ex-manager?

## AN OUTSIDER'S VIEW.

President Robison, of the Cleveland Club, is greatly amused at the prospect of Anson's assuming the Chicago franchise and is already figuring out how the arrangement will affect certain parties prominent in the base ball world. Said he:

"Anson's first official act would be to engage Jim Hart to play first base. Then Hart would be the first man to suffer from the expulsion rule that he helped to force on the League at St. Louis. If Anson could only get John T. Brush on his team, too, he would have fun enough for one lifetime."

Mr. Robison does not believe that Anson will ever attempt to play ball again himself, but he believes that a winning club in Chicago with the g. o. m. at the head of it would be one of the best investments in the League.

## Call a Spade a Spade.

Indianapolis has signed a pitcher named Spade—Pittsburg "Post." How can you play a spade on a diamond?—Buffalo "Times." He may be a trump, you know.



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## AN OVER-RATED MANIPULATOR.

The able editor of the Cincinnati "Times-Star," Mr. Charles Zuber, should be in better business than defending Brush and Brushism, though heaven knows both stand sadly in need of defense and apology. Mr. Zuber, however, could better prove his loyalty to the Cincinnati Club, if that is superior to the welfare of the game at large, by boosting along the Cincinnati management and players and charitably remaining silent regarding the political and personal methods of the club's alien owner. These admit of no sound defense and only handicap and militate against any journalist who attempts to act as their champion and apologist, particularly if that writer happens to be a Cincinnati. That press writer only is strong, no matter what his ability, whose cause is popular or so just as to commend itself to all fair minded and honest men.

In marked contrast to the organ-like pipings of our Cincinnati contemporary, is the following, from the pen of that always fearless and independent writer, Mr. Tim Murnane, of the Boston "Globe:"

"Francis Richter, the able editor of the "Sporting Life," is now after John T. Brush with a vengeance. No man in this country has the power to shape the destinies of our national game equal to this Quaker editor, and with the ever-busy Brush for a target the chances are that the Western magnate will rue the day when he tried to win a few St. Louis people by turning down the greatest base ball paper the country ever saw."

However that may be, we cannot forbear from calling Dictator Brush's attention to a little editorial upon himself from the very St. Louis paper he tried to placate, notwithstanding its year-long assaults upon Brush and Brushism:

"Partisan considerations have for years blinded the majority of the National League magnates to the evil influence of the farming system on the national game. As a matter of fact, all legislation affecting the minor leagues up to the Chicago meeting was practically left to John T. Brush, of the Cincinnati Club, and the late Charles H. Byrne, of the Brooklyn Club. Any measure that they submitted was passed without consideration or investigation as to its purposes or results. They became the bosses of base ball because they did the thinking and the work for their associates, who cared little for consequences which did not directly affect their own club's interests. Mr. Byrne's death left Mr. Brush temporarily the autocrat of the game, but a pronounced opposition has developed among his former followers to the farming system and other measures which he originated, and in all probability party lines will be obliterated at the fall meeting and it may be that new political combinations may be formed. The acceptance by the New York and Pittsburgh Clubs of Sabbath-day games abroad removes the possibility of the passage of League legislation against Sunday ball, a bagaboo which frightened Western club owners and strengthened their allegiance to the dominant faction. The most forcible argument that Mr. Brush has employed in whipping his followers into line has been, 'Stand together, we'll make the stronger clubs share their profits with us.' Equal division of the receipts has been the bond which cemented the Brush faction so closely. The Cleveland Club for instance would be a financial ruin if its support depended on its home patronage. Of late, the spirit of independence has shown itself among the club owners, who have been accustomed to follow Mr. Brush's leadership without hesitation or questioning. Messrs. Wagner, Hart, Hanlon, Pulliam and Muckenfuss demand a repeal of the farming sys-

tem and revision of the reserve rule. Can Mr. Brush whip them into line? Can he retain his leadership? These questions will be answered at the fall meeting and unless all signs fail they will be answered in the negative."

Evidently as a "placater" Boss Brush is not a glittering success. Evidently also, like most merely cunning people, he overreached himself. Evidently further he, unlike a real cunning person, forgot some things, as for instance: That it is well to be on with the new love before you are off with the old; that it is asinine, or canine if you like, to lose the substance while greedily grasping for the shadow; that only a fool would needlessly kick away any of the ladders that helped him to mount; and that only an idiot or a desperado would burn his bridges behind him. John T. Brush is a great man, yea, verily.

## THE CHAMPIONSHIP BATTLES.

The various major and minor league teams are now engaged everywhere in exhibition contests, preparatory to the championships upon which all will have entered within a few weeks. Indeed, in one section a championship campaign is already under way, the California League having opened its season March 29. The championship seasons of the various other leagues open and close as follows:

Texas League opens April 9, closes July 17.
Southern League opens April 14, closes Aug. 12.
National League opens April 15, closes Oct. 15.
Western League opens April 21, closes Sept. 20.
Atlantic League opens April 25, closes Sept. 10.
Interstate League opens April 26, closes Sept. 17.
Eastern League opens April 28, closes Sept. 10.
Western Association opens April 28, closes Sept. 18.
New England League opens April 30, closes Sept. 10.
New York League opens May 12, closes Sept. 10.
Indiana League opens May 15, closes Aug. 15.
International League opens May 3, closes Sept. 27.

This comprises all of the organizations whose schedule have been adopted to date, the only unscheduled Leagues now being the Ohio, Central Pennsylvania, Connecticut and Iron-Oil leagues.

## A CASE IN A NUTSHELL.

Apropos to our brief remarks as to the inutility of the mid-winter Western League-Eastern League conference at Buffalo, revealed by the Dixon transfer from Providence to Minneapolis via the Washington draft route, the Wilkesbarre "Record" is moved to remark:

"When the Class A Leagues do not abide by agreements mutually made, how can they expect the National League to be impressed with them, or receive seriously any communication from them in a movement looking towards relief from existing evils in the line of 'loaning' and 'drafting.'" The issue of events demonstrate that the Buffalo conference was a farce, notably so when the committee did not even add dignity to the movement by presenting themselves before the big moguls at St. Louis."

Here is revealed the rock upon which the minor leagues have always split, and the existence of which has always made it a difficult, not to say futile, task of championing their cause. United, they would be a power greater than the National League; disunited and continually working selfishly, blindly at cross-purposes, they have always been, and will always be, easy picking for the compact senior organization. Will the minor leaguers always be deaf to reason and blind to facts?

## EASILY ENOUGH EXPLAINED.

The Indianapolis "News" still maintains that John T. Brush is not identified with the Indianapolis Club, but in the same column says that nothing has been heard from Manager Ewing in regard to the Cincinnati players who will be returned to Indianapolis this season, in order to complete the Hoosier outfield. If editor Hal Reed will kindly glance at the quotation from that Brush paper, the Cincinnati "Times-Star" reprinted on our second page, a light will dawn upon him. Possibly this latest development of Brushism will also vastly increase his respect and admiration for his crafty fellow-townsmen.

Base ball magnates of high or low degree should never fail to cater to the cyclists. These are yearly growing in number and influence, and the withdrawal of their patronage would be a serious matter to any club nowadays. Fortunately most of them are base ball enthusiasts, who can easily be held in line for the sport by proper consideration to their cycling fad and attention to their comfort and well-being.

League managers should, at this season of the year, in dealing with ambitious young players, bear in mind the fact that to them appreciation is almost everything in the struggle for recognition in a league as fast as the National League.

## FROM THE CAPITAL.

## THE SENATORS BACKWARD IN THEIR PRACTICE.

## Jack Doyle Well Satisfied With His New Berth—Some Facts About the Hold-Outs—Some Rising Young Local Players—News and Gossip.

Washington, D. C., April 5.—Jack Doyle is here, and consequently everybody in Washington who is interested in base ball is delighted. Jack came to town last Saturday from his home at Holyoke, Mass., and appears to be in first-class condition. In conversation with your correspondent he expressed himself as being delighted at being with the Washington team this year, and that he expected to play a much better game in his new surroundings. He said he thought the Washington team would certainly be in the first division when the season closes.

## SECOND BASEMAN REITZ.

has not shown up yet, and Mr. Wagner is at a loss to know what has become of the great second baseman. He has not heard from him for some time, and as Henry did not make any kick on the salary named in the contract sent him it is a mystery why he has not reported. He is expected daily at the park, and will probably arrive before this letter appears in print. We still have four hold-outs. They are SWAINE, BRESNEHAN, McHALE, WAGNER, and all of these men have refused to sign contracts for the money offered them by Mr. Wagner. Manager Brown has decided to farm out Swaine and Bresnehan, and is now negotiating with several minor league clubs. These youngsters have acted with very little judgment. Swaine flatly refused to sign a contract, and left for his home in Ohio, saying he had decided to quit professional base ball. Bresnehan was surrounded by a lot of old ball players, who gave him bad advice, and consequently Roger would not agree to Mr. Wagner's terms, and the promising youngster will probably not be seen in the National League this year. Wagner and McHale simply refuse to play ball for the sum of money named in their contracts, and have not reported in Washington.

## SNYDER AND DINEEN.

the crack Eastern League battery, secured from Toronto, are here, and have been working hard to get into condition. They arrived Saturday, and have participated in the two practice games between the Vets and Kids.

## THE SENATORS

will certainly be handicapped the first part of the season by a lack of practice. Of course most of the players have been here for some time, and are now in condition to go in and do first-class work in a championship game, but owing to the absence of Doyle and Reitz, and the uncertainty as to who will cover third base, there has been no chance whatever for team work practice. Now Doyle is here, and if Reitz shows up this week the infield can get down to work, and develop some team work.

## SOME DRAWBACKS.

All the other teams in the League, except Baltimore, have had their men together for some time, and will have a distinct advantage over the Senators in that respect. Then three of the Washington players have been laid up as a result of sickness and injuries for the past several days. Manager Brown, in running after a fly ball on Friday, fell and sprained his back quite badly, and has been confined to the house. Mercer is suffering with a bad cold, and has not been on the field for several days. Malahoff twisted his ankle last Wednesday, and will be out of the game for a couple of weeks at least. It has been very cold here for the past week, and the pitchers have been unable to get any practice whatever.

## TWO PRACTICE GAMES

have been played between the Vets. and Kids, the former winning both contests easily. There is a youngster playing first for the Kids who has all the earmarks of a corner, and in the opinion of Manager Brown and Jack Doyle he will be in the big League before many seasons roll by. His name is Clarence Proctor, and he has signed with Ted Sullivan's Dubuque, Ia., team, of the Western Association.

## BERT MEYERS

is covering third for the Kids in fine style, and is batting like a fiend. He still refuses to sign with Milwaukee for the salary offered him, and vows he will quit base ball rather than play for that money.

I would not be very much surprised to hear of a deal being consummated whereby Bert would come to Washington and look after that doubtful left-hand corner of ours. There is no question about Meyers being able to hold up his end in fast company if he will keep himself in condition to play ball.

## NOTES.

Leon De Montreville, brother of the Baltimore second baseman, left on Monday for Fort Wayne, Ind., of the Interstate League, where he has signed for the season.

Baden, the outfielder signed by Billy Lush for his Springfield, Mass., Club, left here this week to join his team.

Eddie Mills, a local amateur, who has been playing with the Kids against the Vets., is looking for a job. He is a fast infielder, and strong batter, and minor league managers will do well to sign him.

Ed Andrews, the new League umpire, has been in town for several days. Charlie Snyder and John Heydler have been unringing the practice games at the park. L. L. NICHOLSON, JR.

## DOMESTIC TROUBLE.

## Pitcher McGreevey's Wife Wants a Divorce.

Quincy, Ill., April 1.—Editor "Sporting Life."—Mrs. Eugene J. McGreevey has finally come to the conclusion that although a ball player may be all right to look at on the diamond, he is a poor thing to tie to for life. Before her marriage she was Julia E. Unverzagt, of 502 York street. Now she wants a divorce, and a restoration of her maiden name, although it is not as euphonious as the one she now bears. She was married July 19, 1895, when Mack was a crackerjack ball pitcher. Possibly this reason brought about the wedding more than anything else. They have no children, and the couple always lived at the bride's home. Last Tuesday evening McGreevey turned up at 4

o'clock, and found that his wife's father had locked him out. The next day he got his trunk, and the marriage relation was dissolved. To-day Attorneys McCarl & Flogenspan docketed the wife's bill for divorce. The case is based chiefly upon an adultery charge. The name of the co-respondent is suppressed for the present on account of her family, and it is intimated that "there are others" who may achieve an unpleasant publicity.

It is claimed by the wife that McGreevey has been in the habit of coming home at all hours of the night, and that he has not contributed as he should to her maintenance. She says that he is a professional ball player, making about \$140 a month in the season. She asks for alimony and attorney's fees as well as a divorce and her maiden name.

## A BIT APPREHENSIVE.

## Players Suspect Graft For Brush in That Obscenity Legislation.

Hot Springs, April 1.—Editor "Sporting Life."—The official notice of the resolution adopted at St. Louis providing for the suspension of players for "kicking" was issued by President Robison yesterday, and it was read to the men by Manager Tebeau and commented upon generally. As stated before the men have been paying considerable attention to holding their tempers in the face of all kinds of decisions, and every precaution will be taken to make the rule that was prompted by a desire to slap at three winning clubs, including Cleveland, fail to injure the Indians.

## TEBEAU'S NOTION.

Manager Tebeau has an idea that a great effort will be made by certain teams to get his players in trouble, and he is looking for a strong test of his men's patience early in the season—in fact, during the opening series. "I have not a doubt in the world," says Tebeau, "that Ewing has been coaching his Reds to hold their tongues and nag us on. They would like to catch us napping, and I would lay quite a bet that the scheme is all framed up for us. Our men will be thoroughly warned, and will not be caught. We will surely have our troubles in Cincinnati. They will pick on us and abuse us all they can, just to get us to lose our heads. We will fool them, however."

## PLAYERS SUSPICIOUS.

The players believe that there is no joke about the supposed plans of Ewing, and they will be on their guard. "The rule will probably have a good effect," says President Robison, "if it is enforced properly and impartially. If an effort is made to make a scapegoat out of any player there will be trouble. I do not believe that the patrons of base ball would stand seeing a player unjustly dealt with under this severe rule. I look for trouble if some popular player is suspended away from home. There will be all kinds of testimony available in some cities against a visiting player. I think, however, that the umpires will keep their heads and hope the rule will never be brought into operation—that is, that there will never be cause for bringing it into operation."

## PATERSON PICKINGS.

## How the Team Sized up in the Opening Games.

Paterson, N. J., April 4.—Editor "Sporting Life."—Yesterday marked the opening of the base ball season in Paterson. The weather was cold, and but a few turned out to witness the first defeat of the year. Charley Dooley and his band from Montreal crossed bats with the locals, and after an interesting struggle the boys from "Canuckville" came out ahead. The men signed by Manager La Roque to represent the Silk City gave every evidence in their initial game of being the real stuff.

## THE INFELD.

made up of La Roque, Johnson, Conroy and Jacobs, certainly demonstrated that it is the equal of any in the League. Jacobs is the exact image of "Hamm's" Wagner, and has already been dubbed the "Dutchman." Conroy at short has improved wonderfully during the winter, and is bound to make his mark the coming season. Johnson at second is the same old reliable, and is one of the biggest favorites who ever played ball in Paterson. Manager La Roque at first is as good as ever, and is proving himself an efficient man to handle the reins. Sam knows the game from A to Z, and his team will be heard from ere the season is over. Heldrick and Hardesty have resumed their old positions in the outfield, and are doing their work as well as ever; for right garden Weaver and Hughes are fighting it out. Both men are fast on their feet, and handle themselves well at the bat.

## OUR PITCHING DEPARTMENT

is what makes us swell with pride. There is Lee, Vian, Fisher and McGinnis, all three with good right arms, while Jones and Flaherty are the king soutsaps of the League. Vian, Jones and Flaherty were with us in '97, and we know what they can do. Fisher and McGinnis, while new to us, have shown in practice that they are capable of more than holding their own in the Atlantic League. Hunt, Lyons and Carr are doing the receiving, and out of this trio Manager La Roque will select the two best men. We have another man who will probably be used for utility purposes. He is a strong batter, beautiful thrower and can play almost any position. He gives promise of being an exceptionally good man. I refer to Joe Delehanty, brother of the only "Del." of the Phillies. All we want now is some warm weather, and we will ask no more. UNO.

## REPENT AT LEISURE.

## Magnates Beginning Already to Regret Their Supineness.

From Washington "Post."—Locking the stable after the theft of the horse is now the post-mortem play of those magnates who have suddenly discovered that the Brush blackmailment law and the committee on department is a cross between a monumental bluff and a grand stand play. Frank De Hass Robison, president of the Cleveland Club, is frank enough to acknowledge that if the universe could turn back and give him the first day of March at St. Louis he would oppose the Brush law with the vehemence of Steve Brodie objecting to the entrance of a pair of golf hosiery into the Brodie emporium of boozology. Indeed, Earl Wagner is inclined to the belief that both the Brush law and the suspension will act as too much of a curb on the players, and extract some of the ginger from the game.

## The Bay City Team.

Bay City, March 31.—The following players will represent Bay City in the International League: Catcher, Bert Elton; first base, Royce; second base, Householder; third base, Warner; fielders, Jennings, Ben Ireland and Conklin. The pitchers will be Robb, Woolover, Sam DeMoth, Pangborn and Pete Wood, of Hamilton.



# CLEVELAND CHATTER

**A RUSH TO SIGN THE PETITIONS FOR A SUNDAY LAW.**

**The Indians Quit the Springs—Great Expectations—Plenty of Pitchers on Patsy's Staff—Minor News and Notes of Interest.**

Cleveland, April 4.—Editor "Sporting Life."—The mustard seed hearts of the handful of goody-goods have been set palpitating by the rush of old men, young men and boys; business men and professional men; men retired and men just entering the trade marts, to sign the petitions asking the General Assembly to enact a law allowing Sunday ball playing in Ohio. A year ago such petitions might not have received much consideration. Not a few people, now

**MOST ENTHUSIASTIC ADVOCATES** of the proposed measure, were very doubtful of the advisability of allowing National League clubs to do what the amateur clubs of Cleveland had done for years—play ball on the first day of the week. It needed only a trial to convince these people that Sunday games would do exactly what their advocates had claimed—drain the congested

**SUPPOSED-TO-BE-CLOSED** down town saloons; cut the police dockets in half and afford delightful and harmless recreation for thousands of working people, who, but for Sunday games, would never see a contest between two National League clubs from April until October. The experiment was tried and not found lacking. The gate keepers at these games recognized in the people who poured through the turnstiles thousands of people who were

**SHUT WITHIN THE FOUR WALLS** of mill or factory for six days in the week and who had come to see their first National League game. There was no boisterous or disorderly conduct. The people who crowded all the stands were not only there to see a ball game; they had come to refute the contemptible charge that only the scum of society; the toughs and loafers of the city would

**PATRONIZE THESE CONTESTS.** When the very daily papers that had been most violent in denouncing these games were compelled on Monday to admit that the crowds were orderly and well behaved, and, on Tuesday, that as a result of Sunday games, Monday's police court docket had dwindled to insignificant proportions, even the goody-goods were at a loss for further charges. They

**SET UP A WHINE** about an appeal to the higher Courts, but were doubtful about the results, as all their petty arguments had been met and answered by indisputable facts. The appeal, however, has been taken, and while the friends of the club are patiently awaiting the result, in order to be on the safe side, they have caused to be distributed a bundle of petitions asking for the passage of a bill, already introduced.

**THAT WILL SETTLE THE CASE** for all time and permit the owners of League clubs to have the same rights heretofore enjoyed by minor organizations and city leagues alone.

It is estimated that the names of 15,000 voters have already been affixed to these petitions, and they have been in circulation less than a week.

**INDIANS IN INDIANA.** The Indians are now in the onerous atmosphere of Indiana, playing a series of exhibition games more for the purpose of acclimating themselves to the more rigorous weather of the North than for any other purpose. After this week Tebeau will take all the boys to Terre Haute, where secret practice will be indulged in for three or four days preparatory to the opening at Cincinnati on Friday of next week.

**WALK-OVERS NOT EXPECTED.** Patsy does not look for walk-overs at Cincinnati. Instead he expects some very hard fought games. He believes the Reds and Indians are both in finer form than ever before at the beginning of the League season, and that each one of the three games in Brushville will be a battle royal. Ex-Treasurer Howe, Ex-Secretary Hawley and thirty or forty other earnest friends of the club, will go down to Cincinnati to see these games.

**A PRETTY RACE.** Wallace and Burkett are likely to have a pretty race over batting honors on the team this year, and, moreover, it is believed that they will begin to bat right at the start. Their hitting in the practice and exhibition games thus far played has been terrific, and as both men have their eye on the ball there is no reason why they shouldn't keep it up all season.

**ABOUT CUPPY'S ARM.** The telegraph wires indulged in a bit of fine romancing in the case of George Maceo Cuppy, the Logansport landlord. I learn on the best of authority that his arm has not been in a cast at all, a few coats of paint from a brush dipped in iodine being the only treatment received. Cuppy played in the outfield in the last game at Hot Springs, and at bat knocked out a triple and a home run, something a man with one arm looked up

**IN A STICKY PLASTER** mold would have been unlikely to do. He was left at the training camp because the baths and massage treatment were doing him great good. It is still problematical whether he will come to the help of the Indians this season.

I saw a letter from him to-day in which he declared his arm was good for a full game, but we are not touching off any pyrotechnics until we see the plucky little Hoosier in the box, shooting 'em over. Captain Tebeau declares that Cuppy's absence from the team last year cost the Indians

**NOT LESS THAN 20 GAMES.** This is probably true, for when "Nig" quit with a kink in his arm he had just won seven games out of eight. These 20 victories would have put Patsy's boys in third place. It is easy, therefore, to understand the remarkable interest shown in Cleveland in every line relating to Cuppy and his valuable right arm.

**A NEW ROOTER.** Fred Radder, who has been the Indians' chief rooter for years, has a brother in the Naval Reserves. Fred declares he must now root for Uncle Sam to whip Spain. His place will be filled by George Weber, of the Wollenden, who has already bet \$100 even that Patsy's men will finish as good as 1-2-3. Weber will lead a fair-sized delegation down to Cincinnati next week to see the first three games.

**TEXAS JACK TO THE RESCUE.** "McAllister will be one of our regular pitchers all season," says a telegram just at hand from Captain Tebeau. "Texas Jack" was to have been left behind at Hot Springs, his arm having been lamed up a bit by overwork. He begged to go on with the team, and it was his fine work in the box that enabled the Colts to beat the veterans in a 10-inning game at Cairo yesterday.

**OFF-SIDE PLAYS.** Esterquest is expected to do a good deal of playing this season, although rated, just now, as a substitute infielder. His batting is so good that should one of the regulars fall off in his stick work the Rockford recruit will be put in his place.

Walter Robison, of the "Plain Dealer," who watched the Indians in practice at Hot Springs, declares that McAleer has lost none of his wonderful ability to judge fly balls, and that some of his catches were sensational.

The new hangers are the prettiest ever seen in Cleveland.

It is probable that Young, Powell and Jones will pitch the three games at Cincinnati.

Germany Smith made his debut into fast company in Cleveland, coming here from Altoona. His old admirers here are loath to believe that he has entirely outlived his usefulness in the big League.

George Rettger, the Cleveland twirler on the Milwaukee team, appears to have reconsidered his determination to quit the diamond because of his salary limit. Rettger pitched for the Brewers at Louisville yesterday.

Some of the critics who are disposed to give the Indians a low rating have forgotten, apparently, that in the three seasons Tebeau's men have trained at Hot Springs they have finished in second place every time.

Cleveland friends of Tom McCarthy—and there are many of them—would be glad to see the famous player on the Brooklyn team this year.

If Pittsburg lets Dick Padden go my estimation of Watty, old boy, will shrink considerably. No prettier second base playing was ever seen in Cleveland than Richard did when the Pirates last visited this city.

I am afraid my choice friend, Albert Mott, will find it a far cry from versatile Jack Doyle to Danny McGann. Albert has long contended that Jack was the only one, and I am willing to admit that only two men can tell him how to play first base—Patsy Tebeau and Jack O'Connor.

ELMER E. BATES.

## NEWS AND COMMENT.

—Hamilton has signed pitcher Bradford.

—Eddie Burke has signed with St. Paul.

—London has signed infielder George Warsof.

—Third baseman Ben Ellis has signed with Reading.

—Louisville has transferred infielder Dolan to Hartford.

—Tom Brown is opposed to indoor work for ball players.

—Dayton has released and Ft. Wayne signed pitcher Rehman.

—George Lachance is partial to punching the bag as exercise.

—Sockalexis' old falling on ground balls is as noticeable as ever.

—Fred Clarke once more denies that he is engaged to be married.

—Second baseman Goldie has already been released by New Orleans.

—Tony Hellman, a veteran catcher, died in Cincinnati on March 29.

—The Warren Club has signed pitcher John Baker, late of Wheeling.

—Kilroy is not quite coming up to expectations as right fielder for Chicago.

—Walter Brodie's throwing arm is reported as being in very bad shape.

—The Washington Club offers pitchers Bresnahan and Swain for sale.

—Sockalexis now is working with the proper spirit and is behaving nicely.

—Jesse Tannehill would prefer pitching to playing on the Pirates' outfield.

—Infielder Wagner and pitcher Fraser signed with Louisville during the week.

—Cincinnati base ball writers warmly praise catcher Woods' work in practice.

—"Pete" Browning is going on the road as a cigar drummer for a Louisville house.

—The Cleveland Club has decided to hold on to pitcher Kelb, secured from Toledo.

—Jack Shearon refuses to sign with Montreal for anything less than the League limit.

—Pitcher Terry has re-signed with Milwaukee, and pitcher Rettger has accepted terms.

—Ft. Worth has signed George Paynter, a second baseman, hailing from Cincinnati.

—The Pittsburg Club will play no Sunday exhibition games in the East this season.

—Manager Newell, of the Readings, is on the lookout for a hustling catcher and third baseman.

—Varney Anderson, late of Rockford, has assumed the management of the new Rock Island Club.

—The Brewers all swear by Connie Mack, and think he is one of the best managers in the business.

—Parrott and Figgemeier have signed with Minneapolis, but short stop Artie Ball still holds out.

—The veteran third baseman, Gil Harfield, has been released by Newark, and is free to sign anywhere.

—Tim Hurst claims that Watkins has the weakest team that has represented Pittsburg in some years.

—Pitcher Horton, now of Brooklyn, has a big claim in Oklahoma, and believes that country has a great future.

—Cleveland critics believe Bert Jones will prove to be a second Ramsey. Not in all respects, we hope.

—Amole has been experimenting with a slow ball which he will insinuate into his delivery during the season.

—Tom Reilly, of Meriden, a well-known base ball writer, will manage the New Haven Club the coming season.

—In view of the dissension in the Chicago team, Tim Hurst has not inaptly termed it the "Hartburns" team.

—Owing to the flooding of the Cincinnati ball park the Cincinnati Southern tour was extended one week.

—Tom Kinslow has been practicing with the Senators, with a view to getting into condition for an engagement.

—Pitcher Maul will not report in Baltimore for duty until warm weather sets in, and he is sure his arm is all right.

—New London has a catcher named Hoge. When he is turned on he will probably put all the other teams out.

—Harry Blake, of the Cleveleans, claims that cigarettes dimmed his batting eye. He has given them the shake.

—Pat Dillard, of the Louisvilles, is a giant in proportions, and will be one of the heavy-weights of the National League.

—President Killilea, of Milwaukee, fears that war between Spain and the United States would seriously affect base ball.

—Washington will have practically a new infield this season—Doyle, Reitz, Wrigley and Leahy. How will it work?

—Catcher Shaw, of Pittsburg, has such a bad knee that he has been compelled to go to his Wheeling home for a rest.

—Bill Joyce thinks the Irish make the best ball players. Incidentally the bouquet rebounds to "Scrappy," who is a Celt.

—Walter Wilmot reported to the New York Club on Wednesday, coming straight from Hot Springs, in excellent condition.

—Harry Blake, of the Cleveleans, is laid up with a lame ankle, and Pickering and Sockalexis are doing the work in right field.

—"Call me Willy," was Hallman's request during practice at Allaire. "There are too many Bills on the Brooklyn team."

—Rusie's arm is sore from the effects of cold last winter, and it will take longer to get it in twirling form than was expected.

—Why not turn McGraw loose on the Dons? He'd cuss Spain to a standstill without losing his breath or fracturing his gall bag.

—According to the contractor the new grand stand at Washington Park, Brooklyn, will be ready for the painters before April 20.

—The New Yorks, Brooklyns and Phillies have received but little benefit from their training in New Jersey, owing to too much rain.

—Manager Doc Kennedy, of the Palmyra (N. Y.) Club would like to hear from some pitchers. Only good, experienced men need apply.

—Kuehne's engagement by Columbus recalls the fact that it was in that city he made his greatest reputation in old Association days.

—Pitcher Van Zandt, the famous Staten Island player, has signed with the New London (Conn.) Club, and is now a full-fledged professional.

—Manager Burns thinks morning practice takes the snap out of players. Too much work does, but light exercise is conducive to good playing.

—During the past winter Manager Bernie became a Master Mason in Brooklyn. Billy Shindle and Fielden Jones are also F. and A. M.'s.

—The Pittsburg players believe that the Cincinnati Club made some concession to "Pink" Hawley, if it did not give him all he asked for.

—Bill Joyce does not believe in gymnasium work. He thinks it only hardens the muscles and stiffens a ball player. He thinks well of bowling.

—Dr. Hugh Hagan, the physician who had charge of "Muggsy" McGraw in 1896, when he was ill with typhoid fever at Atlanta, recently died.

—Hemming, late of the Baltimore Club, will be one of the Omaha Club's pitchers this season. Chauncey Fisher has also signed an Omaha contract.

—We are told that the Orioles' new first baseman McCann, "has lots to learn about playing first, particularly about going for balls not to his right."

—Manager Watkins, of the Pittsburg team, says he intends to keep both Padden and Eagan in order to have a good utility infielder for the team.

—It is understood that President Whitlock, of the Connecticut League, will appoint on his staff of umpires six men, four not being deemed enough.

—Pitcher Fred Barnes, of Milwaukee, is a graduate of the University of Nebraska. He has also been its coach ever since receiving his diploma.

—John Ganzell will play first base regularly for Pittsburg, leaving Harry Davis to fight it out for an outfield position with Brodie and O'Hagan.

—The first game for the colored championship of the South was played at Hampton, Va., April 4. The score: Cuban Giants 10, Chamberlain 9.

—A fine old hickory bat that has been in Pete Browning's possession for over seven years has been presented to Fred Clarke by the Gladiator.

—The Acme Colored Giants have secured Queens County Park, in Maspeth, L. I., and will play the opening game there on Sunday, the 17th inst.

—Manager Jack Chapman, of the Meriden Connecticut League champions, is having considerable trouble in signing his men for the coming season.

—Jack Stivotts is a member of the Sons of Veterans of Ashland, Pa., every member of which declared himself ready to start for the front at a day's notice.

—The Southern League umpire staff has been completed by the engagement of William Ford, of Augusta. The others are Jevue, Peltz and Horace McFarlan.

—The Eastern League has not yet made arrangements for the telegraph privileges. Pat Powers hopes to make a blanket contract for the eight different clubs.

—Charley Comiskey, of the St. Paul Club, says mechanics pay ball from the neck down, while artists play from the crown of their heads to the soles of their feet.

—Another Italian has broken into the game, the London, Ont., Club having signed a catcher named Victor Accorsini, coach of the Allegheny Institute, of Roanoke, Va.

—Cleveland's new substitute third baseman, Tony Esterquest, is no spring chicken, and so far back as 1890 he was a star third baseman in the Chicago City League.

—Manager Frank P. Thyme, of the Salem, O., Club of the Ohio State League, desires to hear from players at once. Mr. Thyme can be addressed for the present at Lowell, Mass.

—Harry Steinfeldt's father is owner of a large

brewery at Ft. Worth, Tex. That being the case, why does Steinfeldt senior permit his son to play ball when he should be learning to take an interest in his business?

—Canajoharie, N. Y., will have a strong independent team, entitled the Gilliam Club, under the management of William H. Finecut, who can be addressed regarding dates at once.

—Herman Long considers Bobby Wallace, of Cleveland, the wonder of the League, because he jumped right from the pitcher's box and became a star third baseman in one short season.

—Of the six magnates included in the organization of the Western League, only M. R. Killilea, of Milwaukee, and J. A. Manning, of Kansas City, are still interested in a financial way.

—Arthur Irwin says that there are but two men on the Toronto team who receive the Eastern League limit of \$200—Carney and Gattins. Carney will get \$25 bonus as captain of the team.

—Catcher Kahoe, infielder Stewart and pitcher Phillips have accepted Indianapolis' terms, leaving first baseman Motz the only hold-out. In his place will be tried William Currens, a local player.

—The Boston players want the club to offer some financial inducement to take high position in the race. Why not, considering that the club made \$100,000 out of their work last season?

—The Western Association schedule was the work of "Sporting Life's" versatile Rockford correspondent, Frank C. Lauder, who is, like John Heyder, to try his hand at umpiring this season.

—Second baseman "Doc" Sheppard, the well-known Canadian player, has retired permanently from the professional diamond. He will play henceforth only with the Toronto Athletic Club team.

—Manager Tom Brown, of Washington, says exercise affects no two men alike, therefore he prefers leaving to each player individually the choice of the method best calculated to get into good condition.

—After looking his team over Buck Ewig now believes that the Cincinnati have a good chance to win the pennant. He says he has a pitching corps almost equal in strength to that of the New Yorks.

—Now that Jones has proved himself a success at short for the Brooklyns, President Ebbetts has notified St. Louis, Baltimore and other clubs that all deals for the exchange of either Tucker or LaChance are off.

—The German element in the Cincinnati team still is conspicuous, in spite of recent trades. Breitenstein, Peitz, Beckley, Hahn, Dammann, Smith, Miller and Steinfeldt are the gentlemen of German extraction.

—Shortstop Shannon and catcher Diggins have accepted Buffalo's terms, but Shannon doesn't want to report until June 1, as he desires to complete his examinations at the medical school of Harvard University.

—Delabanty considers Anson the most considerate manager towards his players in the business, and is surprised at Ryan and Dahlen being opposed to the "Old Man" securing a controlling interest in the Chicago Club.

—J. Earle Wagner expresses a willingness to take third baseman Clingman off Louisville's hands. That would not imply the greatest confidence in Tommy Leahy's ability to successfully negotiate the difficult corner.

—Manager Hanlon alleges that the Cleveland players were the originators of rowdy work on the diamond and his Baltimore players learned such tactics from Tebeau's crowd. Well, the Baltimores proved to be apt pupils.

—Colonel John I. Rogers, of the Philadelphia Club, declared the other day that he had rather lose \$10,000 and see the Phillies win the pennant than to make \$50,000 with the team in second place. Good for the Colonel.

—Dummy Hoy is a man of unusual education, and is well-read on law and the general sciences. He is a voracious reader, and spends his winters poring over literature that would seem dry reading even to well-educated people.

—The famous John M. Ward is now a legal adjuster for the Nassau trolley road in Brooklyn, which is owned by Al Johnson and his brother, Congressman Tom. They say that Ward is making more money than he ever made in base ball.

—Tucker, of the Brooklyns, says that Yeager, the new pitcher secured from Lancaster, is the best youngster he has ever seen. He declares that Yeager will prove to be the most effective twirler this year of those drafted from minor leagues.

—The Brooklyn players have great confidence in Jones, who has been playing at short field, and say that he will undoubtedly prove a success. Jones is growing enthusiastic over his task, and that means a great deal. He will be the lion of the hour if he fills the bill.

—Manager Watkins intends to procure slippers for the entire team, to be used in hotels. They are of dark leather, have lightweight soles, are very flexible, and are a sort of half congress pattern. Anson must be credited with introducing this fad several years ago.

—Those who have seen Doherty this spring say that he will prove to be the best left-hander in the League. He is faster than ever before, and yet is twenty pounds heavier. He has better control of the ball than Seymour, and his delivery resembles that of Nichols, of the Bostons.

—Here are the sobriquets of the various Connecticut League teams: Meriden, the Bull Dogs; Derby, the Angels; Bridgeport, the Orators; Waterbury, the Pirates; Danbury, the Hatters; New Britain, the Dummies; New London, the Whalers, New Haven, the Colts.

—President Freedman, of the New Yorks, states in the New York "World" over his signature his belief that the Giants will win the League championship this year, and gives at length the reasons for the faith that is in him. He banks on a strong team, well handled by Joyce.

—Meadville, Pa., will be well represented in the Oil City League, as the men that will be signed to play are all well known and good ball players. The men will report for practice April 15. A few good hitters are still wanted, and they may hear something to their advantage by writing to Manager Meadville Club, care "Sporting Life."

—The Brooklyn Club intended to close a contract with Jack McMasters to run all season, but the veteran Princeton trainer had agreed to go to the University of Minnesota. The five years that McMasters put in as trainer for the Brooklyn Club were the most successful in the history of that organization during the days of the American Association's life.

—George H. Lawson returned from England on the Belgenland this week. His mission was not successful, he being unable to get up a respectable English team strong enough to make a respectable showing on an American tour. Mr. Lawson reports base ball as being on the decline in England. He has gone to Ohio, with a view of locating a club in the Ohio League.



# PHILADELPHIA NEWS

## WHY THE PHILLIES WILL NEVER PLAY SUNDAYS.

### An Authoritative Statement on the Subject From the Club Owners—The Phillies Making a Good Impression—The Team Stronger Than Last Year

Philadelphia, Pa., April 6.—The Phillies are now at home, but have had but little opportunity to continue conditioning, owing to the cold and snowy weather. In the few games played, however, since our last issue they have confirmed the fine impression made at Cape May, and there is little doubt that with proper management the team will give a good account of itself. The infield is sizing up right, the outfield is a corker and the batteries are most promising. In batting the team is a power and in base running ahead of last year's aggregation. It's all up to Manager Stallings now. He has just such a team now as he has wanted all along, and by the results of the coming season he must stand or fall. A part of the burden will also fall upon Monte Cross, who has been made temporary captain and will probably be the field leader all season. Quite as much depends upon the field captain as upon the team manager, and Cross will therefore have his hands full to properly handle the team while in action, and at the same time do justice to the difficult position he fills at short field.

**THE SUNDAY-PLAYING QUESTION.**  
Since the League meeting at St. Louis, when the desertion of New York and Pittsburgh left remaining the Boston and Philadelphia as the only survivors of the non-Sunday-playing clubs, Messrs. Reach and Rogers have been in receipt of many written communications and been participants in not a few oral discussions on both sides of the debate as to whether the Philadelphia Club should or should not play Sunday ball. To settle the question once and for all the club has issued the following statement:

"To the Public: Strange to relate, the correspondence we have received on the subject of Sunday ball playing has revealed some misunderstanding as to our present, and considerable doubt as to our future status on this most absorbing question. To remove such misunderstanding and doubt is the object of this statement. The arguments urged upon us in favor of 'Sunday Ball' may be summarized as follows:

1. Its great profit. Sunday gate receipts, each game, averaging for large and small cities, at least \$2000 per club. This is quite persuasive when it is remembered that Pittsburgh is this season scheduled for 12 Sunday games abroad, and Cleveland, Chicago and Cincinnati each for 18 at home and abroad, with no additional expense, except occasional railroad transportation.
2. Its hygienic effect on the clerks and working men who, tied to their desks or benches on week-days, have only Sunday left for the fresh air and innocent recreation thus afforded them.
3. Its aid to temperance, by coaxing the frequenters of taverns, speak-easies and other undesirable places to substitute for those temptations one of the most guileless and exhilarating of sports.
4. The evolution of the greater part of public sentiment, which once condemned and now approves street car service, and outings by boat, rail, horse or bicycle on Sundays, and which in many communities now indorse theatrical and other exhibitions, including base ball.
5. We have discussed these arguments in detail, pro and con, very often, and while conceding the almost unanswerable force of the first and the plausibility of the others, we reply: "Without questioning the motives of those who differ from us, without any affectation of holier-than-thou Phariseism, and without any intention to pose as moralists or interpreters of Holy Writ, we, nevertheless, do not think base ball is a work of necessity for our employes or ourselves, and therefore we ought not to earn money on the Lord's Day by such unnecessary work, even if it should minister to the moral or physical health and improvement of others."
6. That is the whole argument in a nutshell from our standpoint, and we are egotistical enough to be satisfied with the impregnable of our position.

(Signed) "A. J. REACH, President."  
"JOHN L. ROGERS, Treasurer."

That determines definitely that the Philadelphia Club will never play Sunday ball under the present ownership and management.

**AS A BATTING AGGREGATION**  
the Phillies will this season rank as one of the best, and this augurs well for success, as batting is the principal factor in game-winning, taking the season as a whole. The Phillies are not only a hard-hitting but a well-balanced batting team, the tail end of the batting order not being, as is usually the case, perceptibly weaker than the head of it. A glance at the order will show the correctness of this statement. Cooley, the leader, is a good hitter, bunter and run getter. He is followed by Douglas, an equally fast runner and scientific bunter,

as well as one of the most steady, consistent hitters in the profession. Next comes a trio of "sluggers"—Delahanty, Lajoie and Thompson—followed by Cross, about a .500 batsman. Then comes Elberfeld, who is a most patient waiter, and a second Curt Welch in not being afraid of being struck by the ball. Elberfeld hits well, bunts scientifically, and, with bases on balls and being hit by pitched balls, counted, will probably reach first as often as any of them. The three catchers who bat next are all good hitters, and not any of the pitchers are really weak batsmen. Orth, Donahue, Dunkle and Piatt being especially handy with the stick, while Fifield, Wheeler, Murphy, Duggeby and Jimson also hit well. In fact, there isn't a really poor hitter in the entire outfit.

**ANOTHER VETERAN GONE.**  
Edwin Walter Payne, who died March 23, at his residence in this town, was for many years a prominent member of the Olympic Ball Club, of this city, which was organized in 1833, and its members played town ball until 1860, when base ball was adopted as their sphere of action. He was born in New York 77 years ago, and took up his residence in Philadelphia in 1846, when he entered into business. He served several seasons as treasurer of the Olympic Club, which maintained its organization until about ten years ago, when it disbanded.

**LOCAL JOTTINGS.**  
Sam Thompson is as popular as ever, and likely to hold his place as right fielder of the team all season if he keeps up his present gait.  
Piatt is a splendid fielder in his position, and hits and runs very well.

Arthur Irwin is of opinion that the Phillies have been materially strengthened over last season. That's what I said and wagered last fall, when the St. Louis deal was made.

Orth, who is a fine batsman and base runner, will be in demand as an outfielder long after his pitching days are over, which will not be for some years to come.

Duggeby is not only a clever pitcher, but a regular Kilroy in holding runners to bases.  
The Philadelphia Club has issued a rule compelling all players to report at 9.30 A. M. for morning practice during the season.

Elberfeld has been laying off for a week with a badly wrenched knee.  
Al Maul, of the Baltimore, is practicing with the Phillies.

Here pitcher Donahue is considered the life of the Philadelphia team. In St. Louis he was regarded as a regular Peck's bad boy.

Douglas has still a lot to learn about first base playing. The encouraging thing about him is that he is willing to learn, and shows steady improvement.

The hold-out pitcher, Becker, claims that he has been actually offered a lower salary than the club paid him last season.

McFarland is the Republican leader and Donahue the Democratic boss of the team. Each is open for a political argument at any time or place.

Flick and Abbaticchio are sure to be the Phillies' utility men all season.

In Jimson the Phillies have a card quite as good as Sockalexis, and unlike "Socks," this gentle child of the forest doesn't care for fire-water, sourests and cigarettes.

The contest between Lajoie and Abbaticchio for second base has been likened unto a war of nations, or international complication. It was a case of France or Italy, with the honors accorded to the ally.

Of the eight pitchers under contract Piatt is the only southpaw, Beecher not having reported.  
Colonel Rogers and President Reach have a private box next to that of the players, which they expect to use occasionally when things are not going quite smoothly.

The players have agreed that for scoring purposes Abbaticchio shall be "Batty" for short.

Pitcher Murphy, who hails from Auburn, has a remarkably queer delivery. It is not unlike one of the old wind-the-clock motions, but just before he sends the ball he kicks forward with his left.

## DALLAS DOINGS.

### How McCloskey's '08 Team Impresses at the Start.

Dallas, April 1.—Editor "Sporting Life."—Last Saturday we opened up with the Cincinnati Colts, and I was right there to witness it. The result was Dallas 6, Cincinnati 5. There was an immense crowd present, and the grounds—well, it just looked like a newly covered billiard table. How did we win it? Well, I'll tell you: we just simply lammed out singles and double-baggers until the Cincinnati boys got pretty near all the practice they wanted that day. Stricklett pitched the game, and he is one fellow I can't suppress from praising, even at this early stage of the game; even the strong boys from Ohio admitted that such work as he did in the box would soon take him away from us.

**A BATTING TEAM.**  
Best of all, the Dallas boys are hitters; it won't hurt to say this much for them now. I hope, however, we are not predicting anything yet—we don't know what the other fellows over the State have got, but the Reds say we are the hardest lot they have struck (maybe they have said this to all the Texas managers, and we haven't heard it). Sunday we set out to do up the sure enough Reds, but the game wasn't in it with the previous one—Dallas 8, Cincinnati 11. We had a hard rain Saturday night, and I suppose the boys caught cold (more particularly Sparger, pitcher, who did not seem able to find the plate, and gave many a one a free pass to first). But Sparger has great curves—the fact the most deceiving ones I ever saw, and just as soon as he gains control he'll make a hummer—now you see if he don't. The rest of the Dallas boys handed themselves in good shape, Alexander hauling down a few in centre garden on the phenomenal order.

**THE REDS.**  
I won't try to tell you anything about the Cincinnati boys, for I couldn't say anything you don't know. They're a gang of mighty big fellows, and Bancroft ought to be able to select a hard-to-beat aggregation from them. Steinfeldt showed up alright, and was given an ovation as showed up all right, and was given an ovation. He is not at all lost with the big fellows, and furthermore they can't lose him.

Several of the old Texas boys seem to be creating quite a stir in the National circles this season, and everyone is delighted at it. There is no end to good feeling over the manner in which Hall is handling himself, and his record will be watched with much interest by his many friends here.

**MINOR MENTION.**  
We haven't forgotten Elberfeld down here yet, and are glad that he is showing up so well in Philadelphia. I've always thought well of Elberfeld, and believe he will prove quite satisfactory.

And, there's old Gus Weyhing, who is going to do business right for the Senators this year.

On account of dooded grounds in Cincinnati the Reds remained in the State this week, and we will have games with them again Saturday and Sunday, April 2 and 3.

W. L. METZLER.

# CINCINNATI CHIPS.

## JUPITER PLUVIUS SPOILS BANCROFT'S PROGRAMME.

### The Cincinnati Ball Park Under Water and the Exhibition Season Disarranged—Outlook For the Championship Opening—Team Make-up.

Cincinnati, O., April 4.—Editor "Sporting Life."—The combined forces of Boreas and Jupiter Pluvius have warmed the cockles in the hearts of the Cincinnati contingent of ball tossers, and that aggregation of up-to-dates will remain in the Sunny South for still another week. This step was made necessary, for the entire land around and controlled by the C. B. C. is undergoing troubles like unto that which befel the world in Noah's time. In short the flood has covered the ball park, and the beautiful May like days have given way to February weather and caused Secretary Lloyd to telegraph Business Manager Bancroft that it would be best to hold the players in Texas.

**EXHIBITION GAMES OFF.**  
The games scheduled for this week on the home grounds, have been declared off by telegraph and the team will continue its little barnstorming trips among the cities of the Lone Star State. The Vets, will play a game with the Colts, and again the team is rent asunder and plays two games in one day with the Texas Leaguers, as has been the rule of the past two weeks.

No one is better pleased with this change than the players themselves. They have no desire to return North until it is absolutely necessary. The cranks, too, are happy that there will be no chance to brave the pneumonia cure for crankism by sitting through a number of alleged games in which horse play predominates.

**THE HOME COMING.**  
Manager Ewing and his braves will, our secretary willing, leave their Texas quarters on Thursday. The fastest train service to be had will be pressed into service to bring the team home. No games will be played on the way, as originally scheduled. The first game is expected to be played here on Saturday afternoon between the old and new—ye-olde Colts and Vets.

Then a sort of schedule will be arranged for the short time which will elapse before the opening of the real season. Indianapolis will likely be chosen as the victim.

**LOYD TAKES HOLD.**  
Arrangements for the opening of the season are being taken in charge by Secretary Lloyd. There is much to do in way of sending out invitations, arranging the trolley parade, band concert, and many other things necessary for the event of events. The absence of Business Manager Bancroft in Texas puts the bulk of work on the genial secretary.

Then there are the grounds. It will take night and day work after the water recedes to place the park in condition for playing, and some fear for good work even by a week from Friday. The water is stationary, but can hardly remain at such a stage.

**LOOK TO THE WEATHER MAN.**  
The success of the start-off depends upon the humor of the weather man. If he will but order up his choicest selection of sunbeams and frost killers, and send his rainy season to the seat of war, Frank Bancroft will do the rest.

The fans are already hungering for the opening game, and have read with great delight the reports of good work by the boys in the South. There is much anxiety felt to see the mighty McBride, the phenomenal Steinfeldt and the speedy McFarland. All believe that with this team Cleveland will do well to take one game of the first series. Let us see.

**THE TEAM MAKE-UP.**  
Manager Ewing has decided upon the final make-up of the team, but will not make any disposition of extra players for a short time. The infield will be the same as last season—Beckley, McPhee, Corcoran and Irwin. Steinfeldt will do heavy bench work until one of the big four is out of the game. Elmer Smith is slated for left field, McBride will hold down centre, and "Dusty" Miller will start off in right. His claim to this position will be disputed by McFarland if the "dusty boy" is not up to snuff at all times. Holliday looks like a winner, with no place to use him. Unless one of the six pitchers falls to hold up his end all will be kept. They can be used. Goar and Dammann are in the best shape of all. Dwyer and Breitenstein are hot weather pitchers, and will earn their salaries later on.

**GREAT HEAD HAS BUCK.**  
The cranks are beginning to look upon Manager Ewing as ranking in sagacity and far-sightedness with Ned Hanlon. A year ago there was much chagrin felt over trading "Germany" Smith and Fisher for Corcoran. Ewing took a few cuttings and looked wise. That's base ball, or course.

Now it is Buck's turn to laugh. Smith is practically wiped off the playing roster of the Brooklyn team, while outfielders and phenoms are being tried in the difficult position of short stop. Fisher has been traded to Kansas City and swears he will not go even there. Corcoran, however, is with us, and in better playing form than ever before at this time of the year. He is enthusiastic and willing, too, and looks for a winner. Verily, Buck worked the gold brick for sure in that trade.

E. E. GOODWIN.

## GLAD GRAND RAPIDS.

### Manager-Owner Torreyson Making an Excellent Impression.

Grand Rapids, Mich.—April 2.—Editor "Sporting Life."—Base ball weather this and the ball cranks are beginning to talk ball with the same old-time vim and vigor this town was always noted for. This season, unlike any other we have ever had, not much news can be given about the great abilities of this player or that one, the management strictly adhering to the belief that the players themselves can show you better what they can do than all the fine words possible about their work before they arrive only to have disappointments galore. This one thing

**OWNER TORREYSON**  
is proven himself a quiet, unassuming gentleman, one who has little to say, no promises made except to give us a good team, one that will stand up well in the Interstate race, and not one

word can be gotten out of him about the players. All he says is that they will speak for themselves. For this he has been complimented on all sides. The opening day has already been talked of and what will be done to give the boys a good send-off. The event will be a banner one, and ere three weeks shall have passed such a thing as the Western League will be forgotten.

**THE TEAM**  
commenced to get here to-night, and by Monday all of the boys will be in town, ready and anxious to get to work. There will be quite a good deal of hard training for the club before it can be in shape, but there are a number of days before the season opens, and by the time the flag drops Grand Rapids will be ready for the fray.

A number of exhibition games have been arranged, several of the International clubs having made arrangements to play here during preliminary practice. Then several of the local clubs will cross bats with the Leaguers, and taken all in all we will have a very nice time as far as base ball in an amateur way is concerned before the season opens.

**THE PROSPECTS**  
are very bright for the best season Grand Rapids has thus far had as far as finances are concerned. There is no reason why Mr. Torreyson should not have a grand success this season with his club. He has the people with him. He has nothing in his way, and he will have success, too, unless he falls down with his team and puts up a poor article of ball. The grounds have already been put in shape. Every thing is in readiness for ball, and next Sunday the first practice game will be played of the season. The line-up of the club cannot yet be determined, but in a few days this can be sifted out, and then away for the race.

**THE LOCAL PLAYERS**  
that are going out of town this season are getting into shape, and by the time this letter reaches its destination most of them will be with their clubs. Grand Rapids has quite a colony, and a mighty good club could be picked out of them. As near as possible here is the list: Purvis, Hartford; Letcher, Minneapolis; Dixon, Minneapolis; Houseman, St. Louis; Quinn, San Antonio; Tibald, Minneapolis; Dickerson, New Bedford; Ganzell, Pittsburg; McKibbin, Omaha; Eddy, Port Huron; Fear, Omaha; Gibson, Des Moines; Wheelock, Norfolk.

The club opens away from home, but only plays five games, then it comes home for sixteen games. Everyone is anxious for the season to commence, and base ball fever has us good and hard.

CHAS. P. WOODWARD.

## NEWARK NUGGETS.

### The Team Makes Its Debut and Sizes up Favorably.

Newark, N. J., April 3.—Editor "Sporting Life."—With the exception of pitcher Jordan (who will not report until April 5) and pitcher Cogan and infielder Pickett (who still, up to date, refuse to sign at the terms offered by Manager Burns) all of the local men reported for duty on Thursday, and yesterday lined up against the Cuban X Giants in the initial game of the exhibition season. The locals beat the dusky ball tossers by the score of 5 to 2 in a seven-inning game that, considering the untoward weather conditions, was replete with interest.

**ONE RESULT.**  
As a result of the contest one thing was evident, and that was that the team gotten together by Manager Burns is the strongest fielding aggregation that ever represented this city in the Atlantic League. As for batting the men did not show up so strong. Hallman was the only player who made more than one hit. True, neither Burns nor Gettinger were in the game, as our manager wishes to try out the young blood before putting the veterans to hard work. Calhoun at third showed up well, and has all the requisites of a corner. He's a stocky-built young fellow, built on the same lines as "Hannis" Wagner.

**THE CASE OF COGAN.**  
The continued refusal of Dick Cogan to sign is the source of considerable worry to some of the cranks. He has been practicing with the Paterson players for some time past and is in good condition, but up to date has not returned his contract to Tom Burns. The latter does not appear to be worried about Cogan, as he claims to be fully strong enough in the box without him. McFarlin has showed up in good shape and in yesterday's game he had all kinds of shoots and speed at his command. As for Pickett, Burns says he has a surplus of good infielders, and the failure of the Westerner to sign is not troubling him.

**IN GOOD SHAPE.**  
All of the old-timers—Cassidy, Rothfuss, Delahanty and Carrick—are looking fine, and anxious to again get in the game. Billy Gallagher is down to playing weight, and will again be given a thorough trying out at short. It depends upon himself whether he'll play the position regularly. Bolger and Brenner, the two local amateur pitchers, are ambitious to make the team, and are working hard to that end. Nelson, our new backstop, in yesterday's game loomed up in excellent form, and throws to bases like a shot. It looks as if he'll be a valuable help to Adam Rothfuss at the receiving end. In my next letter I will have more opportunity to size up the men.

**ADAM ROTHFUSS**  
made about \$800 from the benefit tendered him by his local friends last Monday night. Adam wishes to thank his friends through the columns of the "Life" for their presence at the ball.

This week the locals meet the Toronto on Tuesday and Wednesday. Bill Jare's pennant-chasers at New York Thursday, Rochester Friday and Saturday and Brooklyn on Sunday. This should keep the boys hustling, and also give the fans a line on the team that is to represent Newark in the pennant race.

"Jack" Rothfuss will leave for Pittsburg this week. He appears in fine condition, having recovered from his recent sickness.

**WIDELY SCATTERED.**  
The ex-members of the Newark team will be widely scattered this year. O'Hagan and Rothfuss go to Pittsburg, "Rasty" Wright to Wilkes-barre, Johnston and Sheehan to Toronto, John Smith to Fall River, "Chauncey" Stuart will manage and captain the Bradford (Pa.) team, Bristow and Hodge, it is reported, will play in the Texas League, Weisbecker goes to Pawtucket, "Ducky" Holmes to St. Louis, Gettig and Zearfoss to New York, Justice, it is said, will play in either the Interstate League or Western Association, "Bucks" Setley at New Orleans, Tucker at Brooklyn, Jim Fields at Buffalo, Tomann at Buffalo, Cargo in the New York State League and Dietrich in the Connecticut League.

**PRESIDENT BAIKROWS**  
is to be complimented upon the accuracy of the schedule drafted by him. A careful copying of same brings out but two errors on dates—June 16 and Aug. 11. The Atlantic is to be complimented upon having such an efficient executive to conduct its affairs.

The local club has 20 Sundays at home, but on July 17 two games will be played by Allentown, so that in actuality we have 21 Sunday games at home.

ESSEX.



# BROOKLYN BUDGET.

## RESULTS AT ALLAIRE NOT ENTIRELY SATISFACTORY.

### No Conflict in Authority in the Club —Tom Tucker a Local Favorite —Manager Bernie Confident of the Team's Good Showing.

Brooklyn, N. Y., April 5.—Editor "Sporting Life":—Bad weather threw us down on Sunday. We expected sure to have an opportunity to see how the Brooklyns looked in their 1898 form, with Jones at short, LaChance in the outfield and other changes, but an iceberg landed about one mile or so north by east of Weehawken, and it was so cold the rabbits froze in their tracks.

**THE BROOKLYN MANAGEMENT** is not altogether pleased with the result of the trip to Allaire, N. J., for the good reason that the weather has practically prohibited anything like seasonable play for the opening of a base ball championship struggle. However, Brooklyn takes heart in that it has been no worse for the Bridgetowns than it has been for the Giants, and for some other teams that have been struggling to get into something like championship form with anything but good result. If reports are true, some of the teams in the South have had anything but good weather, and as near as one can judge the only teams that have had right down good work are those that made the pilgrimage to the South-west, where the season has been something what it should be. The wise weather men predicted there would be trouble in these parts this spring, for the early days of March were too warm for that month. There was a week of weather about that time which brought thoughts to many a mind of palm leaf hats and seersucker coats, but since then men have been wandering about the city clad in furs and wrapped up in flannels.

**NOTHING IN IT.** Reports of conflict in authority in the management of the Brooklyn team are without foundation. Suggestions were made to Manager Bernie to try Jones at short stop, not only by the president of the club, but by several others who had nothing at heart but the good of the team. In fact, if my memory serves me correctly the editor of "Sporting Life" made the same suggestion last season. Everybody knows that the Brooklyns had two big holes in the infield last year that would not be strong in their hope of success had the team not been strong in other departments. Now is the time to do experimenting if any is to be done. Jones can play the outfield without a doubt. If he can be converted into an infielder, or shows any indication of picking up the position, even though slow at first, the Brooklyn Club might as well avail itself of all the good there is in him. That hole at short stop must be filled, and well filled, if Brooklyn is to be anything on the diamond this year.

**LOCAL OPINION.** The Brooklyn "Eagle" has been seeking the opinions of Brooklyn base ball cranks during the past week or so as to the proper placing of the Brooklyn team in the field for 1898. Almost without exception the cranks are united on Tom Tucker for first base. LaChance's value as a player is well understood and recognized, but the cranks have longed for ginger these many seasons on the Brooklyn team, and they think Holyoke Tommy is going to bring a large installment with him.

**THE BEST DISPOSITION.** A majority of them are pleased, however, with the idea of trying Jones at short, and LaChance in the outfield, believing that will add to the batting strength of the team, and not detract materially from its fielding strength. LaChance may develop into an outfielder. He has shown proficiency behind the bat and at first base, and if he can cover sufficient ground will hold his own as an outfielder. Should LaChance, however, not meet anticipations in the outfield the club has still to fall back upon that most promising youngster, Sheppard. If Tucker does not fill the bill at first base, and we shall all be disappointed in an event of that kind, LaChance is there to take the place again. Take everything as it stands, Brooklyn is in a remarkably good way to get along with its fielders, and Bernie says the men will make a corking good account for themselves before the year is over.

He is quite confident of the team's ability to bat, and there is plenty of reason for placing confidence in the men. As remarked several times before, had it not been for the good batting of the Brooklyns during the season of 1897 their finish would have been even more ignominious than it was.

**THE PITCHERS.** Concerning the pitcher problem he has hopes. That's about all any man could have with the staff of pitchers with which he is supposed to begin the year and carry on the fight. Brooklyn enthusiasts must not delude themselves with the idea that the pitchers, who were formerly stars for the Brooklyn team, are bound to remain stars. Every dog has his day, and some of the Brooklyn pitchers had theirs two years ago. As certain as the mill cannot grind with the water that is past, so certain the Brooklyn team cannot look for more than ordinary work from its pitchers, unless some one of the youngsters should develop into a star. There is a probability that one of the new men will make such a pitcher. Both Miller and Yeager, in the little opportunity they have had at Allaire to show what they could do, have given marked

indication of holding a place in the League at some future date. Brooklyn needs them and needs a lot more. When it is taken into account that Brooklyn must face such teams as New York, Cincinnati, Boston, Cleveland and others, where the pitching strength is known to be as important a factor as anything in the teams named, it is evident that Brooklyn must have great pitching assistance to hold her own.

**THE AGITATION** in the pitching department is one that the Brooklyn management does not resent, because the owners of the club are as well aware of the weakness in that direction as anybody. They are willing, too, in spite of the great expense to which the club has been put this spring, to do anything reasonable to get pitchers that will be of assistance to the team. If they can be secured by trade the Brooklyns have something to trade. If it is necessary to purchase them there will be no particular opposition to a purchase, as long as the release bought is that of a player who is an "ace," as President Ebbetts tersely expresses it. The present management has set out with the intention of putting a championship team in Brooklyn just as soon as the usual turn of events will permit the bringing about of such a result. The club is now in better shape to make money than it has been since 1891, and money will be made just as soon as the team can get to the front, where it belongs.

**AFTER THE GIANTS.** As a sign of the times it is noteworthy that interest has already begun in the intercity contests between New York and Brooklyn. At one time no games in the scheduled series attracted more local attention than these. Of late years, of course, interest dropped out almost entirely because the Brooklyns seemed unable to hold their own. Now you will hear the slogan of the Brooklyn rooter again, and when the Giants come across the river it will not be to meet the bleachers filled with cranks whose theme is ridicule, but cranks who will be there to root, and to root earnestly for the team of the City of Churches. All of which is a mighty good thing in more ways than one.

**DISSATISFIED CLUBS.** Is it possible that the National League magnates never can pass a bit of legislation with which they are satisfied? Barely is the St. Louis meeting over before we hear suppressed murmurs of regret at what has been done. In the case of one, perhaps two clubs, it has been more than regret; in fact, nothing much short of open rebellion. The conditions under which legislation is adopted unanimously must be peculiar when the unanimity scarcely lasts while the delegates get out of the convention chamber. I am not particularly surprised at the howls, more or less intense, that have arisen, but just as a matter of curiosity, I would like to see the National League adopt one measure unanimously at which at least three or four of its members did not rebel within the next few weeks.

**TOO READY TO EXPERIMENT.** Even the double umpire problem is not satisfactory. Some of the magnates declare openly that one bad umpire is enough and two a feast. Before the year is over it would occasion little surprise if that would be sounded again and again. Learning nothing by experience the League rushed rashly to the very plan that worked more trouble in the Brotherhood than any other one thing. The few changes that the Brotherhood sought to make in the ball and rules were as nothing compared with the everlasting jangle that arose and was constant with the double umpires, who were little better than figureheads. But that's the way it goes.

Before the season of 1898 is over there will be some hot old times. Everything in the air points exactly that way. There will be mild rebellion in the shape of managerial kicking, and there may be stronger rebellion when the club magnate kicks, but there will be plenty of both.

JOHN B. FOSTER.

## HAPPY HARTFORD.

### The List of Twenty-two Players Ready For Weeding Out.

Hartford, Conn., April 4.—Editor "Sporting Life":—The aggregation of ball tossers from which Manager Traffley will select his team has nearly all reported for duty, and when they have all been gathered in there will be twenty-one of them, who will put forth their mightiest efforts to make a place for themselves on the team.

**THE COMPLETE STRING** is Vickery, Bowen, Fly, Brandt, James and Pinney pitchers, Booth and Traffley catchers, Purvis, Childs, McMahon, O'Brien and Doherty infielders, Cavalle, Marr, Bottenus, Tate, Pulsifer and Wolbsfer outfielders. From this collection of athletes a team ought to be made out that will cut no small figure in the race for the pennant. Of this long list of players, of course, many will have to disport themselves on some other diamond besides Hartford, as it is not the intention of the management to have more than fourteen or possibly thirteen on the salary roll.

**THE MANAGEMENT** is having some little trouble in getting Mike Doherty to sign a contract at the salary offered him, as Doherty thinks that he deserves an advance over that paid him last season, which is precisely the same as he is asked to sign for this year. It is hoped that the difference between club and player will be amicably settled before the season opens, and it is likely that it will be as Manager Traffley has been in the game long enough to know the real worth of a good, faithful, conscientious ball player such as

**MIKE DOHERTY** is. And no doubt if his demand for an increase is a reasonable one he will get it. Doherty led the League third basemen last season, with a percentage of .909 in fielding, and his hitting was up about the .300 mark, showing an improvement throughout the season in his stick work as well as his fielding. He is considered one of the mainstays of the team, and the fans hope to see him on deck when the going rings for the first game in the championship struggle of '98.

**MANAGER TRAFFLEY** means to carry four pitchers this season, and one of these must be a left-hander, as only one of the six twirlers signed is a side-wheeler. There is much speculation as to which two of the six are ready to walk the plank. Of course, the cranks are ready to swear by Vickery, Bowen and Fly, who are retained, but no one can tell what Brandt and Ames may show up so well that it will be a hustle for some of the '97 staff to hold their own under the new regime. However, it will be the survival of the fittest, and may the best man win. Sentiment will play no part when the wedding time comes. If Doherty and the management do not patch up their differences it is likely that Hanrahan, one of the surplus Brooklyn players, will be tried at third base by Manager Traffley.

Bottenus, one of the new outfielders, bears a very close resemblance to his brother Ralph, who was with Billy Barnie's team here in '98. The Trinity College game was postponed owing to the poor condition of the grounds.

TIM O'KEEFE.

# NEW YORK NUGGETS.

## THE LAKEWOOD SEASON MARRED BY BAD WEATHER.

### A Change of Plans by Manager Joyce —Banking on the Club's Young Pitchers—President Freedman Satisfied With the Status of Things.

New York, April 4.—Editor "Sporting Life":—The Lakewood tourists will be home again in a few days. The weather encountered during the stay at the fashionable resort up to this date was anything but beneficial. So far Joyce's men have been unfortunate, although a week of fair weather will put the men in shape. The elements and not the place are to blame for the team's setback in the training line. Tiernan is quite ill with what is believed to be stomach trouble, resulting from a cold, and is at his home here. Rusie had a little trouble with his arm, but it is not at all serious, as none of the old-timers, took chances with their bread winners. Owing to the weather

**JOYCE HAS CHANGED HIS PLANS,** and during the remainder of the Lakewood sojourn probably no more games will be played. Batting and fielding practice will be indulged in, and a little dry weather will give the boys a chance to make up for lost time. Judging from reports the teams in the South are having fine weather, and are said to be in great shape. While Joyce's men are not yet in proper shape their cold weather training may yet serve to give them a good start. Should the opening week or two of the regular season be ushered in with cold and blustery weather, as an accompaniment, Joyce's men will be able to face the music in seasonable form, while the sun-burned Beaneaters will stiffen and shiver. Should the weather be mild the teams that polished up in the South will have the advantage.

**A DECIDED ADVANTAGE** that Joyce has lies in the fact that with such splendid young pitchers as Doherty and Seymour to do most of the work during the first games of the season Rusie and Meekin will have more time to get into first-class form. Both Doherty and Seymour can be depended upon to cut loose at the start, and as neither are experiments their strong arms will do much to keep the boys in front. Young Burns has created a decidedly favorable impression. Burns is by no means an unknown, as Arthur Irwin tried to land him some time ago, but failed. Manager Lamar, of the Cuban X Giants, recommended him to President Freedman, who induced the youngster to enter the professional ranks by way of the New York Club.

**BURNS** has a clear head, and is as nery as Eddie Doherty. "If no mishap overtakes him Burns will surely make his mark in the League," is the way Scrapy Bill sizes up the new comer. No matter how speedy or nery a young pitcher may be, he must have experience in the League before he can be classed with the leaders. Doherty, the clear-headed and nery southpaw, as well as the cyclonic Seymour, have passed that point. In fact, they are in the front rank of the League's star southpaws. With proper handling perhaps Burns will in time gain a place in the front rank of the right-handers. In addition to Burns, Doherty and Seymour Joyce has

**GETTIG AND SULLIVAN.** The former may be a member of the regular team, even if he does not do much pitching. With Clark away Gettig will probably play the part of general utility man. Instead of being a farm hand, Wilnot did not report, and many are of the opinion that his failure to do so, showed indifference on his part, and he seems to have been entirely forgotten by the cranks. Should Tiernan's illness keep him out of the game for any length of time someone will be needed to fill Silent Mike's place. If Wilnot reports in poor shape he will probably not receive a very cordial reception. Sperlein made a favorable impression, but was very unfortunate. The injury to his finger laid him up for repairs, and therefore he is still an unknown quantity. Aside from Tiernan the rest of the team is all right, and enough has been seen of Hartman to satisfy the critics that he will fill the bill. Having the advantage of being a young player, it will not take him long to get in perfect form. Gleason, Davis and Joyce will round to in good season, while Van Haltren is always in shape. McCreary is in the young-blood class, and should need but little work to put him in proper shape. The catchers, Grady, Warner, Wilson and Zearfoss, have had lots of work to do despite the unfavorable weather.

**FREEDMAN AND JOYCE ARE CONFIDENT.** President Freedman is well pleased with Joyce's plans for the balance of the training season and has no doubt but that the team will be in proper shape when the opening game is played. It is far better to have a little hard luck now than when the battle has begun and it is certain that if the first few games of the season find the weather still raw and cold Joyce's men will be acclimated while the Bostonians will be under a severe handicap. Bill Joyce says that with one clear spell of a week his team will get in good shape for the champions whom Scrapy hopes to lumble in the opening series at the Polo grounds.

**CAPTAIN ANSON** has been mentioned by all cranks hereabouts during the past week, and many hope that he will succeed in his laudable ambition to secure control of the Chicago Club. According to a local report A. G. Salding is quoted as saying that when he told Anson that \$150,000 would buy the Chicago Club it was in jest, and that he did not think that Anson would take it seriously. Presuming that the proposition to raise a fund for the honored veteran of the diamond was made in all seriousness Anson naturally believed when it was said that \$150,000 would buy the club that that was also seriously meant. Captain Anson's declination of the proposed testimonial won him many new admirers and increased the esteem in which he has always been held by a host of friends and admirers all over the land. No brighter page could be added to the history of the national game than one chronicling the event of Anson's purchase of the Chicago Club, in which club he developed and to which club he brought fame and fortune as a result of his sterling qualities and faithful adherence to the trusts reposed in him. A nice appreciation of his loyalty was the shabby treat-

ment accorded him by those who now control the Chicago Club. But Captain Anson is respected all the more because of that treatment.

**AROUND THE BASES.** W. Judd is preparing for a big rush at the Polo grounds this season, and indications point that way. Philadelphia is now the home of three of Joyce's men—Gleason, Grady and Zearfoss. Manager Clark, of the Colonels, would do well to keep Red Ehret, as he may come in handy after some of the young fellows have shot their bolt. Superstitious people are worried because the season opens at the Polo Grounds on Friday. It must not be forgotten that Columbus discovered America on a fish day.

George Davis left the team for a few days in order to give the Columbus College team the benefit of some final pointers. They play one game with Joyce's men during the preliminary season.

By securing Tucker from Washington, Jack Ryan from Syracuse, and Billy Hallman from St. Louis, Billy Barnie has strengthened the Brooklyn Club considerably.

Base ball will cut a big figure in the New York Athletic Club this season. A number of capable college and local players will constitute the team, under the captaincy of Jimmie Dunn.

Fred Knowles is now a partner in the Halten-Knowles Company, printers and publishers, at 12 Warren street. The new concern has a complete plant, and Fred's friends are showering him with best wishes for the success of the venture.

WM. F. H. KOELSCH.

## M'GRAW AT FAULT.

### He Deliberately Provoked Those Assaults at Savannah.

Savannah, Ga., April 3.—Editor "Sporting Life":—I do not know from what source you received the information published in last week's "Sporting Life," concerning the alleged assault on McGraw, of the Baltimore, by Herbert, of the Savannah team. It is evident that one of the newspaper followers of the Orioles was the gent who furnished the news.

**THE PROVOCATION.** It is true that McGraw was struck in the face during the game on March 28 by Devinney, and again in the 6th inning of the game March 29, by Herbert, and in each instance he rightly deserved the punishment he received.

There is a vast difference between aggressive ball playing and blackguardism, between good-humored "chaff" and blasphemous McGraw stooped to blackguardism and insult. He so far forgot himself as to curse Devinney, calling him a name that not even the "yellow" journals would think of printing. It was a name that no man with a spark of feeling or courage would swallow, and Devinney (a small man), hit him good and hard, and had not the Orioles rushed in and got between the "scrapplers" it is a moral certainty that McGraw would have fared badly.

**HERBERT ALSO INSULTED.** The matter was patched up the night (28th), and the next day everything went along nicely until the sixth inning, when he uttered the same insult to Herbert (who, by the way, is not a very big man), and he struck McGraw. Imagine the worst insult that it is possible for one man to curse another, and you will readily understand what McGraw was guilty of.

There is not a man on the Savannah team or the patrons of the game here who does not deplore the occurrence, but I have yet to hear or know of a single person (outside of a few friends of McGraw's), who do not say openly that McGraw deserved the punching he got. Even Ned Hanlon said, in the presence of two gentlemen, that McGraw's language was uncalled for, insulting, and he did not blame our players for resenting it forcibly.

**LOCAL PLAYERS BLAMELESS.** The foregoing facts, briefly told, are true in every particular. Our players are not rowdies or pugs. They have departed themselves in a gentlemanly manner since they have been with us, and the do not relish the report sent out, through the "Sporting Life," to the base ball world that McGraw was an innocent victim of two of our players' pugnacity, for such was not the case, and can be easily vouched for. But I guess I have said enough.

**THE CHICAGOS.** To say that the Chicago players are worked up to a high pitch by the reports that have come from Chicago, as to Anson's option, etc., is drawing it mild. Hardly had the "Life" been put on sale yesterday morning before the newsdealers were besieged by the players, anxious to get all the details possible.

I have heard a great deal of talk by a few of the Windy City players as to what they will do in the event Anse takes hold again. Of course they are a little premature, but at the same time it seems to me that gratitude for past favors and considerations should at least keep their mouths closed, as far as Uncle is concerned. But the ingratitude of ball players is proverbial.

**OUR TEAM** has been playing without the services of Sullivan, catcher; Dowie, third base; Spencer, infielder, and Brott, outfielder. From present appearances it looks as though Manager Huston is going to have some trouble with the two last-named players. As Spencer and Brott will have to play here or not at all it does seem strange that they should play a waiting game without jumping at the opportunity of getting into good condition before April 14.

**THE OPENING.** A Charleston newspaper man told me yesterday that they would have the usual brass band and carriage parade on the 14th, when Savannah opened the season in Charleston with the "Gulls." This same parade, with the customary music and banners, will be repeated here when the Charlestonians come here for three games, 18th, 19th and 20th.

Our players are in excellent condition, and if Huston only had the full team here now for 10 days' practice at team hitting and infield work all would be well.

JAY R. F.

—Joe Yeager, the young pitcher signed by Brooklyn, is showing up well in practice.

## Beware of Ointments For Catarrh That Contain Mercury,

as mercury will surely destroy the sense of smell and completely derange the whole system when entering it through the mucous surfaces. Such articles should never be used except on prescriptions from reputable physicians, as the damage they will do is ten-fold to the good you can possibly derive from them. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, O., contains no mercury, and is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. In trying Hall's Catarrh Cure be sure you get the genuine. It is taken internally, and made in Toledo, Ohio, by F. J. Cheney & Co. Testimonials free. Sold by Druggists, price 75c. per bottle. Hall's Family Pills are the best.



## PITTSBURG POINTS.

### BANDITS LEAVE OLD ARKANSAW FOR AN EXHIBITION TOUR.

Financial Hard Luck at the First Sunday Game—One Much Expected Player Does Not Make Good—Bits of News and Gossip.

Pittsburg, Pa., April 4.—Editor "Sporting Life."—The Pirates have spoken a farewell to their preparing room and started on the road eager to be further advanced in the mysteries of the great national game.

Their first stop was at Kansas City, where the manager expected, and not without reason, to gather in shekels, going a long way toward liquidating the cost of the Little Rock sojourn.

His expectations received a hard slam when rough weather was encountered. Games were gotten in Friday and Saturday, but the attendance was light.

Sunday was coin day and the outlook indicated an uprising of the base ball fans. The event was billed as a barbecue, and folks said 5000 would be there. Rain took a hand, however, and necessitated a call-off. The damper even went further and threatened to compel a shut down of games to come. Reports have it that the weather is abominable in Manningtown. It may try to undo the benefits gained at Little Rock.

#### THE TEAM MAKE-UP.

Next Wednesday night Watty promises to present his official ukase to the public on Pirate membership. People have been guessing a couple already, but several points are hard to surmise correctly, especially at long range. John Ganzel, it is decreed by persons of capacity, will do at first base. Dick Padden has outshone Bill Egan, both in fielding and in general condition. Gray easily outstripped his antagonist in the duel for third base. That left field vacancy is now encountered. There was reason to believe from assertions made before the thorough test that Harry O'Hagan, the ex-Atlantic League star, could hold down this territory. The trial cast serious doubts on the claim. Watty early eased up in hopes. He had imagined the Washington (D. C.) youth was a rapid barboard batsman; a swing, and he was away for the goal. O'Hagan proved to be a star boarder. His binggo work was not up to the top standard, though his fielding and throwing were meritorious.

People say Davis, Brodie and Tanny are in line for the field. Chances lean the way of Brodie, if he can only throw. Steve says he can, and declares that is no April 1.

The club lost the opening game at Kansas City by 3 to 1. A local newspaper took a fall out of them the next day. On Saturday the boys girdled up their shanks early in the combat, waltzed into the van and defied dislodgment. They counted a victory by 8 to 5. The bovine lads were not in the running until late in the race.

#### MENEFEE'S STRONG WORDS.

A young man dressed tastefully and up-to-date opened the door of the club headquarters Saturday and yelled, "Hello, Frank; can I come in?" "Certainly, Jack," was the reply of the man at the desk. The visitor was John E. Menefee, of McKeesport, Pa., on record, according to some people, as the third biggest gold brick the Pittsburg Club ever purchased.

"Just dropped in from McKeesport," said Menefee. "Our firm is erecting a new building, and we are busy from morning until night."

The veteran chatted on the coming season. "I will not be with Kansas City," said he. "President Johnson has announced in his bulletin that I have been released. I notice Omaha has claimed my services, but that won't hold. I may not play ball until late in May. What do I think of the Pittsburg? Well, I have hopes for the nine being in the first division. Let me tell you that Watkins got three good men out of the Western League. Gray at third is all right. I know that some people claimed that he failed in the infield while at Cincinnati, but in those days he was shifted around everywhere. That hurts a man's play. Gray was steady at third last year, and he was a strong man. McCarthy is fast, and let me assure you that fellow can worry the life out of an opposing field by his hit placing. He is certainly great at locating the ball in various fields. Just you watch him."

Menefee declared that Ganzel was a powerful fellow, hard as armor plate and lights onto the ball with force. The cigar manufacturer from McKeesport was certainly aware of this fact, for he had caught dozens of screamers driven to left-center by Ganzel.

Menefee's partner in business is Harry Rinehart, once well known in the profession. They have nine toby makers employed daily. The output runs in thousands.

**JIM BRADY'S CLUB.**

James Brady, of this city, is to manage the Warren, Pa., team, Iron and Oil League. His players started training to-day at the Pittsburg College grounds. They report in Warren about the 25th. The men are as follows: Leo Fohl, catcher, Allegheny, Pa.; Harry Kiechartz, catcher, Du Bois, Pa.; James Toots, Barrett, pitcher, Carnegie, Pa.; John Baker, pitcher, McKeesport, Pa.; L. Woodward, pitcher, Allegheny, Pa.; Jim Brady, first base, manager, Pittsburg, Pa.; Denny Salmon, second base, South Side, Pittsburg, Pa.; Gene Bott, short stop, Apollo, Pa.;

Jimmy Harkins, third base, Pittsburg, Pa.; Phil Hahn, left field, Pittsburg, Pa.; Jack Schrader, centre field, Pittsburg, Pa.; Jack Daniels, right field, Toronto, O.

#### ARMSTICES.

Secretary Balliet to-day received a copy of an illuminated schedule card which will be distributed about town shortly.

"My busy time is on," said Secretary Balliet to-day. "All details for the opening must be put in shape. Pay rolls must be prepared, and there are a hundred and one things which must be put together. Why, I have not had time to read the war news the past week."

Exposition Park was given another bath last week. One more flood came down the old Monongahela. The yellow stuff only registered 20 feet, but as the sewers in the park were open the water backed up to the pitcher's slab. The ground keeper had another fit of disgust. The weather guessers now insist that the high waters for the year have shut up shop.

Judging from the way things have been shaping Mr. William Wolf, of Charleroi, Pa., will not be on the Pittsburg Club for the season of 1898. Willie has not been used much since the day he was larruped.

Ed. Swartwood is busy cleaning up preparatory to answering the call to the service. Swarty lives on Sturgeon street, Allegheny, just above the water line in the big freshet of two weeks ago.

Walter Smith, who is one of the inside gate-men at Exposition Park, called at the club headquarters to-day. He will be at his old post when the bet-rings Smith is relative of "King Elmer." He possesses the Smith nose, and is often called Elmer's brother.

W. C. Temple, donor of the famous cup, the competition for which the League unfortunately abolished, is on a lengthy tour of California.

Manager Watkins wrote Secretary Balliet to-day, under a Kansas City date, that the weather in those parts was rather rough. "Same here," was the secretary's comment as he filed the mis-sive.

The Pirates took long risks at base running Saturday, and soon had Manning's team up in the air. Two or three stolen bags in short order is a nerve tester to many ball teams. Few moves demoralize a team more quickly than a merry-go-round of base runners.

"Professor" Sam Leever will be kept. That is the intimation from the boss buccaneer. Sammy has shown latent as well as developed skill, and is worth trying to. Professor went on the slab Saturday night, a display of wild tossing which would beat a trolley car run- away on a big hill. When Sam eased up to get 'em over the Cowboys laid again the ball, counting seven hits in three rounds. The weather was not conducive to the Gosbenite from Ohio.

Ganzel's hard luck has not fallen into a sewer. Saturday while at practice Long John's No. 3 digit of the right hand collided with a ball, and was ripped up the side. Ganzel will remain a reconcentrado for over a week.

Shaw leaves the club to-night and goes to his home in Wheeling. His doubtful knee renders him an uncertainty. The weakness may be the means of keeping Alfred out of the National League. Watty regrets this, for he was undeniably taken with the ex-Syracuse man's freedom of movement and coolness while the bat was being swung in front of his eyes. Fighting the ball was not in Shaw's line, and it is a pity that a physical affliction should be a bar to his advancement.

Charley Hastings is bappy this spring because his salary hinge, though not in kelter now, is not shooting out those dull pains which usually came before every season following its use in doubtful weather. Hasty reasons that the absence of these bits of anguish indicates a healthy condition to the arm in early championship days.

A Chicago paper wired last night for a forecast of the Pittsburgs, their condition at this stage of the game, and incidents of the spring training trip. "A better conditioned club never left its preparing ground," was Manager Watkins' declaration a week ago, and he has had no cause to qualify or lessen it. CIRCLE.

#### COLUMBUS CHATTER.

Tom Loftus on the Scene Serene as to the Future.

Columbus O., April 2.—Editor "Sporting Life."—Owner and Manager T. J. Loftus, of the Columbus Base Ball Club, spring an agreeable surprise on the local fans by appearing in this city Thursday morning. He was running ahead of schedule time, as in his last letter to Secretary Grady Manager Loftus said he would leave Dubuque, Ia., Wednesday evening.

#### IN GOOD CONDITION.

Mr. Loftus registered at the Nell House, and will make that his headquarters. One of the first things President Loftus did was to take a ride out to the Parsons Avenue Park to ascertain the amount of damage done by storms during the winter. It will take but little work to put the diamond and outfield in first-class condition, but the fences are badly wrecked, and it will take a force of men several days to repair and replace the missing portions of the fence.

#### THE HOLD-OUTS.

Although some of the Columbus players have not signed contracts Manager Loftus is not worried in the least, as he has men enough under contract to insure a good team. He has no doubt but what all of the "hold-outs" will get in line before the season opens, and if they are not in condition when they do report, they will get a chance to train at their own expense. Manager Loftus is also of the opinion that some of the youngsters he has signed will prove fast enough for Western League company, and the "hold-outs" may not find a place on the team when they finally decide to accept the terms offered.

#### THE OTHER PLAYERS.

Harry Wolverton and Manager Loftus agreed on terms several days ago, and the Mt. Vernon boy will be here this week to make a try for the third corner of the diamond. Frank Genius, Charley Frank, Count Kuehne, catcher Poor, "Gold Brick" Butler and Dick Buckley have all signed contracts and are supposed to be on their way to this city now. Mike McDermott, the major League twirler, who was recently signed by Manager Loftus, was the third member of the team to report, as he joined Jones and Sullivan at the Park Hotel Thursday afternoon.

#### THE SEASON.

One week from to-day Columbus fans will see the first professional game of ball of the season of 1898, as on April 8 the Cleveland National League team will play the Senators on the Parsons avenue grounds. Everything will be in good shape by that time, nearly everyone of the players will be on hand, and if good weather favors the Columbus players during the coming week they will be in shape to give the Indians a hot argument, Sunday and Monday, April 10 and 11. Manager Watkins will be here with the Pittsburg team, and from that time until the opening of the season the Senators will be very busy.

## BALTIMORE BULLETIN

### THE EFFECT OF A WAR UPON THE NATIONAL GAME

Would be Positively Beneficial, Says Albert Mott—A Good Season Anticipated Anyway—The Orioles' Practice Satisfactory to the Patrons.

Baltimore, April 4.—Editor "Sporting Life."—What effect will war have upon the game? Why, it will make it more lively and patronage will be all the greater. If a couple of hundred thousand troops, gathered from Maine to California, leave this country, you could not notice any depopulation of the cities. You may miss an acquaintance here or there, but the crowds in the streets will be there just the same.

On the other hand, excitement will be rife, people will be restless, and the movement will be toward the athletic parks where there is excitement to feed upon.

The year will be a great one for athletics all around, and base ball will have its full share.

#### THE AMATEURS

are getting to work, and match games are being played all over the State. The season is beginning early. As the robins herald the coming of spring, so do the amateurs that of the base ball season. They are unusually active, and the interest shown exceeds that of any former year. Every tenth clerk in the city resumes business Monday morning with a finger bound up or an eye in mourning. Young America is getting right down to business for his day-and-a-half holiday, for most of them are now playing ball all of Saturday afternoon, and keep it up on Sunday. On those days the suburban trolley cars are full of boys and bats, and the windows are in danger.

#### OUR ROBBIE

is rubbing up the rebels, and will have them all in good physical and mental trim when the team lands in Baltimore from the South.

Robbie is the king of jollers, and when he fails to mediate a truce all the rest had better give up.

He had the boys playing at Union Park last Saturday, and they drew about as many spectators as the regular team did at Richmond.

#### JOHN HEYDLER

is going to be an umpire, is he? Well, he was a pretty good correspondent, and knows a hat bag from a lawn tennis racket, but he will wish he had stuck to the "Sporting Life."

By the way, why can't you keep him on as correspondent! He will be worth more now than he ever was, and he will have a chance to get back at the boys who "blame it all on the umpire."

It is not a bad idea. His letters from all around the circuit, where he will have plenty of ammunition, would soon be sought after the first thing in the paper.

#### TRY IT.

#### THOSE BOSTON

hitters are making hits, according to Jake Morse. But they will have to. Our men are not doing much in that line, and, in fact, never do early in the season, but we know they are the greatest in the business, and will come to the front in due time.

Have you heard anything of our Hughie? That auburn-haired short stop of ours is keeping very quiet. Guess his arm is gone. We will have to put up with Joe Quinn.

The substitutes and pitchers are getting all the practice, and ought to come back as prime fielders. They may be so good as to put the other fellows out of the business.

#### JACK HAS SIGNED.

Yes, Doyle is with Washington. Jack Saunders wanted him for Louisville, and he will be awfully disappointed. Jack will have just about time to teach those Washington boys how to play ball, if they can be taught. If they cannot Jack will have them enlisted, and on the way to Cuba by the time the season opens.

Our McJames has not started out well as a pitcher. Wonder how Washington's Amole is doing?

All our people will be watching the early part of the season, in curiosity to learn how that famous trade is to pan out.

Demontreville is not making hash of the ball, but he is known as a good batter, anyway. He appears to be fielding all right.

#### BUT THE STAR

of the great aggregation is McGraw, who seems to have come back to his old form, and is batting and fielding and running as he used to do before his serious illness. And he is sassy, too. That is the best of all. John could no more play ball and remain tongue-tied than a smoked herring could swim. He will win more games, and be benched more times than the whole Louisville team.

#### OUR FIRST BASEMAN

is doing some banging, if that means anything against minor League pitching, but McGann does not appear to impress as one who will set the grand stand afire at Union Park.

He has to go up against hard lines. Baltimore's first base has been so exceptionally well cared for in all these years, that it will be a difficult task to please the old guard.

Two were the best fielders that ever stood on that corner, one was a king among batters and one had the greatest head piece that ever watched over a game from that position.

It will be hard to please.

#### THE ORIOLES

play in Richmond to-day, and then go on to Norfolk. They will soon be on the home diamond now, and there will be a rush out that way to see them.

Ned Hanlon will get Kelly, Keeler, Jennings and Corbett together, and have one grand pow-wow, and then it will all be over except hoisting the pennant.

Feel sorry for Boston. They ought to win the pennant consecutively, but the Orioles can't wait. There was a little miscalculation last year, but that will not happen again.

It wouldn't do, you know.

How things will

WAKE UP  
when Hughie gets down to short between McGraw and Demontreville, and King Kelly, Prince Keeler and Duke Stenzel spread themselves over the field. Why, it will set the whole town dancing a jig. There is going to be some of the tallest playing this year that you ever saw. The boys are all on their mettle. To be lulled

into just escaping the championship last season has made every man determined to redeem the club. There will be no more nonsense. Games will be played for keeps, from the jump, no matter how far ahead it puts them.

#### THE DOUBLE UMPIRE

business is going to help the Orioles' peculiar style of play and will be immensely to their advantage. Baltimore ball is quick as lightning, and a great many excusable mistakes are made by one umpire attempting to follow the rapid movement and imperfectly catching it.

Why, that quick touch of Hughie Jennings put out enough men last season, that was not allowed, to have won the pennant, anyway.

Now there will be a man on the spot. If it is John Heydler he must say "out" every time he sees Hughie move, and he will be dead right.

There will be less wrangling, and the men will be kept in better temper. It is awfully aggravating to a player to positively know that the umpire has made a mistake, and it is no great wonder if the men said some things they would be ashamed of in their cooler moments.

Yes, the double-umpire system ought to make cleaner and better games, and if it does the natural result will follow. That is, the game will be more popular and better patronized.

#### FULL OF SCORES

you soon will be now. It has been a long winter, and a trifle more sad than we are used to in Baltimore of late years. For some time, whenever Jake Morse wrote "champions," as he frequently does it was thought he referred to the only onliest ones, the world-famed Orioles. But at last it dawned, in fact was drove in by repetition, that he really did mean the Bostons.

Oh, well, it has been a sad winter.

But it will be a glorious autumn.

ALBERT MOTT.

#### BIRMINGHAM BITS.

Manager Haller's Team Strikes the Popular Fancy.

Birmingham, Ala., April 2.—Editor "Sporting Life."—The Birmingham team is complete, and, with the exception of one or two players the men are hard at work conditioning themselves. They are a fine, athletic-looking body of men, who appear well able to play the national game in pennant-winning form.

#### MANAGER HALLER

is a young man of fine appearance. He is an excellent specimen of physical manhood, and talks of the game in a manner that shows he is well up on all matters pertaining thereto. He has unbounded confidence in the team he has gathered together, and says his men will be in the hunt from the start. "If any of my present players cannot completely fill the bill," candidly said the young manager, "there are others on whom I can lay my hands when I need them. We will have a one-two-three club, you can depend on that."

#### SOME FAVORITES.

Of the men now in the city the daily attendants at the park during practice have made a favorite of Veitch, the third baseman. He is very fast on his feet, and throws hard and accurately. Montgomery, the second baseman, also shows up well, and handles himself like a ball player in every sense of the term.

It is more than probable that the team will line up as it is now composed. The infield is positively arranged, with Haller at the initial bag, and Montgomery, Gilligan and Veitch in the other positions. Vollendorf will be used as a utility man.

#### LAPORTE

will do all the catching except on Sundays, when Wilson, Laporte's counterpart in every particular, will relieve him. In case of Laporte sustaining an injury Haller will do the back-stopping, and Vollendorf will guard the first bag.

The outfield will be given in care of these out of this bunch—Knox, Shehan.

#### FIVE PITCHERS

are under contract. They are Willig, Pousner, Switzer, Streaker and Cauliflower. Some misunderstanding has arisen as to the last named. He accepted Haller's terms and then signed with Oswego. A fight will be made for him by the local club. Petty still has hopes, and will be given a trial. If he shows his old-time form the Blues will be well fortified at the slab.

Other good men are within easy reaching distance and are anxious to come here.

#### MINOR MENTION.

A false rumor has been set afloat from Savannah. No pitcher Ballantine has been signed or asked to sign with Birmingham. In fact he has never been heard of by the local management.

Mobile has been granted permission to open the season on Sunday, April 10. The scheduled game for the 14th will be played on Sunday in the Gulf City, with New Orleans.

"Life's" elegant spring number has evoked thousands of complimentary remarks. It was a "thing of beauty and a joy forever."

DONOVAN.

#### WATERBURY WINNERS.

Some Facts About the Club Owned by Roger Connor.

Waterbury, Conn., April 3.—Editor "Sporting Life."—Roger Connor is working every day to arrange games with out-of-town teams, and has a splendid list of attractions booked between the middle of April and the first of May. It is Roger's idea to send his team against the best teams that he can get and in that way he will have his players well seasoned by the opening of the game.

#### SEVERAL OTHER TEAMS

in the State circuit are doing likewise, and the chances are very much in favor of fast ball early in the year. Of course, the pitchers will not try out very hard in the beginning, but the men will have accustomed themselves to hard playing, and as a result when the 4th of May comes it will not be as in Waterbury last year with the rawest kind of a team to start in and nearly a month gone by before they could even hope for a game now and then.

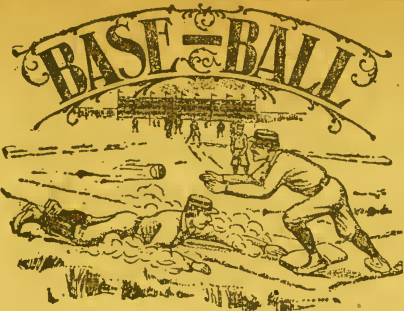
#### MINOR MENTION.

Jerry Shugrue and Tommy Donahue, both of last year's Waterbury team, signed Danbury contracts yesterday. Big Jerry will hold down first base for Danbury and Captain Davis will undoubtedly place himself either at second or short.

Roger Connor believes in young blood in his pitching department in preference to large League failures. He is going to have one or two youngsters who are expected to give good accounts of themselves.

Hill, of Seymour, is certainly one of the good things the Connecticut State League has first mortgage on. It will be a very sorry day for the League when it loses Hill.

Dougherty, of last year's Bristol team, plays with Dayton, O., this year. Dougherty was at times a very good pitcher, but how it used to hurt his feelings when the opposing team began to touch him up.



BASE-BALL IN A VERY BAD WAY IS OUR NATIONAL GAME IN OLD ENGLAND.

A Truthful Tale Which Completely Upsets the Notion That Base Ball is Gaining a Solid Foothold in England—Warning to Irwin.

Middlebrough, Eng., March 27.—Editor "Sporting Life":—"For a couple of seasons I have not troubled you with a letter, chiefly because there never has been a time which did not leave me full of forebodings as to the future of the game in England. There are still four centres where it is played, viz.: London, Derby, North Yorkshire and Northumberland. Only in the second of these—Derby—have we been making ground, chiefly, thanks to the princely generosity of Francis Ley, Esq., an Englishman, but at one time a resident of Cleveland, O. The Derby nine is the best in England, and in the final tie for the English cup last year they completely outplayed Middlebrough, who represented the North against the South.

THE CHAMPIONSHIPS of the four centres were won as follows: London and district, Crystal Palace. Derby and district, Derby Town. Northumberland, Wallsend. Cleveland, Middlebrough.

In the semi-final games Derby gave Crystal Palace the order of the knock, while Middlebrough gave the go-by to Wallsend. As Middlebrough won the championship from Derby in 1892, on their own grounds, they unhesitatingly gave the latter team choice of grounds for the final, and Derby romped home easy winners of the National Cup. Till this year we played for a cup presented us in 1896 by Messrs. A. G. Spalding & Bros., but it was stolen by burglars from the house of Dr. Aitchison, of Wallsend, who won the cup in 1896, and Mr. Francis Ley generously provided a handsome substitute. His team are to be heartily congratulated on winning the new cup the first year of competition.

A CORRECTION. In your issue of Feb. 26 it is stated that Stockton are the champions. They did not even win the championship of the Cleveland district, as Middlebrough in a memorable tie romped home triumphantly over their near neighbors and hot rivals. The League began the season with six clubs, but two pegged out, and Middlebrough, Stockton, Wallsend and Thornaby had a most uninteresting season so far as League games went. I doubt whether we can go on this year. We fondly hoped to make it a National League by including Derby and London teams, but unless someone prepared to drop a good deal of money is forthcoming our desires will I fear never materialize.

THE GARDEN SPOT. As I have said, the Derby district is doing well. Progress is apparent there. But elsewhere the most powerful imagination would fail to detect encouraging signs. In the Cleveland district we have failed to attract a gentlemanly enough type of player. Most of the players play or have played foot ball in winter. Even as amateurs the game costs them nothing. Uniforms, railway fares, etc., etc., are all forthcoming from the gates taken at foot ball matches, but base ball clubs have not the command of the needful to do the same thing in summer. We are in a chronic state of beggary, and are at the mercy of the whims and caprices of the amateur player.

OUR PLAYERS are often unpunctual and unreliable. Many patrons have withdrawn their support on this account, and hence our deplorable outlook. To make matters worse, we in Middlebrough are just now suffering from an epidemic of smallpox, which may last a year, though I hope not. Foot ball matches are off, and when that is so I fear our base ball club will not make its bow this summer at any rate. It is hard lines to work with the oldest club in England, since its commencement, and now to feel that one must give up in despair.

ARTHUR IRWIN talks of bringing over a team in October. The idea is absolute madness. From Aug. 1 nothing is talked of in three of the four districts but foot ball, and from Sept. 1 nothing else is played. If a team came in June-July it would be lucky to get its traveling expenses while in England, and these would be the best months to come in. Let there be no mistake. In 1896 our gates were looking up, but a most unfortunate quarrel between the Stockton Club officials and its players quite upset the apple cart. The character of the amateur player was made clear, and a very deadly blow was dealt at the game in the North. I doubt if £150 (£30) were taken at any game in England last summer.

THEY WON'T PAY. Thousands of persons saw the game in Middlebrough free of charge owing to the generosity of the Mayor (Colonel Sadler), but when it comes to paying for the privilege of watching the games that is another matter. Only here and there will an English paper give publicity to our doings, the one paper in England which does the game justice being the "Northeastern Daily Gazette," published at Middlebrough. If anybody can send a team to England prepared to gather in enough money to pay for news-

papers and postage stamps and find other expenses from their own pockets good and well. A lift would be given to the game, as it is much needed.

LAWSON CORRECTED. I do not wish to engage in any controversy with Mr. George H. Lawson, but I know his picture of the state of affairs in England is far from correct. He speaks of securing a controlling interest in the Stockton team. Middlebrough played Stockton seven times in 1896 and six times in 1897, and I never saw nor heard of Mr. George H. Lawson. I did not know of his existence until I saw his name in the "Sporting Life." Further, the Stockton Club belongs to a limited company, and his name is not on the board of directors, and such people as I have seen have never heard his name. His statements are

FULL OF INACCURACIES. Cricket is never played on base ball grounds. There is only one ground in England—at Derby—which is a good base ball ground. We never play matches in the evening, as we cannot get the players up early enough for the game. We tried it at one time, but had to give the thing up. The Theatricals' Club is dead. The English National League is not in an extremely prosperous condition. It is in debt and so is every club in it, and nobody cares two straws for it except a few forlorn cranks like myself. There are other mistakes in Mr. George H. Lawson's resume of affairs, but enough.

I should not wonder if Mr. Ley sends over the Derby nine. They are splendid fellows, good players, and they will win their way to your hearts. JOS. W. WRIGHT.

PAWTUCKET PLEASD With the Good Prospects of the New England League.

Pawtucket, R. I., April 3.—Editor "Sporting Life":—"The principal topics of conversation here at the present time are base ball and the length of time it will take the United States to lick Spain. The Pawtucket team will probably report in some Connecticut town on or about April 9. Games will be played with the teams composing the Connecticut State League, after which the team will come home and finish their practice with teams in this section.

THE PROSPECTS were never brighter for a successful season in Pawtucket. The team as made up is a strong one, and a favorite with the cranks. Newport and Brockton were the best drawing cards here last season, but it is thought that the above-mentioned teams will have to share honors with the other three during this summer. Alfred G. Doe will again manage New Bedford, and if there is anything a Pawtucket sport delights in it is to witness a defeat being administered "Fred" Doe.

THE OTHERS. An electric road connecting this city with Taunton, will be in operation this summer, and this will surely create a rivalry between us and the "Herrington" people. The Fall River team will be managed by our old friend John F. Smith (one of the best fellows connected with the game of base ball), and of course John will be anxious to defeat his old team, and the Pawtucket boys will be just such as anxious to defeat the new love of their old manager, and I think that the grounds will have to be enlarged on Fall River days.

THE OPENING. Taunton opens the season here April 30. The news that Jolly Pat Rollins will again play in this League pleases Pawtucket fans. Rollins takes Chrisman's place on the Newports. John Smith and Fall Rivers make their debut here on Thursday, May 5. A large crowd will undoubtedly attend, and give their old friend a good send-off.

SUNDAY GAMES. During the summer the Pawtuckets will play Sunday games at Crescent Park. As last season, most of the attractions will be National League Clubs. Manager Whiting expects to secure the New Yorks for a Sunday game. The Giants would be a "standing room only" attraction, inasmuch as they have not played in this State since the balmy days when Providence was a big League city.

A NEW PITCHER. Manager Whiting springs an agreeable surprise on the fans to-day when he announced that he had induced "Dusty" Rhoades to attach his name to a Pawtucket contract. Rhoades was on the team in 1896, winning 13 games out of a total of 18 pitched. "Dusty" and the management had a disagreement about mid-season, the result being that Rhoades packed his grip and left town, refusing to return last season. Manager Whiting is being congratulated on all sides for securing Rhoades, and the cranks all declare that Pawtucket will have the strongest pitching corps in the League in Todd, McCafferty, Knorr and Rhoades, with "Kid" Gallagher to help out.

READY FOR WORK. The members of the team have been ordered to report here April 6 for preliminary practice. The first game will be played in this city April 16 with the strong Attleboro team. April 19, Patriots' Day, the team plays at Attleboro; the Providence team makes their annual appearance here on April 21; April 23 the boys play at Springfield; 25th, at Hartford; April 26, at Danbury; the 27th, at Waterbury; April 28 and 29 the boys are entertained at Meriden, and on April 30 the band plays, speeches are made, Pawtucket defeats Taunton, and the League season will have commenced.

MINOR MENTION. William Bergen, the new catcher of the local team, is 20 years of age, stands 5 feet 11 inches in height and weighs 165 pounds. It is claimed for the youngster that he is full of pluck and confidence.

Newport has transferred two Saturday games to this city, giving us 12 of the 20 Saturdays at home. MAC.

A NEW LEAGUE. A Semi-Professional Combine in the Metropolis.

New York, April 2.—An attempt will be made to reorganize the semi-professional League which was in existence in 1893. Eight clubs constituted the circuit at that time, but it is the intention of the base ball men interested in the present scheme to organize a 10-club league, including teams from Newark, Jersey City, Hoboken, Brooklyn, New York, Long Island City, Staten Island, Paterson and Yonkers. If the League is organized the team representing Brooklyn will play their games at Coney Island. It is said that the Cuban X Giants and Genuine Cuban Giants will not be acceptable. The semi-professional league would help the National League by bringing out some new material. Such prominent players as Keeler, Warner and Turner were secured when the semi-professional league disbanded in 1894, because the teams could not come to an amicable agreement with the ground owner.

THE OHIO LEAGUE

WILL SURELY BE IN THE FIELD THIS YEAR.

C. F. Prince, of Coshocton, Succeeds Cassius Miller as President—The League Likely to be Made an Eight-Club Organization.

Coshocton, O., April 4.—Editor "Sporting Life":—"A meeting of the Ohio State Base Ball League officials was held at the Sailor Hotel, in Massillon, on March 22. The resignation of C. M. Miller, as president of the league, was accepted, and Mr. C. F. Prince, of this city, was chosen to act as president until such time as definite action in the matter can be taken. The following managers were chosen a board of directors for the organization: J. A. Derham, Canton; C. F. Prince, Coshocton; D. R. Gannon, Salem, and Al. Watts, Massillon.

FINANCIAL MATTERS. A committee was appointed to take action in the matter of agreeing upon a form of contract for the Ohio State League, and it was ordered that the managers of the several clubs in the league shall each put up \$50, on or before Saturday, April 26, as guarantee of good faith to finish the season, and an additional \$50 to be put up on or before April 26, this money to be sent to James H. Hunt, cashier Union National Bank, Massillon, O. The next meeting of the league will be held at Salem, O., subject to call of acting president, C. F. Prince.

THE CIRCUIT. Barborton, O., and Wheeling, W. Va., have both asked for franchises in the Ohio League. President Prince will go to Wheeling, W. Va., the first week in April, and thinks that Wheeling will be ready when the season opens with a good, strong team. Manager Prince, of the Coshocton team, will be delayed in having his men report until April 20, on account of the destruction of the ball park during the recent floods. The citizens are much disappointed that such a delay be necessary and all predict large attendance during the coming season.

ALBANY'S ATTITUDE.

Troy Set Right on Several Points—After a Fast Team, Etc.

Albany, N. Y., March 31.—Editor "Sporting Life":—"No, dear friend from the city of collars and cuffs, I am not 'mixed.' I am from Albany; how could I be 'mixed?' You know as well as I know that Albanians are never 'mixed.' If you will read correctly my letter of the 12th ultimo, you will find that I did not say that I saw 'young' Baker work in Albany. What I said was that I saw him work in a game on the island, and that was what I meant. I am sorry that my letter and the remarks therein contained relating to Mr. Baker did not meet the approval of 'J. A. W.' but 'honest Injun,' I did not think they would.

IT IS NOT SAD NEWS for Albany that Baker is to go out with Springfield, as we Albanians like to see young players get an opportunity to advance in their profession and no one is more pleased to learn that Baker has caught on with Springfield than yours truly. My letter of the 12th was only for the purpose of correcting your remarks as to Baker's ability, not for the purpose of throwing cold water. Your letter nettled me a bit, as my construction of it was that Baker was the only pitcher hereabouts, and it was for the purpose of informing you and the readers of the "Sporting Life" that there were other pitchers just as good if not better than this same Mr. Baker. That I wrote in the letter.

SOME CORRECTIONS. Now I want to say a word on this "mixed on one point, why not on others" in your letter of the 22d inst. Now to be frank with you, "J. A. W." you are so badly mixed that I will not attempt to show you in how many instances, but will enumerate only a few. Hugh Ahearn has not been signed by Meriden as you say; Tommy Donovan has not decided to play with Meriden for '98, having some misunderstanding with Jack Chapman; Hugh Foley has not been gobbled up by New Haven, neither has Jack Fitzgerald. I have it direct from the latter. You have signed with New Britain; while it comes direct from Mr. Reilly, the manager of the New Haven team, that neither Foley nor Fitzgerald have been signed by him, but that they may be signed. Crowe, or "Crough," as you call him, is an excellent pitcher, and I believe an excellent man for any team outside of the National League. However, he did not pitch two games against "Dad" Clarke at Johnston last year. He was pitched against the irrepressible "Dad" in one game played at Johnston on July 4th last, and came out of the contest as loser. This, however, is not to Crowe's discredit, for many another man conceded to be far better than Crowe has been treated to the same "humiliation." The game referred to was a contest between Johnston and the Ostranders, of Albany. Crowe was not a member of the Livingston Club, and I do not remember his ever having pitched a single game for the Livingstons. The club he twirled for was the Ostranders "Laco" Rainey, mentioned in your letter of the 22d. I consider a fast, hard-hitting outfielder, and an unusually fast man on the bases. He will wear a New Haven uniform during the season of '98. Manager Reilly having secured his signature on Sunday in this city. The mistakes above named are only a few, but I will rest my case here.

THE OWNERS OF THE ALBANY CLUB are leaving no stone unturned to have a fast aggregation of base ball tossers for the coming season. They have their team now completed with a single exception—a first-class writer—and negotiations for this man are under way, and in all probability the man they are after will be landed, and I am told that he is a crackerjack. Work will be commenced on the grounds just as soon as the weather permits, and by the time the season opens (April 22) the grounds will be in readiness. We are to have the Canandaigua team for three days, beginning on the above date. Canandaigua won the championship of the State League last season, and have a fast aggregation. The Albany

team will book only A1 teams, and have a few open dates for teams that are of the A1 order. Games can be arranged by addressing William Quinlan, Albany, N. Y. In my next letter I will have the completed schedule. MIGHTY SEYMOUR'S FAMILIAR FORM is missing from the avenue, where he could be seen daily. Pappalau leaves to join the Brewers at Louisville on Thursday. Pap is in excellent condition, and is fit to pitch a game to-day. Jack Gilbert will report at Newport about the 10th of May. Jack is a man that is always in first-class shape, and ready to play ball at any time. Clint Hager goes to St. Joe; Riley leaves for Brockton, Phelps for Danbury, Duffy and Connelly for New Haven. New Haven has in the last-named pair the cleverest players that the city of Albany has ever produced. Russ has decided not to play professional ball for the coming season at least.

ST. PAUL SIFTINGS.

Comiskey Signs a New Pitcher and Enters a Denial.

St. Paul, Minn., April 2.—Editor "Sporting Life":—"Last Sunday's blizzard has put a large crimp into the home training idea of Manager-President Comiskey. Yesterday was the original date set for the players to report, but owing to the bad condition of the grounds the men have been told to wait a few days, if they desired to do so. Manager Comiskey said to-day that he thought the grounds would be in good condition by Tuesday next, and the men will in all probability be in town by Monday evening.

THE MEN thus far signed by Comiskey are Glascock, Spies, Preston, Hollingsworth, Burke, Erickson and Miller. The others Comiskey expects to hear from in every mail. The only men heard from who are holding out are two of the pitchers, Denzer and Phyle, and Comiskey still insists that they must accept the terms offered or go to independent clubs, which each man declares he will do. While Comiskey has not heard from several of the other players, he says that it should not be understood that they are also in revolt.

During the past week Manager Comiskey signed a pitcher named Peterson, who was one of the best in last year's Red River Valley League. "Rudy" Kline, who was on Comiskey's catching staff part of last season, passed through the city during the week, en route to Superior, Wis., where he will play during the coming summer. Kline is a promising youngster, and would probably have been retained by Comiskey had not Miller been secured.

A good story is told here at Kline's expense. When Comiskey arrived home, after being away most of the winter, he had a long talk with one of the newspaper boys, and during the interview inquired of the reporter "who that big fellow was that caught a few games for me last year?" "Do you mean Kline?" asked the reporter. "Oh, yes," said Commie, "I couldn't reserve him; didn't remember his name."

COMISKEY ENTERS DENIAL.

"Did you see that story going the rounds giving me the credit of being the originator of all the profane language and rowdy ball playing that's going on nowadays?" Manager Comiskey asked me the other afternoon. "I don't see where they get me for that," he continued. "They say I started it when I was with the old Browns. Now, I don't believe there's a ball player or an umpire in the business to-day, or who was in the business ten years ago, when I was with the Browns, who will say that they ever heard me use profane language on the field or off. I admit that we played aggressive ball, but that can be done, and we did it, without using profanity, and without making rowdies of ourselves. Of course, we talked to the umpire. I rather enjoy talking to an umpire, but I'm sure none of them will say that I ever used profanity in doing so. I don't know why it is, but it seems to me that every time anything goes wrong with the game, some Willie-off-the-racht gets a pencil between his cigarette-stained fingers and takes a knock at 'Old Comiskey.' There's a man up in North Dakota who has been playing a rowdy game with his strawberry vines and milkweed. He's mixed 'em up somehow so they grow strawberries and cream all ready for the table. I suppose if I'd ever been in the State they would have me down for that."

AGAINST BRUSH IDEAS.

Speaking of the Brush anti-rowdiness resolution Comiskey says: "Rowdism can be prevented without going to such extremes, and that's what the Western League intends to do. Aggressive play is not rowdism by any means, and it's what the people want. They like the excitement of a good, hard-fought game. When they want something nice and quiet they usually hunt up a funeral." C. F. HOLDEN.

READING REDIVIVUS.

The Manager Getting Things Into Shape For Work.

Reading, Pa., April 4.—Editor "Sporting Life":—"Mr. Denny A. Long, one of the Reading ball team managers, arrived in town Friday evening, looking well, and anxious for the time to arrive for the opening of the ball season.

THREE NEW PLAYERS SIGNED.

A catcher, third baseman and a pitcher were added to the list. Among them Ben Ellis, of Pottsville, has attached his signature to a Reading contract for third base. Local patrons of the game will remember Ben Ellis, who was with the Pottsville League team of the State League, several years ago. It is said that Ellis is in fine shape, and will prove to his friends that he is still in the game. Another new man is Shinnel, of Philadelphia, and he comes highly recommended to the management. He is a catcher, and will assist Heydon behind the bat. The third man is Conners, a pitcher, of Wilkesbarre, Pa., and he will report for duty with Betts. The players have been

ORDERED TO REPORT

for practice Tuesday, April 5. One has already arrived, and reports to be in the pink of condition, and ready for business. It is Spratt, the centre fielder, who was the favorite of the "cranks" last season. Garvin and Heydon have been training at Hot Springs, Ark., with the Cleveland and Pittsburg teams, and have written that they are in fine condition.

IMPROVEMENTS TO THE GROUNDS

will begin at once. Managers Long and Newell have decided to enlarge the grand stand by covering the left field bleachers, and connecting the present grand stand to them. Also erecting a dressing room for the teams above the right field bleachers, and the centre field fence will be run diagonally across between left and right field instead of being square, as at present. It will thus make the centre field fully 100 feet shorter, as the field at this point is entirely too deep, and the change will benefit the players. Also raise the left field fence eight feet higher, so as to obstruct the "dead heads" view, who stand on the hill. The right field will be smoothed off and the diamond put in condition for the opening game. ARTHUR A. FINK.



**PROVIDENCE PETS.**

**THE GRAYS FOR 1898 NOW QUITE MADE UP.**

**Two Old Favorites Let Out—Some New Blood Added—The Team Believed to be Strengthened—Another Protest Against Brush Methods.**

Providence, R. I., April 3.—Editor "Sporting Life":—It is indeed a very cheap method which Wagner and Pulliam, of the National League Clubs, of Washington and Louisville adopted when they stooped so low as to take from the Providence and Montreal Clubs, of the Eastern League, two men—Dixon and Richter—and without giving them a trial have transferred them to Minneapolis and Detroit, of the Western League, undoubtedly for personal gain at some future time. Such methods as adopted by these men, whose teams struggle near the bottom of the pool each season, should meet with the hearty condemnation of all true lovers of sport, and to the other representatives of the National League the minor league clubs will look to see that the spirit of the base ball law which permits the taking of players from their club is adhered to.

**THE CANAVAN-O'BRIEN DEAL**

between Providence and Syracuse is the cause of much enthusiasm by the people, who are glad to have Jimmy Canavan back with the Grays. Jimmy will make an excellent captain for the team, and be a great help to Manager Murray. Canavan never desired to leave the Providence team for the National League, and later on when Brooklyn released him to Syracuse he determined that sooner than go where he did not wish to he would accept the position as manager-director of the New Bedford team, of the New England League. Canavan had nothing against Syracuse as a place to play, but it was his desire to play in Providence, which is near his home. Syracuse saw how things stood and completed the deal.

**JOE KNIGHT'S DEPARTURE.**

As faithful a player as ever wore the uniform of the Providence team has been released, and "Old Reliable" Joe Knight is the man. The management might have effected a trade with him for men on other teams, but in consideration of his faithful service it was decided to give him a release outright, so that he might sign with whom he desired. Joe's batting will keep him in the game for a number of years, and Wilkesbarre and Montreal were after him when his release became known. Knight decided to go to Wilkesbarre, from whence he came in exchange for Bob Pettit. Joe will be sure of a hearty welcome when he comes here, and always a kind remembrance of his past good work for Providence Grays.

**FAREWELL TO BASSETT.**

Another of the Providence standbys will be missing from the team. It has been decided to play Drauby on first base, because of his batting, and this left Bassett to seek new pastures. Charlie Bassett was one of the first college players to adopt base ball as a profession. His playing on the Brown University team attracted the attention of the Providence National League Club, who signed him as a spare infielder. When Providence resigned from the League he was assigned to Kansas City and later on to Indianapolis. Bassett was one of the contingent of players who went to New York. His participation in a row with the players of the club, and in which it has been said that he gave "Buck" Ewing a punching, was indirectly the cause of his release. Since then he has played third base for Providence, until late last season, when he was transferred to first base and played the bag in fine style. Bassett is a tricky player, and seldom gets caught by the umpire.

**THE PROVIDENCE TEAM**

for 1898 is now all made up with the exception of a catcher, and Murray has the way paved for one of the surplus National League catchers. The team will equal that of last season in fielding, and will excel it in base running, hitting and general team work. With the catcher, yet to be gotten, Providence will have Danny Cogan, Jack Egan, Hodson, Rudderham, Braun and Joe Egan, pitchers; Drauby, Canavan, Cooney and Wiegand for the infield, and Murray, Lyons and Lynch in the outfield. Noblit will be the utility man. The batteries are sure to equal their work of last season.

**THE INFIELD.**

Drauby with the infusion of more life and good account with the bat will satisfy, but if he is lacking in these respects a new man will be wanted.

Canavan's work as a fielder may not surpass O'Brien's, but at the bat and on bases, his superiority will be shown, and his very presence will strengthen the team.

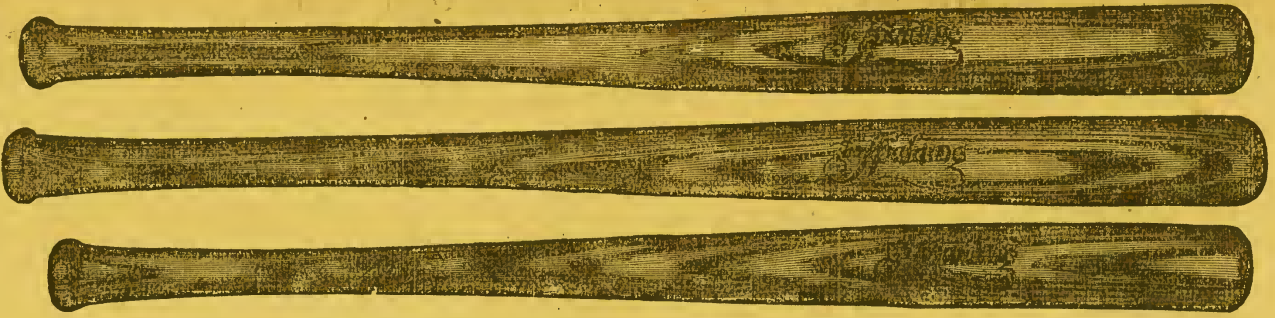
Cooney's fielding needs no comment. Jimmy led the Eastern League in number of sacrifice hits, and it hurt his batting to some extent, at least.

Wiegand is sure to improve as the season progresses. His hitting and base running make him solid with the "rooters."

**THE OUTFIELD.**

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**LINE HITS.**

Mr. J. H. J. Reilly, the new secretary of the club, is well known to the newsdealers of the country as the secretary of the National Association of Newsdealers. He has been a stockholder of the club since Walter Burnham first started it, and is an enthusiast in all branches of sport.

The Providence Club has leased the present grounds for another season, and Vice President Batter will put them in condition.

Jimmy Cooney has sustained the loss of his youngest child, who died last week. The players have been ordered to report April 8, and the first game will be played with Brown University the 16th.

**"RHODY."**

**IS BARNIE HANDICAPPED?**

**Allegation That President Ebbetts is Interfering With Him.**

From Philadelphia "Inquirer."

Judging by paragraphs which have appeared from time to time in the New York papers Manager Billy Barnie, of Brooklyn, will have his own troubles this year—that is, he will have if the paragraphs are true. It is said that President Ebbetts has already shown a disposition to interfere, that he has, in fact, issued positive orders regarding the placing of the players. If that is the case, then farewell to all discipline in the Brooklyn Club. As soon as the players realize the fact that their manager is not supreme, that they can go over his head, demoralization is bound to ensue. Ned Hanlon was just as good a manager when he was directing the Pittsburg Club as he is to-day, but interference on the part of J. Palmer O'Neill ruined his usefulness, so far as the Pirates were concerned, for good. The history of the Baltimore Club under the management of Hanlon should be a hand-painted object lesson to every club in the League, and especially to Mr. Ebbetts, who certainly has the intelligence to know that you can't get harmony out of a band with two directors wielding batons at the same time.

**MILWAUKEE MEMS.**

**Connie Mack's Team Off For Training at Louisville.**

Milwaukee, April 3.—Editor "Sporting Life":—Practically speaking, the season for '98 commenced at 1.30 P. M., Thursday, when Manager Mack, with Daly, Nicol, Spicer, Barnes, Rettger, Raib and Vollendorf took the train for Louisville. At Chicago Weaver joined the team, and at Louisville they will be met by Lewee, Taylor, Pappalau and Waldron.

**GEORGE RETTGER**

and the management settled their differences and George reached the city Wednesday night and affixed his John Hancock to a contract before the squad left for the South. Reidy, Meyers and Shoch are still outside of the fold, and at this writing it is difficult to say what the outcome will be, although Manager Mack is confident that the men will fall into line before the season is regularly on, but he says that when they do report they will have to be in first-class ball playing condition or get into that shape at their own expense.

**BOB STAFFORD**

will join the club in the course of a few days, just as soon as a lawsuit brought on by the burning of the Stafford Bros' grocery store at Kirkstboro, N. C., is settled. Captain Tom Daly got into the city late Wednesday night with Mr. and Miss Daly, and is looking fine, and says he feels as fine as he looks. Before leaving for the South he was appointed captain, and his appointment is pleasing and satisfactory to the fans.

**THE LINE UP.**

The absence of Meyers and Shoch leaves a hole at third, and Manager Mack intends to try out Raib, who is fast on the bases and excellent on ground balls, and he himself will take care of first until Stafford joins, so that the line-up will be Rettger, Barnes, Taylor, Pappalau and Vollendorf, pitchers; Spicer, catcher; Mack, first base; Daly, second base; Raib, third base; Lewee, short field, and Weaver, left field; Nicol, centre field; Waldron, right field.

**THE GROUNDS**

are in pretty fair shape, but by the time the opening game is to be played here they will

be in excellent condition. From the latest development it seems the newspaper boys are not going to get a new press box on the lower tier, but their present quarters are going to be boxed up on the sides and back, so as to keep out outsiders, and they will still be compelled to view the game from a position 40 to 50 feet up in the air.

**ODDS AND ENDS.**

Catcher La Porte has been loaned to the Birmingham Club of the Southern League.

Pitcher Wolf has been loaned to the Burlington Club of the Western Association.

Charles Knesel, who played in the City League and Michigan State League last season, has signed with the Waupun (Wis.) State League Club.

Charley Cushman leaves to begin his duties as a National League umpire on April 11. May good luck go with him.

William Terry expects his family, from whom he has been separated for several months, to join him about the 15th of the present month.

H. H. COHN.

**OIL CITY'S TEAM**

**Manager Hecker Has a Fine Lot of Players Signed.**

Oil City, Pa., April 2.—Editor "Sporting Life":—The management of the Oil City team report that they have secured the following players to represent this city in the Iron and Oil League, and claim that the team is an exceptionally strong one for a minor league club: Catchers, James Lighton, of Birmingham, Ala., and A. D. Lyons, of Cincinnati; pitchers, Charles McGill, of Louisville, and John P. Kelly, of Salamanca, both southpaws; first baseman, Andy Gunther, of Danville, N. Y.; second baseman, Harry Clayton, formerly in the Iron and Oil League; third baseman, C. E. Miller, of Paulding, O.; infielders, Frank Campbell and Tom Coyne; outfielders, Will Hodgkinson, Dan Shea, Clyde Darry and A. L. Johnson. One other fielder will probably be secured. The players have been ordered to report here on April 15, the grounds are being put in good shape and the management anticipate a prosperous season.

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### HUB HAPPENINGS.

#### THE CHAMPIONS ON THEIR WAY TO THE SEAT OF WAR.

That Snag at Charlotte—Taking Things Easy and Not Loosening Too Fast—Incidents of the Southern Trip—The Club in Fine Fettle.

Boston, Mass., April 5.—Editor "Sporting Life":—Despite the fact that the Boston Club encountered a long spell of unfavorable weather at Greensboro, N. C., Manager Selee said the place had come up entirely to his expectations and in his opinion was the best ever visited by a Boston Club. It would not be at all surprising therefore if the Bostons revisited this place next spring if Manager Selee again has charge of the team.

#### THE RICHMONDS NOT SLOW.

On Monday, March 28, the club visited Charlotte, N. C., a lively growing city of 20,000 people and there encountered the Richmonds. While the Leaguers did not expect a walk-over they did not for a moment think that a defeat would be chronicled. Such proved to be the fact, however, though it took 14 innings for the Richmonds to win, three runs then being made off Klobedanz. "Kloby" was the third pitcher put in by the Bostons, following Mills and Pittenger, and he had to pitch the game out, staying in for eight innings, almost an entire game.

#### A GREAT GAME OF BALL.

Some great ball playing was seen, and the spectators were worked up to a great degree of enthusiasm and tickled immensely because the Southerners won. The Richmonds had three men thrown out at the plate, two perishing this way in the 14th inning. They made their three runs in that inning, after two hands out, pitcher Schmidt really winning his own game by a fine single. This pitcher held the Leaguers down to three hits in the first seven innings. Bemis and Mills opened the eighth with hits, but Stivetts struck out. Tenney fled to Seybold and Keister to Kahn. In the 13th the Leaguers had men on second and third, with Keister at the bat, but he could not send his companions in.

#### JAKE WELLS TICKLED.

Manager Wells may well feel proud of the showing made by his men, and with good weather there should be big turn-outs to see the Bostons to Richmond on next Friday, and in Petersburg on Saturday. Tenney reported in time to go to Winston. Hamilton arrived Monday night, the day the Bostons played at Charlotte. The crack sprinter never looked better. On Tuesday, the 29th, when it was expected to play Richmond in Greensboro, it rained and Manager Wells concluded to risk the chances of a game, and go home, as he was scheduled to play in Richmond the following day, and could not remain over. Wednesday, the 30th, was another rainy day.

#### COLD DAYS FOR THE YANNIGANS.

A game between the Yannigans and Regulars had been scheduled for that day, but it had to go over to the next day, and proved a walk-over for the Regulars, 23 to 3, the Regulars scoring six runs in the seventh and ten runs in the eighth. The departure from Greensboro was made on Friday morning last, and an exhibition game between the Regulars and Yannigans was next played at Danville, Va. Friday it was again a cold day for the Yannigans, who were snowed under 16 to 4. Lambert and Hardin, two local youngsters, played with the Yannigans at short and left. In this game Billy Hamilton went six times to bat and lined out six hits. In this game Duffy made four hits, Collins the same number and Tenney three. None of the newcomers did any hitting.

#### FAST YOUNGSTERS.

The newcomers have justified the good opinions that have been formed of them. To all appearances the Boston Club has secured in Bransfield and Bemis as lively a pair of catchers as ever played in any one club. Not only can they catch and throw, but they can hit. They have good eyes for the ball. Bransfield has a style in hitting the ball that is possessed by few batsmen, sending the ball sharply and swiftly from the bat. Boston surely has improved greatly in the catching department, and can easily compare with any club in the country in this respect. Bemis played second base very creditably in the absence of "Bobby" Love, who had been transformed into an advance agent and sent ahead to boom the "champs" in Danville and Lynchburg, meeting the club in the latter place.

#### PITCHERS HELD IN CHECK.

The pitchers have not been allowed to punish themselves at all, but have taken things easy, and not let themselves out. All show up very well. The vets of the team nodded approvingly when Willis put on a little steam the other day in practice, and they watched him deliver curves and drops and pronounced him all right. Young Mills is a corking pitcher for a lightweight. He has a great delivery, plenty of confidence and holds his position in fine style.

#### PLAYER VS. MAGNATE.

Your Louisville correspondent, Mr. Saunders, certainly hit the nail on the head in the last issue relative to the arbitrary salary limit. The magnates set no limit to the amount of their profits, and if every club cleared \$100,000, earned for them by the players, under their law the players would get the laugh if they asked for \$500 more than the limit of the magnates. It

is a poor rule that will not work both ways. Mr. Saunders could have strengthened his argument by saying that not only would any club turn down a player the moment he had shown that his day was gone, but the magnate keeps right in the game, and there is no limit to the amount of money he can make if he has a good ball town. Is there no reward for length of service? Nichols now enters his ninth year of service in the Boston Club. Is there a player who has earned for his club what our "Nick" has earned in Boston? He is a wonder, and there is not a player in the country, unless he is selfish, who will not admit that the demand of Nichols is reasonable and he ought to have it. The Boston players are unanimous in the matter. Why stop at Nichols? If the Baltimore players—Jennings, Keeler and Kelley—obtain their demand why should Herman Long and Robert Lincoln Lowe be remembered? They are every bit entitled to as much remuneration as their brother players. If the Baltimore and Boston Clubs had not literally coined money the past four seasons these players would not expect more than the present limit, but they know their respective clubs can afford to pay what is, after all, only fair pay for men who are artists in their line.

#### SPOKES FROM THE HUB.

Monday, April 11, the champions will play in Lancaster, Pa.; Tuesday, in Allentown, Pa.; Wednesday and Thursday, in Reading, Pa.; Thursday night the club will stay in Philadelphia, going over to New York in the morning.

"Jack" Stivetts proved himself an adept at rabbit hunting while in Greensboro. Klobedanz and he were members of a party that went out one morning and captured four rabbits. Whist and pinochle are out of date with the Boston players now. Smudge has the call. The manager, Tenney, Stahl and Long make a hot quartette at this game.

Nichols was invited to join the Bostons during the practice season, but he failed to respond. He wrote that he was training in New Orleans. Pitcher Pittenger, of the Bostons, says that Brockton has secured a good infielder, in King, who comes from Pennsylvania.

Bergen was the last Boston player to report. He was loath to leave his farm. Though he is a farmer he can play ball. He owns 40 acres, has a fine house, two horses, a cow and no end of chickens. Bergen is considerable of a family man, having three children. Wright's Hotel, so long the rendezvous of Boston teams, in Charlottesville, is no more, and it is now Gleason's Hotel that accommodates the boys.

No one was more delighted over the downfall of the champions at the hands of the Richmonds than Hugh L. Cardozo, the representative of the Richmond "Times," who was at Charlotte with the Richmond team. Another happy man was Sergeant-elect Epps, of Richmond, a great base ball fan, who took the trip to Charlotte just for fun.

While the Boston players were at Charlottesville they, with the newspaper exponents, were invited to witness the performance of "His Excellency," at the Academy of Music, by Manager Selee, who stood treat. JACOB C. MORSE.

### FORT WAYNE'S PROTEST

#### Against a Peculiar Condition Caused by the Schedule.

Fort Wayne, Ind., April 2.—Editor "Sporting Life":—The river has just finished its annual performance of overflowing the flats, and it has so far been impossible to do anything toward building the new ball park. The grounds, however, are naturally level, and in pretty good shape for playing, so that it is thought that ten days or two weeks of hurry work will fit them for use.

#### THE NEW STAND

will be larger than the old one at Lakeside, and different in shape, and there will be a considerable increase in seating capacity of the entire grounds. It is certain that the location is an unusually favorable one, and the attendance should be greatly improved. And yet—well, the old ground was about as pretty and as well furnished as any one could ask. It has been put in shape for the practice games, and the men will begin to use it on Tuesday. Manager O'Meara has put in something like two weeks of work on it. Sort of a mutual benefit arrangement. Pushes a heavy roller, with the handle across his equator. Exercise and massage at the same time. Try it.

#### TEAM NEWS.

Cooke is living here, and the rest of the men are to report Tuesday. Tickets were sent out Friday. Teal and Barnes, who are held by business arrangements, will be given a couple of days more.

Lentz, who was released some time ago, has been re-signed on account of good reports. Davenportville also was unwilling to go without a trial, and wrote in such a reasonable and manly tone that he, too, has been recalled, and will have a fair show.

#### THAT SCHEDULE.

There's one thing peculiar about this tight little league, and that's its schedule. The writer never had the bitter experience of wrestling with a schedule. Neither has he heard any comment on the one which we are to play through. But as a matter of private and independent opinion, there must be a screw loose with a schedule which allows some teams to play about a dozen games more at home than abroad, and more than other teams play at home. Especially when the stronger teams get the extra home games. There may be some reason which is unknown to me for the arrangement, but there has been too much uncertainty in the past about our games. One team, at least, seems to have contracted the habit of playing along indefinitely principally on its home grounds, and counting all the games. That's queer. As far as money goes, the writer's theory is that the best way to make it in base ball is to have teams evenly matched and give them exactly the same show. Is that wrong? MARKWELL.

### NUTMEG BULLETIN.

#### OPENING GAMES IN THE CONNECTICUT CIRCUIT THIS MONTH.

Players to Report For Duty This Week—Meeting in New Haven—The Schedule Committee to Report—The Umpire Question, Etc.

Derby, Conn., April 4.—Editor "Sporting Life":—The base ball season is upon us and the higher the sun rises in the Eastern horizon the hotter becomes the fever in the land of Nutmegs, where dwell eight big magnates that have been laboring for the past two months perfecting the necessities for the sounding of the first gong in May, when the Mayors of the various cities will toss the first ball of the Nutmeg series, exclaiming "play ball."

#### A JUDGMENT.

I hardly dare make any prediction at this early stage of the conflict, but, nevertheless, it remains a fact that the western division of the Connecticut League, including Derby, Waterbury, Bridgeport and Danbury, will demonstrate their relative strength over their fellow-men in the eastern division that includes Meriden, New Haven, New Britain and New London, not only because Jerry Denny, Roger Connor, James O'Rourke and Jack Rose are at the head of the western division, but the relative strength of the teams as made up on paper is much stronger and more seasoned than the eastern.

#### THE BATTLE GROUND.

It is safe to say that the fight for the "tag" will be on western ground, not saying but what the eastern magnates Chapman, Keilly, Gilbert and Kinney may turn the tide, but lay low, fans, and watch the pace of the western end of the circuit, as they will surely have to rise early in the morning to cope with Denny, Connor, O'Rourke and Rose, and as the season promises to be a financial success, and as we have heard it whistled and sung and played, and almost imagine we can hear it in the clicking of the car wheels over the rails. One verse is something like this:

The only bank I ever saw along the Wabash Was a farmer banking up his house one day; And the snow banks that bank up in the winter, And the sand banks that are banking up in May. But there's faro banks galore along the Wabash, And other banks in which you put your dust; There's another kind of bank you put your money in, There's a loud report and then the bank will bust.

#### PLAYERS REPORTING.

The clubs are complete in most of the cities, and the players are now reporting for duty with a determination that in the State where everything is done up "grate" the Nutmeg pennant will be fought for as it was never battled for before.

#### NEW HAVEN

will receive the third session of the directors of the league on Wednesday of this week in the Garde Hotel on Meadow street, where the committees on the schedule and umpire question will make their report.

#### REILLY AND MILLER

were in the Elm City last week, looking over the ball grounds at Elm City Park, where the games will be played. The games scheduled for this city will be so

arranged as not to interfere with Yale, and in this arrangement the managers are meeting with the warm commendation of the Yale managers and the base ball public generally.

#### AROUND THE CIRCUIT.

The new twirler signed by Manager Denny, named Crate, from Baltimore, is said to be a "Crate" pitcher, and stands six feet in his stocking feet and weighs two hundred. It will be a "long" and "short" battery with Manning behind the bat.

Bridgeport and Meriden have booked games with the Pacific Athletic Club, and they will be played in Jersey City.

The field, fences and grandstand at Elm City Park will be put in proper order, and will be in fine trim for the opening game.

The Acme Colored Giants will play in Waterbury, April 20, in Derby April 21, and in Danbury, April 22. To the managers who have booked these colored manipulators of the ball and bat it will be doing the manager a favor by billing them as the Acme Colored Giants and not the Colored Acmes.

John Fitzgerald, of Troy, has signed a New Haven contract, to cover the first corner, and Fred Parent, of Sanford, Me., the short infield. The New Haven contingent will report about April 25.

Derby will play the Syracuse and Springfield Clubs, of the Eastern League, before the opening of the league.

Unless present plans miscarry some fine exhibition games will be played in the Nutmeg League during April, previous to the opening games on May 4. Clubs from the National, Eastern and Atlantic Leagues will be seen on Nutmeg diamonds.

Manager F. H. Simmons, of the Yale Varsity Base Ball Association, will send the pennant banner to the Bulkeley School, of New London, this week, for winning the championship of the Yale Interscholastic League.

"Bill" Clabby, the big third baseman of the Derby Angels, or better known as "Silent Bill," has signed his '98 contract, and will report for duty at once. He is, without a doubt, the finest all round third baseman in the Nutmeg League.

Charley Kennedy is in the pink of condition, his pitching wing being in splendid form to fool the "best of 'em" with his "ups and downs" and "ins and outs."

It is reported that Gunshannon has retired from base ball, and accepted a position on the "Connecticut Catholic," a weekly paper published in Hartford.

John Sullivan, of the "Sentinel," has been appointed official scorer for the Derby "Angels." He is one of the best informed men in the city on base ball. H.

### BECKWITH CANCELS.

#### He Reluctantly Decides Not to Play With Ottumwa.

Ottumwa, Ia., April 3.—Editor "Sporting Life":—News has been received from Mt. Pleasant that Warren Beckwith, son-in-law of Robert T. Lincoln, has cancelled his contract to pitch for the Ottumwa Club, and will enter the service of the Burlington Railroad. This decision was reached after a stubborn stand against the wishes of his parents and his young wife. He decided to cancel the contract only after his father, Captain Beckwith, refused to allow him to enter the house until he had acceded to the wishes of the family.

Ottumwa's players will come from all over the United States. Manager Smith is from Knoxville, Tenn.; Phillips will come from Mobile; Crockett, from Roanoke, Va.; O'Connell and Pitt from Chicago; pitcher Hackett from Jacksonville, Fla.; pitchers McGreevy and Nomenacher, from Quincy; pitcher Landers, from North Salem, Ind.; outfielder Marshall, from Fairbault, Minn.; first baseman Wilson, from Des Moines; catcher Keefe, from Decorah, Ia.; catcher Huffman, from Trenton, Mo.; catcher Dix, from Ottawa, Ill.; short stop Berte, from Covington, Ky.

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THIS LEAGUE IS O. K. THE INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE WILL BE A STARTER.

Port Hudson Announces That It is a Fixture—The St. Thomas Club Also in Line—The Championship Schedule For the Campaign.

St. Thomas, Ont., April 3.—Editor "Sporting Life"—The new St. Thomas Club is hustling and has signed the following men: Lyman Gordon, of Toronto, catcher; W. H. Safford, of Chicago, pitcher; D. A. Hardy, St. Thomas, pitcher; John H. Hull, of Chicago, pitcher; Hank Humphrey, of St. Thomas, fielder; William Rodden, St. Thomas, third base; Frank Regan, Scranton, pitcher; James E. Green, Baltimore, short stop; and J. F. Shuster, Chicago, manager and second base.

PORT HURON IN LINE. All doubt as to the standing of Port Huron in the International League was put to an end by the receipt by the secretary-treasurer of the League of a telegram from the president, Mr. D. McArron, of Port Huron, announcing that everything was all right there. The club there under J. A. Murphy's management promises to be a good one. Mr. Murphy has closed contracts with D. Boland, Ed. Behan, J. A. Frisk, E. Countryman, H. Habel, R. Hadley, F. Quinn, James Miller, R. Cornahan and A. McLaren, and has lines out for other good ones.

THE SCHEDULE. Committee has been working for some time, and has practically finished its labors. All the club managers have expressed satisfaction with the general lay-out of the schedule. Here are the dates:

Hamilton abroad—At London—June 13, 14, 15, 23, 24, 25; July 9, Aug. 1, 2, 15, 16, 18. At St. Thomas—June 6, 7, 8, 16, 17, 18; July 15, 19, 20; Sept. 19, 20, 21. At Port Huron—May 6, 6, 7; June 1, 30, 30; July 6, 7, 8; Aug. 29, 30, 31. At Saginaw—May 12, 13, 14; June 2, 3, 4; July 4, 4, 5; Aug. 2, 5, 26, 27. At Bay City—May 9, 10, 11, 27, 28; Aug. 3, 4, 5, 6, 22, 23, 24.

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St. Thomas abroad—At Hamilton—June 20, 21, 22; July 21, 22, 23; Aug. 18, 19, 20; Sept. 15, 16, 17. At London—May 26, 27, 28; July 25, 26, 27; Aug. 11, 12, 13; Sept. 22, 23, 24. At Port Huron—May 9, 10, 11; June 2, 3, 4; July 9, Aug. 1, 2, 22, 23, 24. At Saginaw—May 5, 6, 7; July 6, 7, 8, 28, 29, 30; Aug. 29, 30, 31. At Bay City—May 12, 13, 14, 30, 30; June 1; July 4, 4, 5; Aug. 25, 26, 27.

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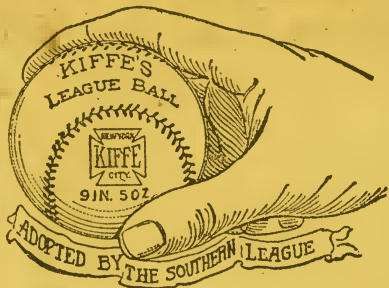
HOUSTON HAPPY

Over a Successful Season Opening at New Orleans.

Houston, Tex., March 31.—Editor "Sporting Life"—President W. H. Bailey accompanied the Houston team to New Orleans last Friday, and on Saturday had the honor of opening the new Athletic Park, situated on Tulane avenue. This park is nicely situated, being but five minutes' ride from the central part of the city. It has a first-class cement bicycle track, summer theatre, band stand, chute and ball ground.

THE OPENING was a grand success, and the game one of the best ever played in the Crescent City. Houston opened up on the Pelicans from the start, and three runs were made in the first inning. Thirteen hotly-contested innings were played when Umpire Goding called the game on account of darkness, the score being eight each. Young Chamberlain held the Pelicans down to five scattering hits, on which they scored three runs. Morgan, who pitched in such a masterly manner against the Cincinnati Colts last week, was not his best, but he overexerted himself in that game, and was taken out after the third

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inning. On Sunday Manager Powell, of New Orleans, brought out his braves, with the determination of winning the first game on the new grounds. In that he met with a sad disappointment, as Hodge, who was in the box for Houston, was invincible, and won his game 9 to 4.

THE NEW ORLEANS ROOTERS, headed by John Nichols and Jim Terrell, used their best efforts to bring victory to the home team. It was no use, the Houston team went there to win, and did so without much exertion, and while they were whipping New Orleans the Galveston team, captained by big Tom Turner, was knocking the tar out of Mobile.

THE SOUTHERN LEAGUE since its organization was under the impression that Texas was on the "swine," as a League. Do they think so now? Hereafter they will have more respect for us, and give us a fair show through the columns of the press. We are as strong as they are, and they know it now beyond the shadow of a doubt.

MINOR MENTION. Manager McCloskey sized up the Cincinnati Colts last Saturday, and beat them 6 to 5. The next day the Vets came over from Fort Worth, and came very near getting the same dose. The Vets won 11 to 9, but Dallas had them scared to death.

Manager Powell and young Abbott led in batting in both games, the latter saving the Pelicans from defeat in the extra-inning game.

Frank Badger, George Reed and Billy Kemmer did good work with the stick as also did George Keefe for Houston, while the two "ponies," Spencer and Bowman, succeeded in getting a four-bagger a piece in the last game off pitcher Hager.

Percy Griffen at short did some fine work for Houston, getting two put-outs and eight assists in the two games without an error. He also hit well.

Hodge, the pitcher whom New Orleans failed to recognize two years ago, took great pride in giving them the throw-down. He was a puzzle to the Pelicans, with the exception of Powell and Abbott.

The team work of Houston was far ahead of their opponents, and it was the combination of strength and ease with which they played together that counted most in both games. They bit Hager hard and often, and their brilliant field work was such that the Pelicans were deprived of several apparently safe hits.

McKenzie fielded in a brilliant manner, and was loudly applauded by the big crowd. He is a comer. Big Bill Hill was thunderstruck when he laced him to the fence for three bags. He hit all the big fellows, such as Breitenstein, Hawley and Dwyer with apparent ease.

The season opens on April 9, and on that day Galveston will be here, horns and all. J. C. B.

SAME OLD THING.

Even in Salaries the Major League Has the Advantage.

From "Ohio State Journal."

There is more "injustice" in the salary line. Louisville drafted a young pitcher, Newton by name, and then asked him to sign a contract for \$900 for the season, or \$150 per month. According to population the major League Clubs are able to pay about five times as much salary as the Western League magnates, or in other words, they have fully five times as many people to draw patronage from as the Western circuit has. A club's ability to pay is necessarily based on the amount of business it can play to and the greater the population the larger the attendance. And yet wails, both long and loud, are going up because the Western and Eastern Leagues adopted a reasonable salary limit, while little is said about the paltry salaries that are offered men who are drafted or purchased by major League clubs. Think of Cy Swain, who was fairly successful with Washington last season, being asked to pitch again for \$150 per month, while Bill Hill, the southpaw whom Cincinnati gave three good players for, has signed a contract that calls for \$275 a month, and he is rated as one of the best left-handed pitchers in the big League. Many other instances could be cited where major League players are getting small salaries, and when the right view is taken of the situation it looks as though \$200 per month or \$1000 for the season was a very fair proposition in a minor league.

Ancient Base Ball History.

An official of the Louisville Club has submitted the following as "base ball among the ancients."

The devil was the first coacher—he coached Eve when she stole first—Adam stole second.

When Isaac met Rebecca at the well she was walking with a pitcher.

Samson struck out a great many times when he beat the Philistines.

Moses made his first run when he slew the Egyptian.

Cain made a base hit when he killed Abel.

Abraham made a sacrifice.

The Prodigal son made a home run.

David was a great long-distance thrower.

Moses shut out the Egyptians at the Red Sea.

Only One of Many.

One of the most atrocious things done under the farming system was the drafting of catcher Dixon by the Washington Club, without any desire to use him, but simply for the purpose of turning him over to the Minneapolis Club, which could only get him in that way.—Boston "Herald." No more atrocious than scores of similar things that have been done before.—Springfield "Union."

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FORT WORTH FACTS

About the Cincinnati League Team and the Local Club.

Ft. Worth, Tex., April 2.—Editor "Sporting Life"—We have had the pleasure of having the Cincinnati aggregation of base ball players with us for the past week, and they will remain over until to-morrow night, when they will proceed north. Manager Bancroft received word last Monday that the ball park at Cincinnati was under water, and concluded that if any reliance was to be put on the weather forecasts for the North and East his team would be benefitted by prolonging their stay in Texas. He accordingly

CANCELED HIS DATES

ahead, and made arrangements with Manager Ward to put in the week here. The whole team, together with the management, speak in glowing terms of Texas as a preliminary training place, and before leaving San Antonio Manager Bancroft closed a deal for training quarters for the team for their spring practice next season. The experience of some of the other League teams that have been doing their preliminary work in Indiana and New Jersey only goes to show that it is necessary to come South for the spring work, and there is no doubt but what Texas is the ideal place.

THE VETS

opened up here Saturday, the 26th, playing the local team, whom they defeated; score, 9 to 0. Bill Hill pitched the first five innings, and Pink Hawley the remainder of the game. Both showed up well. Hawley seems to have become reconciled to his surroundings, and did his little dog trot around the park in the morning with as much grace as any man on the team. Ewing seems to have his men all in line, and all seem anxious for the big struggle to begin. One thing is certain, and that is that if preliminary training is going to cut any figure the Reds will have an advantage over all of their adversaries. If anyone has any doubt

ABOUT M'PHER

not being in condition, it would do them good to see the old war horse at work. If there is anything wrong with that ankle of his it is not perceptible. Corcoran is playing a great game at short, and Irwin is doing just as well at third. Heine Peitz is playing his same old game, and the more work he gets the more he seems to enjoy it. On Sunday the Colts came over from Dallas and played Ward's men, defeating them; score, 11 to 4. Damman pitched two innings, Breitenstein two and Dwyer five. Of the pitchers Goar seems to be the last to get into condition, but he is rounding to all right. Frank Dwyer created quite a sensation among his fellow players by knocking the ball over the fence with two men on bases, as his

reputation as a hitter is not the best. Bug Holliday, whom I have seen get \$25 from the grand stand time and time again for knocking the ball over the fence while playing with Walter Goldsby's old Topeka team, played second base for the Colts, and kept the crowd in a continual roar while on the coaching lines. This being

HARRY STEINFELDT'S

home, everyone turned out to give him a hearty welcome. The boy showed his appreciation by making a home run and a three bagger. The Reds have in him the best utility man in the business, and while he will not be played regularly on the team, he will be the proper man to fill it when called upon. On account of the weather being so cold Monday, the game announced between the Vets and Colts was postponed, and Tuesday it rained, making the grounds unfit for practice. Wednesday and Thursday the weather continued unfavorable, and the boys put in their afternoons following the ponies in the local pool room, with varying success.

THE PROGRAMME.

Yesterday, the weather being fine, the two teams played a game which the Vets won. Dusty Miller raised the ire of Bill Hill by stealing third and home on him. He appealed to Ewing, who was umpiring the game, but it was no use. The Vets play the local team today, and the Colts play here to-morrow, after which the whole team will start north. During their stay here all the members of the team have received many compliments from the press and public on their gentlemanly behavior and general conduct on and off the field, and everyone here wishes them success. The club that beats them out will come very near winning the pennant.

The Texas League season opens April 9. Manager Ward has released second baseman Wright, and has signed Wiley Hill, who played here last season. President Ward announces the appointment of Patsy Cabill, Ed. Clarke and K. Steinhoff as umpires for the coming season. L. S. HESS.

Why Not Feel Sore.

Tom Loftus is sore over the action of the National Board in regard to Tom Tucker. He said that he had about given up all hopes of getting any justice out of the National League. Since he had been a Western League magnate he had never seen a case decided in favor of the minor league by the Board of Arbitration, and that sooner or later there is going to be trouble.—Ohio "State Journal."

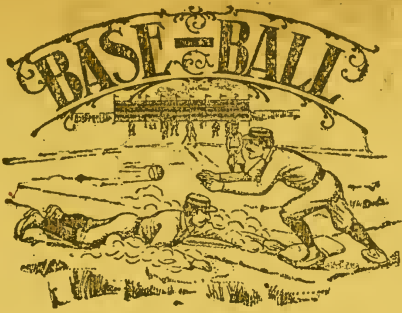
—An Independent club, under the management of Herman Zeigenbein, has been placed in Jackson, Mich.

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### Rock Island and Quincy Retained—A Sensible Solution of the Rowdy Question—Championship Schedule For 1898 Prepared and Adopted.

Chicago, April 3.—The Western Base Ball Association met March 28 and adopted a schedule. The president was empowered to advance the salary of any umpire in the League \$25 a month at his own discretion. The present salary provided is \$125, and it is thought that the prospect of a "raise" will be an incentive to good work. The delegates voted to give the president power to fine any player of "rowdy ball" six days for the first offense, 30 days for the second, and for the third suspension to the end of the season. The guarantee for each game to a visiting club has heretofore been \$40, to be paid in case of a postponement of the game, and it was decided to cut that amount in two when wet grounds and other unavoidable causes render play impossible. Following are the schedule dates:

At Cedar Rapids—Dubuque, May 13, 14, 15, July 19, 20, 21, Sept. 19, 20, 21; Rock Island—Moline, May 6, 7, 8, July 29, 30, 31, Sept. 13, 14, 15; Peoria, May 9, 10, 11, July 15, 16, 17, Sept. 9, 10, 11; Quincy, May 31, June 1, 2, 24, 25, 26, Aug. 15, 16, 17; Burlington, May 28, 29, 30; June 23, 24, 25, 26, Aug. 5, 6, 7; Ottumwa, May 24, 25, 26, June 17, 18, 19, Aug. 9, 10, 11; St. Joseph, May 20, 21, 22, June 21, 22, 23, Aug. 12, 13, 14.

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At Rock Island—Moline—Cedar Rapids, May 1, 3, 4, 5, July 26, 27, 28, Sept. 3, 4, 5; Dubuque, April 28, 30, May 1, July 22, 23, 24, Sept. 6, 7, 8; Peoria, May 13, 14, 15, July 19, 20, 21, Sept. 19, 20, 21; Quincy, May 24, 25, 26, June 17, 18, 19, Aug. 5, 6, 7; Burlington, May 20, 21, 22, June 21, 22, 23, Aug. 15, 16, 17; Ottumwa, May 31, June 1, 2, 28, 29, 30, Aug. 12, 13, 14; St. Joseph, May 28, 29, 30, June 24, 25, 26, Aug. 9, 10, 11.

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### SAGINAW'S SELECTIONS.

#### Manager Black Announces His Complete 1898 Team.

Saginaw, Mich., April 4.—Editor "Sporting Life":—Manager Black of the Saginaw team in the International League, received a letter this morning announcing that the Detroit (Western League) team would play the Saginaw team in this city the morning of May 1. In the afternoon the Indianapolis team of the same League will play the Saginaw.

The personnel of the Saginaw team is as follows: Pitchers, Arab Kern, of Chicago, with Lansing last year, and Wilson F. Kidd, of Oakland, Ill., pitcher in the Southern League last

year; Ed Startzman, of Ligonier, Ind., infielder; Harry St. Clair, of Indianapolis, first base, former captain of Little Rock, Ark., team; John Ladleur, Portage, Wis., catcher, with last year's Jackson team; Nicholas Moore, who played centre for Saginaw last year; Clarence Menor, of Rock Island, Ill., pitcher with Beardstown, Pa., last season; Harry Walker, catcher, from Laporte, Ind., with Grand Rapids in '95; Otto A. Rapp, of Springfield, O., pitcher, with Charleston, S. C., last year; Henry Ashford, of Nashville, Tenn., outfielder; F. B. Eddy, outfielder, with Port Huron last year; Elmer Doty, pitcher, of Genoa, O., with Lansing last year; John Murphy, Cleveland, short stop, with Lansing last year; William Miller, pitcher, of Cleveland, with Toledo last year; Eddie Miles, with Saginaw two years ago; Leslie C. Snyder, third base, with Saginaw last year.

### HAMILTON HAPPENINGS.

#### Port Huron and St. Thomas Clubs Causing Much Anxiety.

Hamilton, Can., April 1.—Editor "Sporting Life":—At the eleventh hour it is not very encouraging that the St. Thomas and Port Huron Clubs, of the International League, should have so much difficulty in raising money to support their teams. Hamilton and London, and in fact, all the clubs of the League, have signed a number of players, and it is to be hoped that the other clubs will make the necessary arrangements to pull through the season, but if the new International Association is composed of as shrewd a collection of magnates as the writer thinks, they will throw Port Huron to one side and admit Grand Rapids, who is at present knocking at the door for admittance. As for St. Thomas, it is hoped the enthusiasts will come forward and help them out of their present financial difficulty, for the home of umpire Bob Emslie has certainly shown in the past to be a first-class ball town, and capable of supporting a team in the new International League.

**THE PROPOSED NEW LEAGUE.**  
The Stratford base ball enthusiasts, who are pushing the formation of the new Canadian League, comprising Galt, Guelph, Woodstock, Brantford (and possibly St. Thomas), or some other town, are confident their efforts will be crowned with success. They are all good towns, and a league composed of the above well-tried cities should make a thriving little association.

**GEORGE JENNINGS.**  
who for the past few seasons has played with different minor league clubs, has signed with Billy Lush's Springfield Bantams. The "Herald" instructed the youngest last week, eulogizing him, and predicting that with care Jennings ought to make a future. Manager Lush will see the boy shove the ball over from the difficult corner to the initial bag with accuracy that he did not witness when his team came so near winning the Eastern League pennant last season.

**BILLY BAKER**  
has been notified by Manager Varney Anderson, of the Rock Island Club, to report at Champaign, Ill., April 1, for a series of exhibition games. Baker certainly never looked finer in his life, and the writer witnessed him go through his daily gymnasium work the other day, and predicts that Manager Anderson has a find in his new Canadian acquisition, and his many Hamilton friends will watch his work in the Western Association the coming season with interest.

**SETTLE UP, ARTHUR.**  
Manager Arthur A. Irwin, Manager Toronto Base Ball Association, Dear Sir—Don't you think it pretty near time that that box of cigars the writer wagered you last summer that Billy Baker would bat better than .300 in the Eastern League was due? Kindly make a note of this. Express to 62 Market street. A. A.

### KINNEY'S KIDS

#### Strike New London People as a Likely Lot.

New London, Conn., April 3.—Editor "Sporting Life":—Manager Benjamin I. Kinney, of the New London Base Ball team, in conversation with your correspondent concerning the make-up of the New London team said to-day that he feels certain it will be one of the strongest if not the strongest aggregation of players in the League. Mr. Kinney is enthusiastic over the men that he has signed, and speaks with assurance upon the batting qualities of each of his men. Twelve men have been signed, and are slated to play as follows:

William Lear, of Greencastle, Pa., formerly in the Pennsylvania League, and W. H. Rose, of Hagerstown, Md., catchers; Ging, Cosens and Van Zant, pitchers; Ed. B. Drew, of Brooklyn, N. Y., first base; Devereaux, second base; Publ. third base; Kinney, short stop; Conway, left field; O'Connor, centre field, and Miller, right field. Catcher Hayes had been signed, but he desired to accept a position in the Pennsylvania League, and Kinney released him.

The men will report here on Thursday, April 14, and begin practice at once. It is doubtful now whether Ralph Hutchinson will come to New London, as he is captain of his school team, which plays an Eastern trip, and if he does come it will be after the League season opens.

Manager Kinney has verified the records made by each of the men signed, and states that he is certain that after practice in team work they will play a game that will surprise their opponents. The average age of the team will be about 23 years.

### TALKS TOO MUCH.

#### How Jim Hart Shifts Burdens on Tom Burns.

President Hart, of the Chicago Club, says he knew he never had a ghost of a chance of capturing Doyle, of Washington, but he allowed Manager Burns to have his own way and sign him if he could. He knew the fact that the Chicago team wanted the Senators' first baseman would bring the wrath of Earl Wagner down upon Burns and himself. For that reason he brought the latter to St. Louis with him to conduct the negotiations alone, as he did not desire to be mixed up in the deal. He says if he had objected to Burns trying for Doyle the manager would have thought he was being interfered with in the discharge of his duty. Hart adds, "I never wanted Doyle at all."—Chicago "Inter-Ocean."

#### Steer Clear of Waycross Hereafter.

The Chicago team had a skirmish with the town Sheriff and hotel proprietors before it could get away from Waycross the other morning. They insisted on charging Burns for two weeks' board, when his men had been there but 10 days. They doubled the contract price on the five newspaper correspondents, and as an excuse asserted that the scribes would have to pay for the meals things they had written about the hotel and its meals. Manager Burns settled.

## ST. LOUIS SUNDRIES.

### THE NEW BROWNS MAKE THEIR DIAMOND DEBUT.

#### A Favorable Impression Created—Still Short a First Baseman—What Tim Hurst is Doing—A Declaration as to Rowdy Playing, Etc.

St. Louis, Mo., April 3.—Editor "Sporting Life":—The new Browns have now been seen in action against the strong Minneapolis team and have made a good impression. The weather, however, was cold, and the players did not let themselves out; therefore, judgment must be reserved. Crooks played fairly well at first, and should show great form by the time the season opens. Clements has already installed himself a favorite with the crowd by his hard hitting and fine catching.

**THE CASE OF DECKER.**  
George Decker, of the Chicago, who was a candidate for the Browns' hitting corner, has declared himself in tones hardly agreeable to the owners of the home club. In a letter to President Hart, of the Chicago Club, he said that he was willing to go anywhere that he (Hart) chose to send him, but asked that he be not "sentenced to St. Louis."

Decker's ultimatum may get him tied up for the entire playing year. Omaha wants him badly to look after her club in the Western League. In order to drop out of the big League the young man must first get the consent of each and every club. St. Louis has refused to allow him to leave, and now that he has declared himself in such a warm manner it will be a very difficult job for him to ever get St. Louis' consent. President Hart, of the Chicago, is also endeavoring to squeeze St. Louis by asking a prohibitive price—\$2000—for Decker's release.

**MUST LOOK ELSEWHERE.**  
With Decker out of the field, Manager Hurst will now have to turn to Brooklyn for a first baseman. In La Chance and Tucker the "Trolley Dodgers" have two regular men. The Brooklyns did the "hog" act when they purchased Tucker's release from Washington, knowing full well that St. Louis needed this player, and that they no use for him at all, unless they intended parting with La Chance. Brooklyn is willing to let Tucker come to St. Louis but in return wants Lave Cross, Jack Taylor or Wilfred Carsey, none of whom Hurst would let go for nineteen franchises, let alone a play of Tucker's calibre. Tucker is on the decline, but he is the best man attainable. Hurst has made Brooklyn a money offer for the noisy first baseman and hopes to receive a favorable reply.

**THE DILATORY ONES ON HAND.**  
Charley Esper has found money enough to shake off his blue uniform and move out of Philadelphia. He reached St. Louis on Tuesday, and Jimmy Donnelly turned up at about the same time. President Muckenfuss was beginning to be wrathful because Donnelly had not reported, and the chances are that Donnelly would have heard something drop had he not come in a day or so. The arrival of these two completes the team, with the exception of a first baseman, and for the present Jack Crooks will cover first bag, but Manager Hurst says that he will get a man for first that will be entirely satisfactory. Russ Hall, the Texas find, is amazing the old-timers by the rapidity with which he picks up hard batted balls. The boys say that he is a wonder.

**NO KICKING.**  
Tim Hurst has declared himself. No matter how badly he may be treated by the umpires this season he says he will hold his tongue. "I know what it is to have the manager chewing" he said yesterday, "and I will not be guilty of calling any of the knights of the indicator down. I'll have my men on hand, though, and we won't stand for any unfair work. As for me, however, I'll be as deaf as the proverbial clam when there is any kicking going on."

**A SKEPTIC.**  
Gus Schmelz stood by and heard Hurst's remarks. "Tim, you will be a wonder if you do as you say you will," declared Minneapolis' manager. "It is human nature for us to ask for fair play in the heat of battle and you will be doing the same thing before the season is very old. Of course, I believe all umpires mean to be honest, but when you get the worst of it, it will only be natural for you to openly declare yourself. All umpires who become managers of clubs start off with the same predictions as you have just made. I remember John Kelly when he resigned from the umpire's staff and took charge of the Louisville team. He wasn't going to kick at all, no matter how badly he was treated. Well, to make a long story short, before the season was over that year the umpires one and all declared that he was the worst kicker in the business."

**NEWS NOTES.**  
Collegian Smith, who covered short stop for Minneapolis yesterday, looks every inch a ball player. He is a graduate of Princeton University. He is built on the Tommy Corcoran order, and is apt to prove a winner for Schmelz. "One of Tim Hurst's best traits," said one of the veterans of the St. Louis team yesterday, "is the unwavering honesty with which he deals with his players. There is nothing ornate about Tim, and once he adopts a system, we know that if we carry it out, he and not his players will be responsible for it."

### RICHMOND RADIANT

#### Over the Brilliant Showing of Wells' New Team.

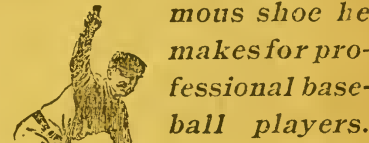
Richmond, Va., April 4.—Editor "Sporting Life":—You have not heard much from Richmond lately. The reason is that I have been waiting to feed those who are hungry for news from this city with the real stuff.

Now I am prepared to do the trick and am going to tell all about it.

Manager Wells' new club has reported and it is all right despite the fact that a part of the local press, because it lacks experience, is not apparently satisfied. But all will come around right, everything will get in line, and "I said so" will be in front red hot when the Atlantic League season is about a month old, and the club commences to show what is in it.

**THE BEST YET.**  
I want so say right here that the club now

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preparing to represent Richmond in Atlantic League battle fields is the best we ever had. It's a strong assertion, but it goes. No sir, I am not claiming that the pennant will come here. Half the men might get blown up in a train wreck, or war may be declared, but I do say that as long as the thing stands as it is somebody is going to get an argument for the rag.

See if that is not so. All the clubs in the League have strengthened, and that is a mighty good start for faster work. The season is going to be a good one. The people here will support the club with old-time vim, and interest is already at fever heat. It is a brand new team. The only regular workers saved over from last season's club, Hargrove and Kain, are in the company they belong with. The others are simply all right.

**THE START.**  
Wells had his men report in Charlotte, N. C., for practice, and I went there as the "Times" representative. The men reported on March 21, and the next morning they trotted out to the ball park, about two miles from the hotel and lumbered up. I was struck with their ability from the start, and Jake Wells was on good terms with himself after the first day's showing. Three days of good, hard work was put in, and sore wings and stiff joints commenced to appear.

Augusta came along for two exhibition games, and Wells' men feasted on pie. The Southern League Club was no match for the cherubs.

**THE TEST.**  
Then Boston came down from Greensboro, and a mighty fine ball game was played, Richmond won, after four innings had been played, by a score of 4 to 1. Henry Schmidt, one of our last season's pitchers, tossed the ball during all that time. He allowed one base on balls; struck out four, and eight hits were the best that the champions could do. They were singles with the exception of a double by Jack Stivets, and so scattered that no harm was done. The club supported him beautifully; only one error, a difficult attempt at that, Hargrove, Seybold, Kain, Leahy and Dundon carried off the fielding honors, and Klopff and Lutenberg played great ball.

Boston used in the box Mills, Pittenger and Klobedanz. The first two pitched three innings each well, and for seven times "Kloby" was right in it, but in the close a little slugging by the Richmonds netted the runs to win. The champions played good ball. Manager Selee has the winner, I think. The Bostonians well together. Since the return of the club, up to this writing, they have won a game from a college and dropped two hotly-contested games to Baltimore. This week we have Montreal and Boston.

**THE NEW MEN.**  
The rooters like the new Richmonds. Behind the bat we have Tommy Hess and Sam Vigneaux. They are a fine pair of catchers, good stickers, accurate throwers and men who will shine. Our pitching staff is a strong one. Archie Stimmell, the best in the League, is showing up in great style. He is strong and good, and works his cross fire with lots of steam. It will do to keep tab on him. Henry Schmidt, Jack Chesbro and Otis Stocksdale, the other three of last season's quartette, are in apple-pie order. They show up better than they did at this time last season. Ed Corniff, the left-hander, has not had a chance to show himself, and Frank Sparks, who has been unable to work as yet has a golden record.

**CHARLIE LUTENBERG**  
is hitting the ball and playing first base in fine order. Dan Leahy at second and Gus Klopff at short are doing just the kind of work good ball players must. They work fast and true, covering lots of ground and protecting well the middle bag. Elberfeld's successor, Gus Dundon, is a fine ball player. He is filling the hard place with much credit to himself, so third, too, is well taken care of. The outfield is great. Hargrove and Kain are better than last year, and Ralph Seybold is in splendid order.

Manager Wells has been complimented by the best people in the city for his good judgment in selecting the men. The club is all right in the majority verdict.

**NOTES.**  
Down in Charlotte the boys got in good practice. It is a great shaping-up town. I found "Sporting Life" there.

Gus Klopff has been made captain of the team, and "Reddy" is a mighty good captain, too. The men all like him.

Jake Morse, your clever Boston man, and Tim Murnane met me in Charlotte. We had fun at the 14-inking game.

The park here is in splendid order. Many improvements have been made. The Baltimore Club likes it.

Mrs. Dundon and Mrs. Klopff joined their husbands here. Mrs. Schmidt has been here some time.

Tommy Hess is going to be a great favorite, the people have fallen in love with the clever catcher.

Woodruff and Foster, our local professionals, have gone to join their teams. The former to Reading, and "Reddy" to Allentown.

Gus Dundon as soon as he gets in good condition will make the people miss Elberfeld less than they do now.

The Richmond Club will not play a Sunday game this season. This pleases the public here no little.

Everybody is pleased that the Brush did not sweep in our League. **HUGH L. CARDOZO.**

# THE WORLD OF CYCLING.

## IT'S A REVOLUTION.

RACING TO BE CONDUCTED UNDER NEW CONDITIONS.

Middle Distance Competition Will be the Ruling Fad the Coming Season—How This Will Affect the Short Distance Racing Men, Etc.

Almost a complete revolution in the methods, manner, style and quality of cycle racing in the United States is foreshadowed in the arrangements that are being made for the season of 1938.

At the end of the coming year it is freely predicted that all unpaced events, from one mile to five miles, where the contestants start from a common mark, will have become practically obsolete.

It will not cause any particular detriment to cycle racing should that result follow, as in a majority of instances such races have been tedious affairs in which the riders loafed to the last lap and bored the public rather than amused it. Such racing, in most senses a parody on sport, has driven spectators away from the track instead of attracting them.

THREE STYLES of racing are bound, by reason of the real competition centered in them, to hold the attention of the public from now henceforward. The first of these is middle-distance paced racing; the second, pursuit races of all descriptions, and the third, sprint events not to exceed one-half mile, where there is no opportunity for contestants to loaf a lap or any part of a lap.

The middle-distance events are likely to take precedence over all in popularity by reason of the men who will compete. Michael, Linton, Major Taylor, the Afro-American, and Edouard Taylore, the Frenchman, are the strongest quartet of middle-distance riders in the world. The possibilities of Michael, Linton and Taylor are well known, and both the trainers and backers of Major Taylor, the colored boy, are as confident he can hold his own with fast company as though he had actually been given a trial in a prominent race. It must not be forgotten, either, that J. Frank Starbuck, while to some extent in disfavor, has once beaten Michael and may yet return to something like good form.

WON'T BE IN IT. Titus, McDuffie and one or two others have been mentioned as possibilities in middle-distance racing, but nothing they have accomplished in the past leads to the anticipation that they are likely to become stars at that style of riding in the future. McDuffie is good for ten miles; beyond that he "shuts up," to use the vernacular of the track, and Titus in all attempts that he has made to do middle-distance work has disappointed his backers severely.

THE BIG STARS. Of the big stars Major Taylor and Linton have been doing the most work, and will be fit for riding, in all probability, before Michael or Taylore. The latter has not entirely recovered from the injury received by his fall at Philadelphia on the indoor track, and Michael, as everyone knows, has been experimenting with the jockey problem at Gravesend. He has not forgotten, however, during his work to ride the wheel now and then over the Coney Island cycle path.

Linton for three weeks has been working off and on over the track at Charles River Park, in Boston, and reports coming from that quarter say he has shown better speed, if anything, than last year, when he swept all before him in Europe.

LINTON'S PROSPECTS. While Linton has not exerted himself to the full test of speed for endurance he has reeled off bunches of successive miles in the same time he made on his best performances in England for the hour record. He has been featured as the hour champion by the company whose wheel he rides, and his friends are confident that he will lower his own hour record before he leaves America in the fall.

Linton is one of the hardest workers on the track. In reality not so very much larger than his fellow-townsmen, Jimmy Michael, he rides ten miles where Michael rides five to get into shape for fast work. In addition to middle-distance paced races Linton is very fast at unpaced work. His tremendous leg strength enables him to get a machine into rapid motion and retain a prolonged burst of speed without the encouragement of machines to drag him along.

### FOREIGN WINNINGS.

Racing Men Who Make Quite a Pretty Penny.

The earnings of the professional racing men in Europe during the season of '37 have been estimated at various figures. A member of the N. C. U., in order to ascertain the actual winnings of the noted riders during last year, communicated personally with the men, with the result that the following statistics have been completed: Bouillon and Morin, \$12,000 each; Constant Huré, \$9,000; Champion, \$3,600; Niepout, \$2,200; Jaquelin, Ruinat, Taylore and Roman, about \$2,000 each; Stein, \$1,500; Felix-Henry, Soibud, Guignard, \$1,000 each; Bourrotte, \$1,200; Gras and Le Veller, \$1,000 each; Gaston, Prevot and Germain, \$600 each.

### IT WAS LAUGHABLE.

Potter's Cycling Experience in Italy Last Year.

Imagine Isaac B. Potter, president of the L. A. W., being catechised concerning his ability to ride a wheel. This prefatory remark is based on the following story, told by Mr. Potter himself, concerning his experience in Rome, Italy, last summer:

"To me Rome was about the most interesting city of the Continent except Paris. The only trouble with Rome is that you have to get a license to ride a wheel in the city. I was told at my hotel that if I wanted to ride a wheel in the city I would have to go and get a license. I went up to their City Hall, or whatever they call it—I didn't learn the whole Italian language—and through an interpreter, told my trouble of being possessed of a wheel that I would like to ride. I was asked if I was able to ride a wheel and calmly I said that I was. Next I was asked how long I had ridden and I replied ever since I was a baby. Then they wanted to know where I was from. I told them the United States, and they asked if I had a license granted in this country. I answered no, the only things we license over there are fish peddlers. I was asked more questions altogether than if I had been trying to lease the building. Eventually they asked my name. I told them, and mentioned the fact of my being president of the L. A. W., and then I was told that I would have to send in a petition to the Mayor in order to get a license entitling me to ride a bicycle in the streets of Rome. Well, I sent in the petition and the license was granted. It costs about \$2, I believe, and when you get it you get with it a great metal tag, with a bunch of figures on it, that you have to fasten on your wheel. I was told that I could get the \$2 back by returning the tag when I left the city, but I replied, 'Nay, nay,' and informed them that I would not give up that tag for more than five times its cost."

### QUAD RACING TEAM.

Church, Turville Brothers and McCurdy Hunting Trouble.

One of the strongest racing combinations ever gotten together in this country has been formed in making up the quad team composed of Charley Church, Clem Turville, Charley Turville and Bob McCurdy. These men are the best that this city ever turned out. Church and McCurdy have splendid records as sprinters and short distance riders, Church being the fastest man in the State up to five miles, and Bob, the old war-horse, was always a dangerous man to have at your rear wheel coming down the home-stretch. The Turville brothers were out for the stuff all the time and they made a lot of the leaders sick in the finishes of the handicap events. Church and McCurdy have ridden as a tandem team, and they are the fastest team in the State and one of the fastest in the country. The Turvilles are also fast as a tandem team. It would indeed be hard to get a better matched four up for a racing quad team. A machine is being built for the team and in a short time they will have one of the lightest and best wheels in the country. As a quad team they are open to race any team in the world or race against running or trotting horses in relays. As a tandem team Church and McCurdy are open to meet any American or foreign tandem racing team in the business.

### THE COLOR QUESTION

Will Again Bother the Racing Board This Year.

An interesting question has arisen over the decision of the League of American Wheelmen Racing Board that racing men must register in regard to the board's treatment of colored racers. Negroes are excluded from the League of American Wheelmen, and it is argued that the League cannot accept the registration of a colored racer in consequence. There are not many negro racers on the track, but the effect on the board's decision will be especially interesting if it only touches the case of Major Taylor, the fast colored lad, whose course was attended with so many difficulties last season, owing to the aversion of his white competitors to racing with him. Taylor intends to apply for registration soon, and if he is refused he will probably go to France and race. Another course is open to him, if he wishes to evade the decision, by joining the Canadian Wheelmen's Association, which does not draw the color line. Owing to the terms of alliance between the Canadians and the League Taylor could not be debarred from racing on the League tracks. The Racing Board has not been called upon to decide the question as yet.

### A NEW TRACK.

A Most Extensive Establishment For Gravesend Bay.

A new cycle track, to cost about \$85,000, it is stated, will shortly be built at Gravesend Bay, just below Ulmer Park. The promoters of the affair are the owners of Ulmer Park, and permission has already been received to dredge the bay 1000 feet off shore. The proposed track will be a three-lap oval, and the space of 800,000 feet square after being dredged will be filled in with sand, ashes, cinders and earth, making a solid foundation. The bay at this point, at low tide, is one solid mass of mud for nearly half a mile off shore, and after it has been bulkheaded it is estimated that the amount of sand and earth necessary to fill in the place will not average more than twelve feet in the whole expanse. The bulkheads will be built 1000 feet out, and to expel the water within suction and expulsion pipes will be brought into service. It is further proposed to build a swimming pool, 200 by 300 feet, within the inclosure of the track.

### AFTER THE JALLU BROTHERS.

Henry Ducker Believes One of His Teams Can Beat the Frenchmen.

If the Jallu brothers, the French electric machine riders, come to America, they will be confronted with an offer from the National Track Association team to ride them from 10 to 35 miles, the N. T. A. team to comprise one of the regular pacing crews for the middle distance stars now under contract, while the Jallus are to use their "infernal machine," as it is called in Paris.

Tom Eck, who brought the Jallus to this country before, and who engaged them this time, is confident that they can ride 40 miles an hour without effort and if this be true, then the National Track Association team will have a task to defeat them; but Manager Ducker, who was in consultation in New York with Representative Hines, of the same association, believes that it can be done, and offers to close the match at once for a race from 10 to 33 miles for \$2000.

This offer has already been submitted to the managers of the French team, but it has not been accepted. The National Track Association is waiting to hear from "Senator" Morgan, and as soon as he accepts the offer a team will be selected from the extensive pacing artillery of the track association now in training at Cambridge, and the most novel and interesting match race of the season will be run.

### WORK CUT OUT.

Much Racing in the Metropolitan District This Year.

In engaging the leading distance men for match races the promoters have stipulated that the riders under contract must not engage in any open or special races other than the match contests contracted for. The large number of riders who will take part in middle-distance contests will enable the big tracks to arrange races of special interest each week. The tracks at Manhattan Beach, Ambrose Park and Berkeley Oval propose to schedule big racing features at frequent intervals during the summer months, so that some events of an international character will likely be run off every Saturday during June, July and August. The arrangements under way for racing attractions involve the expenditure of considerable money for purses and the maintenance of racing teams, so that unless the public shows a disposition to give strong support to bicycle racing this year considerable money will be lost. Well-known managers admit that the season will be largely an experimental one in regard to racing. Experts view the extensive plans in a sort of dubious fashion. They profess to know that the season will either see racing made one of the premier sports or else witness its death.

### MICHAEL TO RIDE.

He Signs With the American Cycle Racing Association.

Jimmy Michael, the middle-distance professional rider, has contracted to compete in six bicycle match races during the months of July and August this season. He will ride under the control of the American Cycle Racing Association, and will receive a guaranteed compensation of \$15,000. Michael's determination to engage in bicycle races again this year settles effectually the talk of his riding race horses. In consenting to ride in six races the Welsh rider places himself entirely in the hands of the American Cycle Racing Association. The latter is at liberty to arrange matches for Michael with any riders they may select, the only stipulation being that the distance shall not be less than fifteen nor more than thirty-three miles. Until the termination of his contract Michael is debarred from entering any match or competition races, but will be allowed to ride exhibitions at race meets. The six match races will be run alternately in this city, Philadelphia and Boston.

### THE NEW RULES.

Racing Association and L. A. W. Must Work Together.

The new rules published by the L. A. W. have been read by racing men and tournament promoters and there is a feeling that the various changes will be productive of much good. It is conceded, however, that the new regulations cannot be enforced unless the Racing Association and the L. A. W. work together. A combination of interests will keep the riders in subjection, enforce the recognition of the League rules, and place the racing organization in closer touch with the directors of the L. A. W. racing affairs. All the big events will be controlled by the track and racing associations this year, and local club promoters will be forced to content themselves with securing the middle-distance riders for exhibition performances only.

### FIRST MIDDLE DISTANCE RACE.

Taylor Will Meet Starbuck at Willow Grove Next Month.

New York, April 2.—J. Frank Starbuck, of Philadelphia, and Edouard Taylore, of France, were matched yesterday for a paced race at 20 miles, to take place on the Willow Grove track, Philadelphia, on May 28. This will be the first outdoor middle-distance race of the year. The outcome will be awaited with interest, as it will determine the status of the little Frenchman as a pace follower on outdoor tracks. Each man will be limited to 20 pacemakers.

Starbuck was in New York yesterday to complete arrangements for the match. He has begun training at the Willow Grove track. Taylore is still in the South, where he will remain for another month, and then come North to Manhattan Beach.

## L. A. W. MEMBERSHIP.

ONE CAUSE FOR THE APPARENT FALLING OFF.

The Rule Giving a Member the Privilege of Sixty Days Within Which to Renew Membership Believed to be Responsible For the Decline.

A League member of several years' standing suggests that in some respects it would be well for the L. A. W. to abolish the rule that gives to a member the privilege of taking 60 days to renew his membership and keep his old number and date of expiration. The idea of granting this period of grace is to indulge those who are poor and those who are forgetful, and it is also argued that it saves the League from losing many members, who would not rejoin if their membership ceased promptly with the date named on their tickets. These arguments are undoubtedly good, and the new suggestion does not anger them. The idea of the would-be innovator is rather to lengthen the period in which a member of good standing would be privileged to continue in the organization by paying simply the renewal fee without the addition of any fines after the 60 days have expired.

THE GREATEST OBJECTION to the present system that is pointed out is the apparently large decrease in membership which occurs every year about the first of April. It is, of course, only an apparent falling off, but it provokes criticism and occasions misapprehension on the part of those unfamiliar with the facts. The decrease in the League's membership figures at this time is due to the fact that until a few years ago all memberships dated from April 1 and expired on March 31. This rule was changed in 1896 so that memberships dated and expired at any time of year, according to when the application was accepted. There remained, however, a great many members who had been in under the old rule, and perhaps a majority of the League members now hold tickets dated April 1. The consequence is that the latest figures of Secretary-Treasurer Bull, of the New York State division, show an apparent falling off of 11,000.

THE TROUBLE. By the first of May it is expected that nearly all the 11,000 members whose tickets expire this week will have renewed them, and the League membership figures will jump upward. The trouble is that there are calamity riders, who about this time every year croak about the League going down hill. This does more or less damage to the recruiting cause. If the memberships which expire on March 31 were distributed through the summer this trouble would be spared, and this could be accomplished, it is claimed, by making members accept the actual date of their renewal and give to them a longer time, say three or four months, in which they could pay only \$1 and take out a new ticket bearing a new date.

THIS PLAN has several features that on the surface seem to be commendable. It certainly is hard on a man who has been a member for years to be abroad for several months and find on returning that he has to figure out a lot of fines and pay them before he can be restored to membership. The chances are he would not do it. Again, it occurs sometimes that about the time for renewing a member feels some what dissatisfied, and determines not to do it. A few months later he does not feel so bad, and might renew if he could do so by paying \$1, but the extra fines stare him in the face and prove just enough to turn the scales and cause a decision against the League. If at any time within three or four months he could pay his \$1, get a new card and new number dated according to the facts, it would be different. It is hard to see where the League would lose much if it made memberships expire promptly, but permitted renewals to be granted to old members at any time within a year from the date of expiration.

PROBABLE RESULTS. It would probably result in some persons delaying longer, but the total membership of the year would hardly suffer. It would undoubtedly break up the great number of expirations that now occur on March 31 and remove the annual 60-day scare about a big falling off. The sole objection to the plan seems to be that it would involve more work in the secretary's office. It was in order to save work on the part of the secretary that the old rule of dating all memberships from April 1 was adopted. The secretary is well paid, however, and not one of his staff has complained of overwork. As it is now, the situation is complicated by a lot of tickets expiring on one date and others on all sorts of dates, a rule of dating a ticket back 60 days after renewal is made and a system of fines that bothers every one. The member making the suggestion of the new and simpler plan says it was inspired by hearing criticisms on the falling off in the membership that is now being shown by the weekly figures.

A New Bell. The Climax Bell Co., of 403 Washington street, Boston, are putting on the market this year their new 32-stroke bell. It is particularly clear and musical in tone, and is bound to have recognition among riders. Ask your dealer about them.



## CYCLING STYLES

WHICH WILL BE MUCH FOLLOWED THIS SEASON.

Common Sense the Ruling Factor This Year in the Designs For Wheel Clothes Both For Male and Female Riders.

Indications of what the coming cycling styles will be are beginning to appear. Knickers will not be worn full with an overhanging bagginess at the knees, but they will fit fairly snug, and have cuffs of the same material. Double-breasted coats are gaining greater popularity. Dark blue or black golf hose are selling well, say the outfitters, and the prospect is that stockings of solid colors, with fancy colored tops, will largely replace the loud plaids. Sweaters are losing ground rapidly. Many of those who ride all winter have come to repudiate the sweater, and its use is now relegated almost entirely to the racing men and scorchers. It will be considered the correct thing to wear knickers of a decided pattern, with a coat of different material, darker and of solid color. Bicycle shoes are being made heavier, and with slight extension soles. The footless stocking, to be worn with half hose, seems to be pretty much the only thing at present. In head-gear there is little that is new, but the custom of wearing a Fedora or some other style of felt hat in preference to the little cloth cap seems to be growing. Fancy negligé shirts, with white collars and cuffs, and gay colored neckties will be worn, but the blazing Scotch plaids of last year are to be put away. Something new and sensible that has just appeared are cycling drawers that reach only to the knee and have elastic seams in the sides, so as to permit of freedom of action. With the women bright colors will be the vogue, even the reds and scarlets. Lavish decorations of black braid are gaining favor, and the cycling costume of one hue will make way for skirts and coats and vests of contrasting colors. While bloomers are pretty much out of it, leggings and the high-topped shoes are both losing ground. In hats the boat and sailor shapes will have preference over turbans and Tam O'Shanter's, and for hot weather chip hats and wide panamas will be used, say the clothing prophets.

### ROAD RECORDS

Will be Strictly Supervised in England This Season.

Official road records in England will be made under strict rules this year. A new regulation is as follows: "A rider attempting an unpaired record must be entirely alone throughout. He may be followed by a witness, who must not, while the competitor is mounted, either approach him within 100 yards or coach him by audible signals." All records must be timed by an official timekeeper using a special watch, but in cases of the records between London and York, York and Edinburgh, London and Edinburgh, Liverpool and Edinburgh, London and Liverpool, it will suffice if the times are taken from the General Post Office clocks at each end, provided those times are vouched for by at least two creditable witnesses in each case, any fraction of a minute being reckoned as a whole minute.

### THE CHAINLESS WHEEL.

Its Popular Success Still a Matter of Doubt.

The chainless bicycle has been on the market now for several months and there is variety enough in the makes of wheels to give quite a choice, but there has not been what might honestly be called a rush for that style of wheel. Those who have thoroughly tested the chainless wheels are pronounced in their favor as compared with the chain wheels, but few of them can see from \$50 to \$75 more value in the new over the old form of gearing.

If the chainless wheels were listed at \$75, they might go off as rapidly as the old wheels and if they were priced at \$50 the doom of the chain wheel would probably have been sealed ere this, but at \$125 the people do not seem to hunger for the new mounts. The greatest value ever put into a bicycle is now offered for \$75 and to induce any wideawake cyclist to pay almost double that amount of money for a bicycle the wheel must be both novel and meritorious to a degree far above those now offered by the leading American makers.

It is likely that having invested a great amount of capital in machinery in producing chainless bicycles that the manufacturers will in as short a time as possible meet the demand for a chainless wheel at

a price that is within the reach of the masses and at which it has been proved that chain wheels can be sold. When this is done it is likely that chainless wheels will be the only ones ridden by the up-to-date cyclists. And that this state of affairs is apt to be brought about shortly is evidenced by the rapid decline in prices of chain wheels which has taken place within the last two years.

### THEY STAND THE TEST.

Board of Experts Decided in Favor of the Lovell Diamond.

Where there are so many makes of bicycles on the market, all of which at first sight seem to be on an equal footing to the casual observer, and still the fact is well known that there is no article in common use where it is so easy for the manufacturer to cover up the imperfections as in the bicycle, both in material and workmanship, and which cannot be detected un-



COLONEL BENJAMIN S. LOVELL, President of the John P. Lovell Arms Company.

til the machine has been given a test on the road, such an investigation as has just been completed by the best experts in the country, under the supervision of the Western Review of Commerce, is likely to be of great value to the riding public.

#### THE DECISION.

The honor of producing the best wheel among the 37 well-known makes that were tested fell to the old established house of John P. Lovell Arms Company, of Boston, Mass., manufacturers of the celebrated Lovell Diamond. The investigation was made in a thorough manner by competent experts in the construction of wheels, and before them were placed 37 of the leading makes. The machines were all marvels of the most recent ideas of mechanical construction, and were brought together without the slightest intimation or knowledge to the manufacturers that such a test was to take place.

#### HOW IT WAS ARRIVED AT.

The practical experts composing the investigating board gradually weeded the machines down to a small number, and, after several days of careful testing of the relative merits of the machines, they were unanimous in their verdict that the Lovell Diamond was undoubtedly the best wheel made and so reported to the paper, the president of which immediately wrote the J. P. Lovell Arms Company informing the latter of the investigation made and the decision reached, and this was the first intimation that the Lovell Company had of the matter.

#### NO CHANCE TAKEN.

The statement that the Lovell Diamond is the best bicycle built is based upon the fact that every part of the machine is made at their own factory. Previous to and including 1896 the machine bearing the name of the Lovell Diamond was manufactured for the John P. Lovell Arms Company by outside parties, but beginning with the season of 1897 every part of every machine bearing their name plate has been constructed at the factory of the John P. Lovell Arms Company at South Portland, Me. This fact easily accounts for the proven supremacy of the "Lovell Diamond" over all other leading makes of the world.

#### WIDELY EXTENDED.

The Lovell Arms Company have three stores in Boston, Washington street, Broad street and Massachusetts avenue, and branch stores in Worcester, Mass., Providence, Pawtucket, Portland and Bangor, Me., besides having agents in nearly every city and town throughout the country. Their new catalogue, "Famous Diamonds of the World," free on application.

#### Smuggling Bicycles.

It is reported from the steamship piers in Hoboken that a new scheme, whereby foreign-made bicycles are being smuggled into this country, has been discovered. It is said that foreign-made wheels bearing the nameplate of an American manufacturer come in with nearly every ship. The inspectors say that they are not sufficiently expert in judging wheels to tell whether they are of foreign or home manufacture, and consequently have not been able to prevent the smuggling. It is possible that an inspector who is an expert on bicycles will be placed on the piers.

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### CREAHAN'S CHAT.

Death of William Megonegal—Brief Sketch of His Life—His Marked Success in Business—Financial Losses—His Great Charity.

William Megonegal, who died at his home, in this city, on the morning of March 28, of asthma of the heart, was probably one of the best known men in this city during the past thirty years or more. While not sixty years old at the time of his death, he aged so perceptibly during the past five or six years that to a stranger he might readily pass for a man of seventy. To those who knew his bright and genial disposition, as did the writer, it seems difficult to imagine that such a man could ever grow old—even in personal appearance. It is true that his hair turned white very many years ago, but as that was always cut short, and wearing no beard, the fresh young face was always present to his friends, although in the absence of the latter he might readily pass, as already stated, for a man who had seen his allotted three-score years and ten on earth. To a man in business this means much. To a man naturally fond of the sunny side of the world, with all of its gayeties, pleasures and frivolities it meant more. It told in time on the appearance of this man, as it does on all others, and the candle which had been lit at both ends for years in the search of that pleasure which it sought, extinguished suddenly the career of a life which had been endowed by nature with a physique that most men might have envied.

After retiring from the Continental Hotel more than a quarter of a century ago, where he became acquainted, and became more than popular with all classes of public men, William Megonegal opened his first place of business on Eighth street below Chestnut, already a famous public resort, known as "the hole in the wall," but now made more popular, if possible, as the resort of public characters and men about town. Although meeting with great financial success the character, or probably its size more than its character, did not satisfy Megonegal, as he opened a public house on Chestnut street above Twelfth, east of the Chestnut Street Theatre, where he had a billiard room, restaurant and bar. It is our opinion that this movement was not a marked financial success. At all events, it was not satisfactory to Megonegal, who, by the way, for years craved to be the owner of a large billiard room in this city, providing he could get his ideal man to manage the same, but not having succeeded in doing so he abandoned the Twelfth and Chestnut street place, fully if not more than twenty years ago, and opened a public house at 1031 Chestnut street, where he continued in business until some fifteen months ago, when he retired from active business. As might be expected the business resort of this man was one of the model places of its kind in this city. His trade was of the finest character, and the Brook's High License law could never have been possible in this State were all places managed like that of Megonegal's.

Megonegal owned the property at 1031 Chestnut street and sold it to Colonel Bennett, who owns the Chestnut Street Opera House, for, it has been stated, \$75,000. It was not a great price for Chestnut street property, but was considered fair, owing to the fact that while the place had about twenty feet front on Chestnut street, it had but little depth. For at least twenty years past Mr. Megonegal was known to be a very careful, shrewd, prudent and conservative speculator in stocks. There is no doubt that at various periods of his life he was worth all the way from a quarter to half a million of dollars. The money which he made during the past quarter of a century will never be known. His early retirement from business was the result of a dislike which he had taken to the calling of his life.

It has been stated in the press of this city that by the recent failure of the Chestnut Street National Bank Megonegal lost \$63,000. He loaned the late William M. Slingerly, the president of the bank, \$33,000 "on a due bill," and had \$30,000 in the same bank when it failed. Megonegal was a stockholder in both the Chestnut Street Bank and the Chestnut Street Trust Company when both failed simultaneously. It has been stated that asthma of the heart was the result of this man's death. There is no doubt in our mind that the loss of his money was the real cause. Mr. Megonegal was, if not a proud man, a man of great dignity. He was practically old, or certainly not young enough to begin life over again. Retired from business on what seemed like a competency the shock when it came was too great. The rest is now history.

William Megonegal was both a well-read and well-informed man. In our mind his early associates were unfortunate for him, as he was intended by nature to be a vastly different man from what he was in some respects, and yet, in other respects, he is to be envied. In charity, it is greatly to be questioned if any Philadelphian ever gave more freely, more willingly or more graciously than this great-hearted man of the people. His charity was not confined to any one class, stranded actors, disappointed minstrels, impetuous journalists, decaying sportsmen, faded Nell Gwynnes, the gentle Sisters of Charity, ever on their mission in aid of the orphans who cannot support themselves; ministers of all denominations, collecting money to erect temples to the worship of God, were as familiar and welcome to William Megonegal, if, not, indeed, not more so, than the men of the world who were his patrons. That is the brief story of Megonegal's life, and if "He who giveth a cup of cold water in My name shall not go unrewarded," what must be the reward now of William Megonegal?

### IVES THE CHAMPION.

He Defeats Schaefer and Then Declines the Medal.

Frank Ives defeated Jacob Schaefer at Chicago Saturday, April 2, in the match for the championship at 18-inch balk line bil-

liards by a score of 600 to 427. He had to work hard for the honor, but there was not a moment when he did not hold his old master safe in all points of the game. Jake played splendid billiards as a rule, but the strain of the game told on him after his high run of 90 in the twenty-fourth inning, and in eight innings he made but 14 points. In the meantime Ives had pushed up 100 buttons and clinched the game. Ives was given a fair show by the spectators, and that undoubtedly helped him to keep up to his work.

#### THE START.

Jake won the bank, but missed from the lay-off by a hair's breadth. Frank took hold with good heart, and as though he intended to make a runaway race of it. His 11th shot with a line-up in balk was executed with precision, and gave him a good position, from which he counted up to 32, when he fell down on a shot the length of the table. "The Wizard" came back with a pretty cluster of 18, and gathered 11 in the next inning after Ives had made 7. The innings of single figures followed, and then the young Napoleon added 26 to his score by careful billiards. This did not daunt Jake, for he had 30 buttons pushed up on his string before the balls froze on him, and he missed from the lay-off. Ives took them up and ran 14, his 13th shot being a left-handed one at two cushions, which brought down the house. Schaefer ran 37 in his ninth inning. This put the Wizard in the lead, and Ives did not like it. The balls lay hard for him, but he pulled nine counts and then by a difficult masse got them together in the rub nurse. At 50 they broke badly for him, and he missed the 53d shot.

#### SCHAEFER'S STRUGGLE.

Jake did nothing for six innings, while Ives was piling up 48. Then Schaefer proceeded to put together 62 very pretty billiards. Ives could do nothing in return, and it was not till the eighteenth inning that he touched the double figures. In the twenty-first inning Jake caught the balls rolling his way and proceeded to harvest a crop of buttons. He had added 65 to his string before he failed on a two-cushion venture. In the twenty-second Ives took his turn and looked as though he was good for a century, but lack of force caused him to miss his ninety-second shot.

#### THE FINISH.

Jake could get but a single billiard, and Frank made 18, putting him 60 points to the good. Then Schaefer started to even up matters. The Ivories rolled kindly for him and he soon gained the lead and kept piling up the count till he reached 90. Then he failed to get the balls out of balk and sat down to watch Ives play. He saw some pretty billiards, but was very well pleased when the "young Napoleon" failed on a hard across-the-table shot after counting 43 times. From that time on Ives had the game all his own way and ran out in the fortieth inning, with an average of 15. The score: Ives—35 7 1 4 5 26 14 0 52 1 0 1 10 18 0 0 1 22 2 4 3 6 18 43 18 14 8 28 40 0 1 17 37 3 34 13 10 8 22—Total 600. Average, 15. High runs, 91, 52. Schaefer—0 18 11 15 10 30 2 37 5 1 2 6 10 62 1 4 9 1 65 10 1 90 1 20 11 0 0 0 28 30 8 4 1 2 4 Total 426. Average, 10 27-60. High runs, 90, 65.

After the game while a group of spectators crowded about the table congratulating Ives he called for the \$300 diamond medal emblematic of the world's championship and said to Charley Mathews: "Give this back to the promoters of the tournament, I have won it, I merely reject it." Then he left the building. The incident was the climax to a long period of resentment which Ives is said to have entertained toward the billiard company that promoted the contest.

### A SCHAEFER VICTORY.

The Young Napoleon Beaten at Three-Cushion Caroms.

Ives and Schaefer met in Chicago Monday, April 4, in a match game of 125 points at three-cushion caroms, for \$100 a side. This match was made principally to test the popularity of three-cushion billiards. The betting was heavily in favor of Ives and Schaefer defeated Ives by a score of 125 to 105. The match was for \$100 a side, and though not played for any trophy, was practically for the championship at this style of game. Sixty points were played in the afternoon, and Schaefer reached that point in his ninety-fourth inning, leaving Ives at 46.

#### THE CONTEST.

The afternoon game was replete with brilliant shots, the best being a four-cushion effort by Ives, in which he forced the first object ball off the table, but made the count. In the evening session Schaefer went after everything in sight, and lots of things that were not in sight of anyone else. More than that, he got a whole lot of the shots he went after and his score grew with a steadiness that was discouraging to the "young Napoleon." Jake's high run of eight in the 130th inning was a cluster of beauties that fairly brought down the house.

#### LUCK WITH SCHAEFER.

Ives played great billiards, but luck was against him, and he suffered from an epidemic of kisses. Jake ended the game in the 160th inning with a jump shot that sent his cue ball up to the chandelier, and yet it came back to the table and made the count.

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# THE WORLD OF SHOOTERS.

## PITTSBURG PICKINGS.

### OLD HOSS' NOTES FROM THE SMOKY CITY.

#### Trout Fishermen Preparing For the Season—Trap Items—Enterprise Gun Club Prospering—Wilkinsburg Preparing For Their Annual Shoot.

Pittsburg, April 5.—Gun Editor "Sporting Life."—The trout fishermen are in good spirits, and they certainly have good grounds for rejoicing this year. Old trout fishermen and parties living along the trout streams in the mountain districts of Fayette, Somerset, Westmoreland, Cambria and Jefferson Counties, one and all, say that they have not seen as many or as large fish for many years. The winter having been an open one and the streams fairly full and in good condition the trout have had an abundance of good food to feed on; consequently they have had a good time of it and are in splendid condition. The older "Izaaks" have become boys again for the time and are overhauling their old tackle with care, and when they come to this or that particular fly, leader or line, they will recall the time and pool from which they landed the "daddy" of the trout family. It is more than likely that S. H. Vandergrift and George A. Wilson will pay a visit to the preserve of the Nittany Club before long. A small but select club owns a preserve in Westmoreland County, and a few of the members are making great preparations for the opening of the season. They have been stocking the Tub Mill Run for several years, and as reports are very rosy they expect to have some very fine fishing. The grand preserve of the Cheat Mountain Sportsmen's Association, in West Virginia, will be visited by scores of fishermen, and as they have a great many miles of well stocked streams under their control the members can have about all the fishing they may desire. However, as fishermen have some particular stream upon which they like to open the season, a grand scattering may be looked for about April 14.

#### TRAP ITEMS.

Trap-shooting seems to have been dead in this neck of the woods for the last two weeks or more. While a few of our shooters were in attendance at the Grand American Handicap only two seem to have attended the State shoot at Reading last week. Little or no shooting has been done lately, though this may be the calm preceding the storm.

#### EAST PITTSBURG VS. IROQUOIS.

The next and deciding team race between these two clubs will be shot off on April 14. As each team has one victory to its credit there will be a hot time on the Greenfield Club grounds when the teams meet for the last contest. John C. Knode ("Pills") has been to the State shoot taking lessons, and Jake Motz is handling a new gun in great shape, so it looks as if the Indians may be rather troublesome customers for the East Pittsburgers to handle.

#### ENTERPRISE GUN CLUB.

This club will hold a two-days tournament, commencing Friday, April 22. Shooting will be open to all and will commence promptly at 10 A. M. each day; targets only. As there will be valuable merchandise prizes added to each event, shooters will have a good chance to win a fine gun case, shell case, revolver, umbrella, hunting coat, segars, rocking chairs and other serviceable things, too numerous to mention.

#### WILKINSON GUN CLUB.

The members of the Wilkinsburg Gun Club commenced to make plans and preparations for annual Decoration Day shoot. This is one of the largest, as well as one of the most enjoyable, shooting events that is given hereabouts. President J. B. Sawyer, Billy Smith, A. A. Jack and Cy Hughes are always on hand on this occasion and do their best to make every one present have a good time, and they generally succeed to the fullest extent.

#### PERSONAL.

Pittsburgers are well pleased over the reelection of their fellow-sportsman, J. O'H. Denny, to the presidency of the Pennsylvania State Sportsmen's Association. Mr. Fred Biffar, the jolly commercial tourist for the H. & D. Folsom Arms Co., was visiting his friends and the trade in this city last week. Fred says that he is going to write an article on nitro powders, so something interesting may be looked for. J. R. Miller, a prominent Morgantown, W. Va., sportsman, was visiting friends in this city for a few days last week. Mr. Miller says that the Mongolian pheasants that he turned out on the foothills of the Cheat Mountains are thriving and doing nicely. The Cheat Mountain Sportsman's Association should do likewise.

The Rev. R. W. Grange, one of our most enthusiastic disciples of old Izaak, will open his trout-fishing season on his old tramping ground, the Loyal Sock, in Sullivan County.

Professor R. C. Wrenshall, of Shields Station, has returned from Texas, where he has been spending the winter. The Professor enjoyed some splendid shooting and fishing.

To E. S. Rice, of Chicago, the man who so successfully engineered the Du Pont Smokeless powder to the front, "Old Hoss"

desires to extend thanks for a few beautiful "trinkets," just received, for the Flickers' Nest. May he live long and prosper. "Sandy" McPherson is lost, strayed or stolen." He has not been seen around his usual haunts since the Grand American Handicap.

Mr. A. Smedley, the newly-elected president of the Oil City Gun Club, was shaking hands with his many friends in this city last week. The Oil City boys can congratulate themselves on having such a good, live man for president.

The "animated gas well," from Washington, Pa., was in the city last week; but it was not happy; too much high water had stopped the flow.

Everybody in general, and his friends in particular, will be pleased to know that the "oxygenated shrub" has been re-elected secretary of the Pennsylvania State Sportsmen's Association. Good boy, John.

Captain R. W. Cunningham, of the New Castle Gun Club, thinks that his new pupils, Atkinson and "Pillow," are going to be crackjack target shooters. Go a little slow, Captain, or we'll send "Pills" down after them.

Will Brown says he is very tired. After laboring for a whole week on the new constitution and by-laws of the Pennsylvania Gun Club and then have some evil-disposed person swipe them, is enough to make his hair turn yellow, he says. OLD HOSS.

#### KEYSTONE SHOOTING LEAGUE.

##### Regular Weekly Shoot Well Attended by the Members.

The Keystone shooting League, of Philadelphia, held their regular weekly shoot, on their grounds, at Holmesburg Junction, on April 2. A. C. Stevenson, J. Vandegrift and H. Bucknell killed 9 out of 10 live birds. In the target event H. B. Stevenson came out on top, with 53 broken. The scores follow:

Club shoot, 10 live birds, handicap rises; entrance 75 cents. Weekly prizes of bird tickets and added purse of \$100 added at end of season, to first, second and third place winners; open sweepstakes; entrance \$2.	
A. C. Stevenson, 29yds.....	22022 12222-9
J. Vandegrift, 30yds.....	22111 11120-9
Dr. Foster, 28yds.....	02222 22102-8
H. B. Stevenson, 29yds.....	29022 02021-5
L. W. Budd, 30yds.....	02022 22222-8
Dr. Darby, 28yds.....	02022 02020-4
W. H. Pack, 28yds.....	00221 02112-7
C. Fitzgerald, 30yds.....	02122 *0112-8
W. Edmunds, 27yds.....	22002 *2221-7
J. Ross, 29yds.....	02222 12022-8
W. Bucknell, 27yds.....	21212 21021-9
H. Henry, 29yds.....	10002 01002-4
Harrison, 28yds.....	10011 21112-8
Club shoot, 50 targets and handicap, Sergeant system; entrance 50 cents. Weekly prizes of target tickets and added purse of \$50 at end of season to first, second and third place winners.	
H. B. Stevenson.....	Hdp. H. M. 20 53 17
A. C. Stevenson.....	14 51 12
J. A. Ross.....	14 49 15
Dr. O. Foster.....	15 44 22
W. Harrison.....	16 43 23
L. Sanford.....	14 41 23
H. Henry.....	14 41 23
Dr. Darby.....	20 28 42
*W. H. Pack.....	20 27 23
*Fitzgerald.....	20 24 26

\*Did not shoot up score.  
Three special matches at 10 live birds; 30yds. rise, two men on a team; \$5 a side.  
1st match.  
J. Vandegrift.....11111 21121-10  
H. Bucknell.....10\*12 12211-8-18  
L. W. Budd.....12202 21011-8  
J. Wolstencroft.....20010 11111-7-15  
2d match.  
J. Vandegrift.....11121 11001-8  
H. Bucknell.....01\*12 212\*2-7-15  
L. W. Budd.....11120 10211-8  
J. Wolstencroft.....11120 22211-9-17  
3d match.  
J. Vandegrift.....21111 1100-8  
H. Bucknell.....01011 2012-7-15  
Budd.....02112 0112-8  
Wolstencroft.....01121 0012-7-15

#### CLEVELAND GUN CLUB.

##### "Jim" and Silsby Were the Badge Winners on March 28.

Shooting was hard on March 28, at the regular event of the Cleveland Gun Club. A strong wind was blowing and the targets were unsteady. The badge winners were Jim, first; Silsby, second. The official score follows:

James (35).....	11000 11000 11001 11111
J. I. C. (34).....	01111 11011 11000 00001
Redwing (30).....	10111 10100 01100 11111
Grant (34).....	00010 00110 10001 01011
Douglass (36).....	00010 01010 11011 10000
Brockway (35).....	11111 10010 00011 00111
Jim (34).....	11111 11110 10101 01111
Silsby (33).....	01110 01101 11101 11111
Good (30).....	11101 01001 01110 11111
Tamblyn (35).....	11101 11101 00110 10111
Re-entered:	
Good (30).....	11011 10110 11011 01011
	01011 01111 .....

#### JOHNSON WON FROM KLEINZ.

##### The Atlantic City Man Made a Fine Score.

Notwithstanding the stormy weather, there was a large crowd in attendance on March 29, at a live bird shooting match, at Foster's Charter Oak Park, N. J., for a purse of \$400, between J. Frank Kleinz and Edward Johnson, of Atlantic City. American Association rules governed, 50yds. boundary and 28yds. rise. The judges were W. J. Black and Horace B. Young; while

Albert Schreff was referee. Johnson won, killing 97 and missing 3 out of 100, against Kleinz's 85 kills.

Johnson had two birds fall dead out of bounds. The scores follow:

E. Johnson	12110 11111 12111 11211 11111-24
	11211 12121 12111 11111 11211-25
	21121 21122 11111 11111 11111-25
	11111 11111 11111 11111 11111-23-97
F. Kleinz	12112 22201 11121 11201 11110-22
	1212* 11212 21201 11112 112*1-22
	01022 02211 2212* 22111 011*1-19
	121*1 12112 1*211 21111*1111-22-85

#### BOSTON GUN CLUB.

##### Miskay and Woodruff Tie in the Eleventh Serial Prize Shoot.

The morning's rain of March 30 scared all but a dozen from attending the Boston Gun Club's 11th serial prize shoot. The dozen, nevertheless, were distinctly in it when the clouds parted and the sun shone from time to time intimidating Jupiter Pluvius to the extent of non-appearance for the entire afternoon.

With the weather question settled, guns drawn from cases and shell boxes unstrapped, the trap shooting exercises were duly commenced. The B. G. C. programme is by no means an ironclad one nor is it even down in black and white. Practice for the match always receives first consideration, then the match itself, followed by the team event; it is then a case of "special request" which usually emerges in the shape of a reverse pull. This disposed of to-day the feminine contingent demanded a one-man up, five unknown traps and angels, which recalled old times of two and three years back to at least half of those present when such style of shooting formed portion of the prize score. Just 53 per cent. all told was broken in this particular event, yet it proved one of the most enjoyable of the series. A little more of this excellent practice and the persevering one would be proof against some of the machinations that nowadays phase the average trap shooter. Details follows:

Events ..	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13
Targets ..	10 10 10 10 10 5 3p 10 10 10 5 10 10
Gordon (17)	7 5 4 6 7 4 1 8 7 6 2 7 7
Woodruff (17)	6 10 4 8 9 5 4 8 5 9 2 7 7
Miskay (18)	9 5 4 9 10 4 4 6 6 9 3 10 8
Jack .. (18)	8 9 3 7 7 3 2 8 6 7 3 7 10
East'n (16)	8 9 4 8 7 1 4 9 8 9 5 6 7
Benton (14)	3 4 2 2 7 1 2 4 5 .....
Nikols (15)	6 5 2 4 .....
Williams (15)	5 6 .. 5 8 1 2 6 7 7 3 8
Brown (15)	5 6 .. 6 7 3 4 5 5 2 1 6 4
Spencer (18)	6 .. 8 9 4 3 9 8 7 3 7 10
Hollis .. (16)	.. .. 6 5 4 10 8 4 10 ..
Poor .. (19)	.. .. 1 .. .. ..

Events 1, 4, 5, 8 and 13 known; angles, 2, 6 and 9 unknown; 3 and 7 pairs, 11 unknown traps and angles; 10 reverse; 12 same use of both barrels.  
Individual prize match, 21 targets, 10 known, 5 unknown, 3 pair; distance handicap.  
Woodruff 111111011-9 11111-5 11 10 10-4-18  
Miskay 111111111-10 1110-4 10 11 11-4-18  
Spencer 111110111-9 01111-4 01 11 00-3-16  
Hollis 111010101-6 1111-5 11 10 10-4-15  
Brown 011110110-7 00111-3 00 11 11-4-14  
Gordon 0111010101-7 10111-4 00 10 10-1-12  
East'n 011101011-7 00010-1 01 11 10-4-12  
Jack 1011101011-7 1010-3 10 00 10-2-12  
Nikols 100001010-4 11111-5 10 00 10-2-11  
Benton 111010110-7 00010-1 00 10 01-2-10  
Williams 111000101-6 00010-1 01 10 00-2-9

Team match, 40 targets, 10 known, 10 unknown per shooter; distance handicap.  
Spencer 111110111-9 011111110-8-17  
Eastman 110111111-9 110101111-8-17-34  
Gordon 110101011-8 110101010-7-15  
Woodruff 111111001-8 110101000-5-13-28  
Hollis 111111111-10 010111111-8-18  
Brown 100101001-5 001001110-5-10-28  
Miskay 111010010-6 000111101-6-12  
Williams 111010100-6 110011101-7-13-25

#### TRAP AT BLOOMSBURG.

##### Scores Made on Live Birds at Oak Grove.

Bloomsburg, Pa., March 30.—The Bloomsburg Gun Club held a live bird shoot at Oak Grove this afternoon. Derr, McKelvy, Aurandt and Snyder shot at a 21 yards rise, both barrels. All the rest shot according to American Association rules, 30 yards, 50 yards boundary. Following are the scores:

Mercer.....	22101 02212-8
McKelvy.....	11110 12110-9
G. Quick.....	21111 01220-8
McHenry.....	01001 11212-7
Snyder.....	21110 12011-8
Hill.....	12200 00100-4
Van Horn.....	01000 00000-1
Rishton.....	03010 12112-7
Aurandt.....	00002 01210-6
Derr.....	10000 10012-4
Hess.....	21112 11022-9
P. Quick.....	12110 01220-7
McCabe.....	11212 22222-9
	00020 00101-3

#### Election of Officers.

The Wayne Gun Club, of Philadelphia, held their annual meeting recently, as guests of Joseph Call, president of the Twentieth Ward Republican Club. The following officers were elected: President, A. G. Soistman; vice president, Wilson Garis; secretary-treasurer, C. G. Green; field captain, John J. Daly. After the business had been finished Mr. Call escorted his guests to the banquet room, where a splendid dinner was served. All had a most enjoyable evening and voted Mr. Call a good entertainer.

#### Gun Club Reorganization.

At the last meeting of the Frankford Gun Club it was agreed to disband and reorganize. After the reorganization the following officers were elected to serve for the ensuing year: President, George Redifer; vice president, Theodore Buck; secretary, Ed. Beck; treasurer, Henry Longhead; field captain, William Cameron; official scorer, Richard Magrady; trustees, Benjamin and William Bourne. Club shoots will be held on the last Saturday of each month.

## IT'S NO SUCH THING.

### WESTERN SPORTSMEN ARE NOT DISSATISFIED.

#### Mr. E. S. Rice Speaks Authoritatively and Sets at Rest Damaging Reports Emanating From Western Newspapers as to Alleged Soreness.

The following clipping, taken from a Western paper, would make it appear that certain Western shooters who attended the Grand American Handicap last month were dissatisfied with the treatment which they received there:

Chicago, March 31.—Dissatisfaction with the handicapping conditions and management of the recent Grand American Handicap in the East has caused a secession of Western trap shooters. Plans are being formulated for the organization of the Western Trap Shooters' League of America.

The movement for a separate and distinct organization in the West has been fostered for several months. It broke into prominence at the Grand American Handicap held at Long Branch, N. J., last week. The Western shooters received poor treatment, and charge that the allowances were unfair. It was managed by a clique of Eastern powder and gun companies. The programme was withheld until too late to object to the conditions of money division.

The Western shooters assert they will never go East to compete again. One man said yesterday he would not go again if his entire expenses were guaranteed. The Westerners are busy planning the new League, and expect to form a permanent organization within a few weeks.

The following letter from Mr. E. S. Rice, of Chicago, who was instrumental in bringing the party of Western shooters to Elkwood Park, plainly shows that the matter has been grossly exaggerated, and places the Western sportsmen, who have been quoted as being dissatisfied, in quite a different and more favorable light before the shooting world.

Chicago, April 1.—Editor "Sporting Life."—It has been truthfully said that "where there were many men there would be many minds," and I am prepared to subscribe to the truth of this saying.

In the Western party recently visiting Elkwood, N. J., there were 52 people, and I find nearly as many minds upon some subjects.

Arriving in Chicago two days later than the main body of the party I was somewhat surprised to learn that various degrees of satisfaction or dissatisfaction with the Grand American Handicap had been expressed.

While I do not for a moment assume to speak for others, permit me to say: First, that officers of the Interstate Association treated the Western gentlemen with the greatest possible courtesy.

Second, that the handicapping of the party, with one exception, was entirely satisfactory, and any objection that might have been made in the case of the one was made impossible by a correction before the handicapped went to the score for the first time.

Third, I think I may safely say that where dissatisfaction is expressed, it is not with the management of the Grand American Handicap, with the treatment of the Western sportsmen by fellow sportsmen of the East, nor with the handicaps, but with an adjustment or divisions of moneys contributed alike by all who entered the one great event, which was so disposed of as to make impossible a division in favor of those who in the one event killed as high as 23 out of 25, or shooting at a 92 per cent. gait.

This is the one weak spot, it seems to me, in the management touching disposition of prize money, and will, I think, prevent so large an attendance upon the occasion of next year's tournament.

Personally I desire through your good paper to thank every gentleman with whom I came in contact at Elkwood, for courtesy and little attentions to myself or individual members of our Western party.

This statement I make to the Interstate Association, to sportsmen of the East and to whom it may concern, understanding, as I do, that statements have been accredited to me not strictly in line with the foregoing or at all warranted by the facts. Very truly yours,

E. S. RICE.

#### GILBERT ACCEPTS BOTH.

##### He Will Meet Elliott and Parmelee in Cup Matches.

The following dispatch was received on Tuesday of this week from Mr. E. S. Rice, of Chicago:

Chicago, Ill., April 5.—Editor "Sporting Life."—Fred Gilbert accepts challenges of Messrs. Elliott for Star Cup, Parmelee for DuPont trophy and names Watson's grounds, Tuesday, April 12, for first, and Thursday, April 14, for second contest. E. S. RICE.

#### A College Shooting League.

New York, March 26.—Representatives from a number of colleges met here to-day to form an organization for promoting interest in trap shooting among students. It was decided to call the new association the Intercollegiate Shooting Association. The shoots are to take place twice a year, during the first week in May and the first week in November. The permanent officers elected are: President, Horace F. Lunt, Harvard; first vice president, T. B. Coffin, Columbia; second vice president, H. S. Paine, Princeton; secretary, Oglesby Paul, University of Pennsylvania; treasurer, C. B. Spears, Yale. The first meeting is to take place on the grounds of the New Haven Shooting Club on the day of the Princeton-Yale base ball game, May 7.



AT READING.

PENNSYLVANIA STATE SPORTSMEN'S ASSOCIATION SHOOT.

Stroh Won the Target Championship—Cooper Carried Off the Live Bird Medal—Philadelphia Clubs Won All of the Team Trophies.

The Pennsylvania State Sportsmen's Association held their eighth annual convention and tournament at Reading, Pa., March 29, 30, 31 and April 1, 1898, under the auspices of the Independent Gun Club of Reading. The grounds on which the tournament was held are located at Shellington, about three miles below the city.

THE CONVENTION

was held on Tuesday evening at the rooms of the Independent Gun Club of Reading. Erie was chosen as the place for holding the next annual tournament. The following officers were elected: President, J. O. H. Denny; vice president, Harry Thurman; treasurer, James Wolstencroft; secretary, John A. Wilson; corresponding secretary, Frank Bacon; directors, H. M. Worden, John Shaaber, W. H. Wolstencroft, Elmer E. Shafer, W. H. Burnham. The following clubs were admitted to membership and allowed the privileges of the association: Silver Lake Gun Club, Philadelphia; Reed-Hurst Gun Club, Erie; Nittany Rod and Gun Club, of Bellefonte; Boyertown Gun Club; Keystone Gun Club of Lebanon; Hazlewood, of Pittsburg. One other club was elected on condition that the requirements of the association be carried out within a certain period. A change was made in the by-laws raising the annual club dues to \$2.

Messrs. Denny, Vandegrift and Wilson, composing a committee appointed at the last meeting for the purpose of having printed and published a book containing the constitution and by-laws of the association and the game laws of Pennsylvania, presented a report, stating that the duties devolving upon them had been satisfactorily performed.

The reports of secretary John A. Wilson and treasurer James Wolstencroft were very gratifying. That of the secretary showed that the association is now composed of representatives from half a hundred sportsmen's clubs.

AMONG THE VISITORS

were the following prominent trade representatives: A. G. Courtney and E. D. Fulford, Remington gun and U. M. C. ammunition; Captain A. W. Money and Edward Banks, E. C. and Schultz Powder Co.; J. A. R. Elliott, R. O. Heikes and Ferd. Van Dyke, Winchester Repeating Arms Co.; C. W. Budd, Parker Bros; R. L. Trimble and Fred. Gilbert, Du Pont Powder Co.; John J. Hollowell, U. M. C. Co.; J. Fanning, U. S. Smokeless Powder Co., makers of Gold Dust powder; Gus. F. Grieff, Troisdorf Powder Co.; Tom Keller, Milt F. Lindley and Mrs. M. F. Lindley, King Powder Co. and Peters Cartridge Co.; A. W. Du Bray, Parker Bros.; Dan Lefever, Lefever Arms Co.; C. Mink, Shannon & Sons; Sim Glover, of Parker gun and Schultz powder. Others present were Chas. M. Grimm, of Clear Lake, Ia.; Frank Faurote, Dallas, Tex.; Charlie Young, Springfield O.; "Pills," Pittsburg, Pa.; Thos. Martin, Bluffton, S. C.; Col. J. T. Anthony, Charlotte, N. C.; J. L. Brewer, New York; J. M. Hawkins, Baltimore, Md.; W. A. Weidbusch, Scranton, Pa.; W. H. Burnham, York, Pa.; W. H. Stroh, West Pittston, Pa.; J. Bessemer, of J. O. H. Denny, Pittsburg, Pa.; Geo. Nesbit and W. Payne, Wilkesbarre, Pa.; Tom Eley, Dorrance, Pa.; H. Brewster, of J. Worden and J. Sullivan, Harrisburg, Pa.; Bollman, Zellars and Gruber, of Lebanon, Pa.; Harry Thurman, H. Landis, A. G. Soistman, J. A. Ross, E. A. Welch, J. Swift, C. Lane, G. Anderson, J. Burton, Davis, W. Stevenson, G. Bell, H. Ridge, J. Wolstencroft, Woodstater, Fisher, Hahn, Jones, McAfee, C. Mink, Muller, A. B. Cartledge and "Sporting Life," of Philadelphia; Johnson, Buckwalter and Trumbauer, of Royersford; Dotterer, of Phoenixville, Pa.; John Wilson, Franklin, Pa.; H. Eachus, of West Chester, Pa.; Benner, Wein, Shealer and Shaffer, of Boyertown, Pa.; W. Brey, of Gerysville, Pa.; Wm. Torpey, Radnor, Pa.; Saylor, of Pottstown, Pa.; Trometter, B. Machamer and Davis, of

Shamokin; Fen Cooper and M. M. McMillan, Mahanoy City; J. Rehrig, Easton, Pa.; J. M. Runk, Chambersburg, Pa.; J. Malone, Breslode and Dixon, Baltimore, and Coleman, of Hegans, Pa.

The office affairs were in the hands of Edward Yeager, secretary of the club, and George Ritter. J. K. Starr was compiler of scores. The squad hustler for the State events was A. A. Fink, and for the open events "Bill" McCrickert. Elmer Shafer was manager, and of course did his part of the work to perfection.

FIRST DAY, MARCH 29. A steady rain, nasty muddy grounds and rather small attendance opened the programme on this day. The open events began with 23 entries in number one and increased two more in number three. But five events were finished in the open sweeps owing to the rain, and Elmer Shafer, manager of the shoot, wisely stopped the shooting after the fifth event had been finished. At that time the experts had some fine records to their credit as the Blue Rocks were flying nicely and the boys had little trouble in breaking them. J. A. R. Elliott broke the first 76 straight and finished with 99 out of the first 100. Banks and Gilbert broke 98, Heikes 97, Fulford 95, Hollowell, Glover and Brewer 94; Trimble and Landis 93, Grimm, Faurote and Fanning 92; Martin 90. The only one of the crackjacks to fall below the 90 mark was Charlie Budd. He was not feeling well, and the rain and mud did not improve his health, and 84 was all he could break out of 100.

The State events did not have a very heavy list, and but 18 men entered in the first event and 26 was the largest number of entries received in any event. The entire programme was finished in the State events, including the target championship race and the Milt Lindsley trophy contest. For the programme, not counting the team race, Stroh led, breaking 102 out of 110, an average of .927 per cent. He also won the Wolstencroft trophy, emblematic of State target championship, breaking 45 out of 50, and defeating J. Worden in the tie. Worden made second best average with .881 per cent.; "Pills" and Landis third, .836 per cent.; Weidbusch and Benner fourth, .827 per cent.; Hollowell and "Sporting Life" fifth, .818 per cent. The shooting was considered much harder in the State events owing to a bad background on the left quarter.

The three-men team match for the Milt Lindsley trophy was won by the Independents of Philadelphia on the score of 84 out of 105, which was 25 single and five pair to a man. The Florists of Philadelphia took second on 75, and the Keystone of Philadelphia third on 71. Independents of Reading, scored 70.

All open events were 20 targets, \$2.50, with \$10 added to each purse. In the State events the 15-target events were \$1.50 entrance and the 20-target event \$2.00 entrance with \$10 added to each purse.

THE SCORES FOLLOW:

Table with columns: Events, Targets, Shot, Broke, Ave. Lists names like Stroh, Worden, Landis, etc.

State event, 25 singles and 5 pair, 3 men team match; entrance, \$6. For Milt Lindsley trophy.

INDEPENDENT OF PHILADELPHIA.

Table listing scores for Independent of Philadelphia members like Landis, Lane, Muller.

FLORISTS OF PHILADELPHIA.

Table listing scores for Florists of Philadelphia members like Hollowell, Sport. Life, G. Bell.

KEYSTONE OF PHILADELPHIA.

Table listing scores for Keystone of Philadelphia members like J. Wolst'ft, J. Ross, H. Thur'n.

INDEPENDENT OF READING.

Table listing scores for Independent of Reading members like Shaaber, Schmeck, Coldren.

STATE EVENT, NO. 4.

Table listing scores for State Event No. 4 members like W. Stroh, J. Worden, Landis, Pills, Muller, Weidbusch, Shoop.

Table listing scores for various participants like Thurman, Coldren, Benner, Hollowell, Lane, S. P. Life, J. Denny, G. O. Bell, Mink, J. Wstncft, Dotterer, Shaaber, Burnham, Schmeck, Wein, Shealer, Smith, Wilson, Ross.

Ties on 45 divided money and shot-off for trophy.

W. H. Stroh, .01101 11111 01111 11111 11111-22. J. Worden, .11011 11001 01110 11011 11111-19. W. H. Stroh, of W. Pittston, Pa., won.

OPEN EVENTS.

The first five events were shot on Tuesday and the last three finished on Wednesday morning. The experts wanted harder shooting and the Magantrap was arranged to throw a fast bird. The result was that such men as Money, Fulford, Glover and Gilbert broke 13 out of 20. Faurote 12 and Budd fell to 9. In the next event the scores were no better. Money broke but 10, Brewer 14, Trimble 14, Hollowell 12 while Budd smashed but 6 out of his 20. But one clean score was made in these three events, and the best that Helkes and Gilbert could do was 17. Fanning got three 15s, Brewer three 14s; Fulford worked from 13 to 17 and finally broke a straight.

For the eight events Elliott led with 149 broken out of 160, an average of 93.1; Banks second 148, average 92.5; Helkes third 147, average 91.8; Fulford fourth 145, average 90.6; Gilbert fifth 143, average 89.3; Landis sixth 141, average 88.1; Trimble seventh 87.5, Fanning and Hollowell eighth 88.5. The scores:

Table with columns: Events, Targets, Scores. Lists names like C. M. Grimm, Pills, A. G. Courtney, Thos. Martin, J. T. Anthony, E. Banks, A. W. Money, E. D. Fulford, S. Glover, J. L. Brewer, J. A. R. Elliott, J. A. Young, R. L. Trimble, E. O. Heikes, F. Gilbert, J. S. Fanning, C. W. Budd, J. J. Hollowell, Landis, W. A. Weidbusch, C. Mink, W. H. Stroh, Hawkins, Shaaber, Coldren, Euck, Van Dyke, Greff, Dielfenderfer, Burnham, Bell.

SECOND DAY, MARCH 30.

A fine day for the sport greeted the shooters on this day. The sun came out bright and warm and the mud soon became dry. The experts had their own troubles trying to break the fast thrown targets. The State shooters had about the same kind of shooting, but the scores were a little better. Stroh and Hollowell did the best shooting in the State events, breaking 90 out of 100. Landis and Sullivan were next with 89. Mink fourth with 86.

The fourth event was the six-men team match for the Harrisburg trophy. For the first time in several years this trophy was not won by the Independent Gun Club of Philadelphia. The Florists' Gun Club of Philadelphia, came out victorious by breaking 126 out of 150 targets. The Florists entered their regular team which has done such good steady work in the Philadelphia Trap Shooters' League during the past season and now start the new series as the scratch team. They made an average of 21 out of 25 for six men. The Independent of Philadelphia was composed of Landis, Ridge and Stevenson, of the Keystone Shooting League, Philadelphia. Dr. Pepper, of Manayunk; Johnson and Buckwalter, of Royersford; Silver Lake, of Philadelphia, came in third and Independent, of Reading, fourth.

STATE EVENTS.

Table with columns: Events, Targets, Scores. Lists names like Stroh, Hollowell, Mink, Landis, Sullivan, Cartledge, Lane, Stevenson, Pills, Shaaber, Weidbusch, Worden, Anderson, Burton, "Sporting Life", Burnham, Brewster, Benner, Dotterer, Swift.

Table listing scores for participants like Denny, Bell, Schmeck, Schaeffer, Brez, Ridge, Woodstater, Fisher, Wanda, Thurman, Hahn, Dielfenderfer, Eshelman, McAfee, Adams, Torpey, Taylor, East, Wein, Buck, Johnson, Henry.

Three extra sweeps were shot in the State events, with a fair number of entries. In the first, at 15 Blue Rocks, Stroh and Ridge broke 15 straight, "Sporting Life" and Landis 14, "Pills," Burnham, Sullivan, Weidbusch, Brey and East 13, Wilson, Worden, Schmeck, Dotterer, Burton, Torpey and Swift 12, Mink 11.

In the second Stroh and Landis broke 15, "Pills," Worden and Schmeck 14, Burnham, Dotterer, Burton, Anderson and Hollowell 13, Sullivan, Mink and Ridge 12, Swift and Denny 9.

Six men team match for Harrisburg trophy.

FLORISTS OF PHILADELPHIA.

Table listing scores for Florists of Philadelphia members like Burton, Bell, Cartledge, Hollowell, S. P. Life, Anderson.

INDEPENDENT OF PHILADELPHIA.

Table listing scores for Independent of Philadelphia members like Land's, Pepper, Johnson, Buckwalter, Stevenson, Ridge.

SILVER LAKE, OF PHILADELPHIA.

Table listing scores for Silver Lake of Philadelphia members like Mink, Hahn, McAfee, Fisher, Woodstar, Lane.

INDEPENDENT OF READING.

Table listing scores for Independent of Reading members like Shaaber, Harrison, East, Ritter, Schmeck, Eshelman.

OPEN EVENTS.

In the open events Gilbert and Grimm led with 169 broken out of 190, an average of 88.9 per cent. Elliott and Trimble broke 168, Heikes 167, Banks and Fulford 160.

THE SCORES:

Table with columns: Events, Targets, Scores. Lists names like Banks, Money, Fulford, Glover, Brewer, Gilbert, Fanning, Budd, Hollowell, Grimm, Elliott, Young, Trimble, Faurote, Heikes, Van Dyke, Mink, Hawkins, Weidbusch, Courtney, Stroh, Sullivan, Denny, Landis, Greff, Torpey, Shaaber, Lindsley, Adams, Burnham, "Sporting Life", Brewster, Burton, Anderson, Cartledge, Lane, Nelson, Thurman.

Event No. 8 was a 50-target handicap for the E. C. cup. The experts were placed at scratch and the following had handicap allowance: Money, Courtney, Lane, Hollowell, Landis, Wilson, Hawkins, Thurman, Weidbusch and Denny. Three men tied on the limit—48—and in the shoot-off Courtney, the Remington gun representative, won by breaking 22 out of 31. Landis broke 20 out of 27, and Weidbusch 12 out of 29. For the scratch men Trimble and Heikes led with 47, Grimm, Elliott, Gilbert and Fulford broke 45 out of their 50.

Following are the scores in full:

Event S. E. C. Cup contest. Those marked \* had handicap allowance.

Table listing scores for S. E. C. Cup contest members like Banks, Money, Fulford, Glover, Courtney, Gilbert, Fanning, Lane, Hollowell, Grimm, Elliott, Young, Trimble, Landis, Heikes, Wilson, Hawkins.

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AT READING.

(Continued from Seventeenth Page).

Table with columns for names and scores. Includes names like Thurman, Weidebush, Denny, Lane, Courtney, Landis, Weidebush, and scores for various events.

THIRD DAY, MARCH 31. Another pleasant day greeted the sportsmen, although a rather strong wind was blowing which caused the targets to fly very irregularly and made unusually hard shooting.

But 12 men shot through the programme of State events and only 24 contested in these sweeps during the day. For the programme of 100 targets, Stroh again led with 83 per cent. He was the only one to go over the 80 mark. Sullivan broke 79, Shaaber 78, Landis 76, Mink 75 and "J. M." 71.

The five-men team match for the Reading trophy was shot after the completion of the State programme. But two teams entered—the Independent of Philadelphia, and the Florists of Philadelphia. The latter club won the six-men team trophy on the previous day and felt confident of victory. Instead of shooting the teams together, Burton and Cartledge, of the Florists, and Ross, Lane and Ridge, of the Independents, shot as a squad. They broke 102, an average of 204 and honors were about even. The wind was blowing pretty strong and the targets were dodging considerably, but the next squad, which consisted of "Sporting Life, Hallowell and Anderson, of the Florists, and Landis and Shaaber, of the Independent, were looked upon as strong shooters, and likely to run up some good scores. Strange to say this squad of crack-shooters made the most miserable exhibition of shooting seen during the tournament. Shaaber began by missing the first seven targets, Anderson was unable to hit but 4 out of his first 13. Hallowell lost 10 out of 12, Landis, one of the best shots in the State, lost 6 out of his first 15, and "Sporting Life" found the right place but 11 times in the first 15. The continual call of "lost bird" soon drew the attention of all spectators and the scores appeared as though a lot of novices were at work instead of reliable shots. When the agony was over it was found that Hallowell, the "154 straight man" of last season, had but 11 dead birds out of 25. George Anderson, the crack shot of the Florists, and a regular 90 per cent. man, had but 10 out of 25 to his credit (or discredit); Shaaber had 15, "Sporting Life" 17 and Landis 18. This squad scored but 71 out of 125 or an average of 14.2 to a man. Why such good shots should fall down to so low a score as 10 and 11 out of 25 is beyond our comprehension. The wind was not blowing any harder, but to some the targets appeared to be flying much faster. Anyway, the Independents won by the score of 94 to 79.

In the open events some poor scores were made by the experts. Budd continued to shoot in poor form and broke 12 out of 20 once, 13 out of 20 three times, one 14, one 15, one 16 and 18 out of 25 in the last event. His average was only 69 per cent. Gilbert did the best shooting, breaking 152 out of 165, an average of 92.1 per cent. Helkes was next with 149, an average of 90.3. Grimm shot well in several events, breaking 25 straight in No. 8 and 20 straight in No. 40 event. In No. 2 event however he fell to 13 out of 20, which cut his average down to 89 per cent. Banks and Van Dyke shot an even race on 140, an average of 84.8 per cent. Trimble was next with 137, an average of 83 per cent. The experts certainly had hard enough shooting as the scores will show. But three clean scores were made during the day. Gilbert making one and Grimm two. When the latter finished his 25 straight in the last event he received quite an ovation. Fulford made one score of 14 and one of 15 out of 20. Glover had one 14. Money had one 13 and three 14s. Elliott fell from 19 to 13 and withdrew after the 5th event. Trimble had two 14s. Van Dyke had three 15s. Fanning had two 14s and one 15. Brewer fell to 12 in the 5th event. Hallowell had a 7 out of 20 and Milt Lindsley found that place three times. Mink shot in one event, an average of 50 per cent. No. 8 was the Gold Dust powder event and each of the ten high guns received a pound of Gold Dust powder, in addition to the purse. The scores follow:

Table with columns for names and scores. Includes names like Stroh, Sullivan, Shaaber, Landis, Mink, J. M., Weidebush, Lane, Burnham, Pills, Brewster and scores for various events.

Three extra sweeps were shot on State events, each at 15 Blue Rocks, \$1.50 entrance. No. 1.—Brey 14, Landis, Wilson and "Pills" 13; Stroh, Shaaber, Denny and J. M. 11; Weidebush and Jones 10. No. 2.—Landis 14, Ross and Burton 13, Stroh, Burnham, "Pills," Brewster, Coleman and Wicks 12; Shaaber, Wilson, Lane, Brey and J. M. 11. No. 3.—Wicks 14, Landis 13, Ross, Wilson, Mink, Brewster and Coleman 12; Sullivan, Denny and "Pills" 11; Stroh, Shaaber and Brey 10.

State event No. 4.—Five-men team match for Reading Shooting Association trophy, 25 targets to a man. INDEPENDENTS, OF PHILADELPHIA. Ross . . . . .10110 11111 11111 11111 11111—22 Lane . . . . .10111 11121 10111 11101 10111—21 Ridge . . . . .11011 00101 11111 11110 11100—18 Landis . . . . .11010 10101 10101 11111 11101—18 Shaaber . . . . .00001 00110 11101 11110 10111—15 Total . . . . .94 FLORISTS, OF PHILADELPHIA. Burton . . . . .10101 11111 11101 01111 11101—19 Cartledge . . . . .11101 11111 01111 11110 11111—22 S. P. Life . . . . .11101 00111 10111 13010 10110—17 Hallowell . . . . .11111 00001 10900 01000 01110—17 Anderson . . . . .11001 00010 00011 11010 00001—10 Total . . . . .79

Table with columns for names and scores. Includes names like Glover, Money, Fulford, Banks, Courtney, Elliott, Young, Trimble, Faurote, Helkes, Gilbert, Van Dyke, Budd, Fanning, Grimm, Landis, Mink, Brewer, "333", Hallowell, Lindsley, Bessemer, Waters, Denny, J. M., Pills, and scores for various events.

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Three extra sweeps were shot on State events, each at 15 Blue Rocks, \$1.50 entrance. No. 1.—Brey 14, Landis, Wilson and "Pills" 13; Stroh, Shaaber, Denny and J. M. 11; Weidebush and Jones 10.

No. 2.—Landis 14, Ross and Burton 13, Stroh, Burnham, "Pills," Brewster, Coleman and Wicks 12; Shaaber, Wilson, Lane, Brey and J. M. 11. No. 3.—Wicks 14, Landis 13, Ross, Wilson, Mink, Brewster and Coleman 12; Sullivan, Denny and "Pills" 11; Stroh, Shaaber and Brey 10.

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OPEN EVENTS. Gilbert did best work, making an average of 92.1 per cent. Helkes .903, Grimm third .89; Van Dyke and Banks .848, Trimble .83. The scores follow:

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GENERAL AVERAGE for the three days' shooting in the open sweeps, counting 160 on the first day, 190 on the second and 165 on the third day, a total of 515, the following shows the work done by those who shot through: Days . . . . .1 2 3 Shot Targets . . . . .160 190 165 at. Broke. Av.

Table with columns for names and scores. Includes names like F. Gilbert, R. O. Helkes, C. M. Grimm, Ed. Banks, R. Trimble, E. D. Fulford, J. Fanning, Sim Glover, Capt. Money and scores for various events.

STATE EVENTS. This does not include shooting in team matches: Days . . . . .1 2 3 Targets . . . . .110 100 100 Shot at. Broke. Av.

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FOURTH DAY, APRIL 1. This was live bird day and an ideal one for the sport. The weather was pleasant and a strong wind blew across the grounds, making the birds fly well and the quality furnished was about the best ever seen at a State shoot. The events, both State and open, filled well and the latter were closely contested.

On the set of traps in front of the shooting house the individual championship match and the three-men team match were contested. The open events were shot on a set of traps placed in an adjoining field. In the State events J. K. Starr acted as referee and "Bill" McCrickert did the same work in the open sweeps. In the open sweeps Fred Gilbert did some fine shooting, grassing all the birds shot at during the day. Charlie Budd, E. D. Fulford, C. M. Grimm, J. L. Brewer, Captain Money and Colonel Thomas Martin shot well in the several sweeps. In event No. 1 at 7 birds, \$5.00, high guns, Gilbert, Fulford, Brewer and Money divided the purse on 7 kills. In No. 2 at 10 birds, \$10, four moneys, Fulford, Elliott, Gilbert and Bessemer divided first money in clean scores. In No. 3 at 10 birds, \$10, high guns,

Gilbert and Budd killed straight. Grimm, Schmeck, Martin and Glover scored 9. In the last race, a \$5.00 miss and out, Gilbert, Fulford, Brewer, Grimm and Martin divided on 6 kills each. In the State events "Feh" Cooper, of Mahanoy City, and Junius Davis, of Philadelphia, tied on 15 straight. They agreed to divide the proceeds next year and shot off for the diamond medal and a special cup. Cooper won, killing 10 straight in the tie. Davis missing his sixth bird.

The three-men team match had six clubs represented: The Herron Hill, of Pittsburg; the Luzerne, of Wilkesbarre; Independent, of Philadelphia; No. 1, Independent, of Philadelphia; No. 2, Keystone, of Lebanon, and the Independent, of Reading. The Independent, of Philadelphia, No. 1, came out ahead with 41 birds killed out of 45. The Herron Hill finished 40 and the Independent, of Philadelphia, No. 2, took third on 39. The other clubs withdrew as they had no chance to win after the 11th round. The scores follow:

STATE EVENTS. No. 1.—Fifteen birds, 25yds. rise \$10, birds extra for the individual championship of Pennsylvania at live birds. A diamond medal to winner, to be held in trust until next year. The winner of badge this year to receive 40 per cent. of the entrance money next year.

F. Cooper, Mahanoy City, Smith, Dupont, Leader. . . . .21222 11222 11222—15 J. Davis, Philadelphia, Greener, Schultze, Smokeless. . . . .21222 22122 22222—15 George Nesbit, Wilkesbarre, Francotte, Schultze, U. M. C. . . . .12222 21222 12120—14 H. Trumbauer, Royersford, Greener, Du Pont, Smokeless. . . . .22221 22222 22220—14 J. Schmeck, Reading, Smith, Du Pont, Trap. . . . .22222 22222 22022—14 "Julian," Mahanoy City, Smith, Hazard, Smokeless. . . . .22222 22022 22222—13

H. Landis, Philadelphia, Cashmore, Du Pont, Trap. . . . .22221 12202 21102—13 J. J. Hallowell, Philadelphia, Smith, U. M. C. . . . .22222 22222 22222—13 C. Coleman, Hegans, Smith, Schultze, Trap. . . . .21202 22211 22222—13 H. Thurman, Philadelphia, Smith, Kings, Leader. . . . .02222 22222 22222—13 B. Harrison, Reading, Smith, Troisdorf, Leader. . . . .20212 22102 22222—13

R. A. Welch, Philadelphia, Purdey, Schultze, Smokeless. . . . .21022 21221 22222—13 W. Weidebusch, Scranton, Parker, Kings, Repeater. . . . .22222 22222 22222—13 H. Coldren, Reading, Parker, Schultze, Trap. . . . .12221 21222 01222—13 J. Bessemer, Pittsburg, Remington, Du Pont, Smokeless. . . . .21022 22220 22222—12 W. Payne, Wilkesbarre, Greener, Schultze, U. M. C. . . . .22222 00212 02222—12

H. Brewster, Harrisburg, Smith, Schultze, Trap. . . . .22222 02222 02222—12 H. Trometter, Shamokin, Lefever, Du Pont, Smokeless. . . . .22022 22022 22222—12 J. Wolstencroft, Phila., Greener, Schultze, Leader. . . . .20212 21202 11212—12 J. Rehrig, Lehighton, Lefever, Schultze, Trap. . . . .20121 20221 11102—12 J. O'H. Denny, Ligonier, C. and H., Du Pont, Leader. . . . .12222 22202 22222—12 Sullivan, Harrisburg, Greener, Schultze, Trap. . . . .22212 12022 12010—11

W. H. Stroh, W. Pittston, Winchester, Du Pont, Leader. . . . .22222 22220 20202—11 W. H. Burnham, York, Scott, Du Pont, Leader. . . . .22202 22222 22222—11 John Davis, Shamokin, Francotte, Du Pont, Smokeless. . . . .21122 21222 20220—11 J. Wilson, Franklin, Francotte, Schultze, Trap. . . . .22202 22211 01122—11 Tom Eley, Dorranceton, Francotte, Schultze, U. M. C. . . . .21222 00222 12020—10 T. Bollman, Lebanon, Lefever, Du Pont, Smokeless. . . . .21122 02010 11222—10 E. Heckster, Reading, Baker, E. C., Trap. . . . .22220 00122 20222—10

J. A. Ross, Philadelphia, Francotte, Du Pont, Smokeless. . . . .22222 102 00222—9 "J. M.," Chambersburg, Greener, Du Pont, Leader. . . . .12220 01012 21020—8 The two ties on 15 agreed to divide the money next year and shot off for the medal and special cup, with the following result: Fen. Cooper . . . . .12211 12212—10 Junius Davis . . . . .11111 02112—9

The ties on 14 divided second money, ties on 13 divided third, ties on 12 divided fourth. George Nesbit lost his last bird, a right quartering driver, from N. 4 trap; H. Trumbauer lost his fifteenth bird, a hard zig-zag right quartering driver, from centre trap; Jas. Schmeck slipped up on his thirteenth, a low, fast driver, quartering to the right; Landis lost two right quarterers. Hallowell had two drivers fall dead out of bounds, Harry Thurman lost his chance to win by losing the first two birds, both right quarterers, the second being dead out of bounds; Coleman lost two right quarterers, one being dead outside; Harrison lost two good flyers to the right quarter; Weidebusch had a right quarterer and a quartering incomer escape; Coldren lost two right quarterers; Welch lost a hard, twisting driver and had a right quarterer fall outside. The birds were the finest lot ever used in a Pennsylvania State shoot, and it was surprising to note the number of fast right quartering drivers that escaped.

Three-men team match for L. C. Smith trophy—15 birds to a man; entrance per team, including birds, \$25; all 25 yards. INDEPENDENT, NO. 1, OF PHILA. Welch . . . . .21221 22222 21211—15 Landis . . . . .01221 20222 12022—12 Jones. . . . .21221 10122 21122—14—41

HERRON HILL, OF PITTSBURG. Bessemer . . . . .22222 02222 12222—14 Denny . . . . .22122 22021 22022—13 Wilson . . . . .21200 12111 21221—13—40

INDEPENDENT, OF PHILA., NO. 2. Hallowell . . . . .22222 22222 22222—14 Thurman . . . . .22222 22022 22212—14 Wolstencroft . . . . .21200 12111 20120—11—39

LUZERNE, OF WILKESBARRE. Payne . . . . .10222 20210 22010—9 Eley . . . . .20202 12211 222—11 Nesbit . . . . .01122 10112 221—10—30

INDEPENDENT, OF READING. Heckster . . . . .00202 12121 2—7 Coldren . . . . .20121 21111 1—10 Harrison . . . . .02101 22121 2—8—25

KEYSTONE OF LEBANON. Bollman . . . . .21111 10002 2—8 Zellers . . . . .00200 12110 2—6 Gruber . . . . .00002 00021 2—4—18

The Luzerne, Independent, of Reading, and Keystone, of Lebanon, withdrew. Independent, of Philadelphia, No. 1, took first money and trophy, Herron Hill, of Pittsburg, second; Independent, of Philadelphia, No. 2, third. Open event No. 7, 7 birds, \$5; birds extra; all 30yds. rise; high guns.

Table with columns for names and scores. Includes names like Gilbert, Grimm, Nesbit, Paine, Eley, Fulford, Coldren, Brewer, Rehrig, Wiedebusch, Young and scores for various events.

Ties on 7 divided the purse. Open event, No. 2, 10 birds; entrance \$10; class shooting, four moneys; all 30yds. Grimm . . . . .222220222—9 Malone . . . . .01221222212—9 Fulford . . . . .222222222—10 Wolsten . . . . .1012012121—9 Welch . . . . .1222202111—9 Coleman . . . . .1222202122—9 Anthony . . . . .202201003w—4 Young . . . . .0222222222—9 Martin . . . . .222122012—9 Brewer . . . . .2222202222—8 Elliott . . . . .211222222—10 Du Bray . . . . .2002101212—7 Trimble . . . . .2222222202—9 Nesbit . . . . .2110001122—7 V. Dyke . . . . .2202222212—9 Rehrig . . . . .1220122022—8 Fann'g . . . . .0220222222—8 Thurman . . . . .2222212002—8 Budd . . . . .2221122022—9 Courtney . . . . .2122202102—7 Gilbert . . . . .2222222222—10 Children . . . . .2012202212—8 Lindsley . . . . .202220220—7 Wiedeb' . . . . .0022222212—8 Money . . . . .2222102212—9 Stroh . . . . .2002220220—6 Glover . . . . .222220222—9 Bessemer . . . . .222122222—10 Dixon . . . . .0220202202—7 Schmeck . . . . .0222210222—8 Bresh'e . . . . .2202010210—5

Fulford, Gilbert and Bessemer divided first, ties on 9 divided second, ties on 10 divided third and ties on 8 divided fourth. Open event No. 3, 10 birds, \$7; birds extra; high guns, four moneys, all 30 yards. Grimm . . . . .2022222222—9 Fanning . . . . .20220—2 Fulford . . . . .220202—4 Glover . . . . .222221220—9 Money . . . . .222212100—8 Young . . . . .2022220—5 Malone . . . . .01012111—5 Budd . . . . .222222222—10 Keller . . . . .0220—2 Dixon . . . . .222000—4 Brewer . . . . .0220—3 Breslode . . . . .2202100—4 Schmeck . . . . .1212222202—9 V'Dyke . . . . .2222022220—8 Mink . . . . .0202002—3 W'busch . . . . .202222220—8 Martin . . . . .222122220—9 Anthony . . . . .020111—4 Gilbert . . . . .222221222—10 "333" . . . . .22222020—6

Ties on 10 divided first and second money. Ties on nine divided third and fourth money. Open event—Miss and out, \$5.00. Money . . . . .112—3 Brewer . . . . .22222—6 Martin . . . . .0—0 East . . . . .0—0 Gilbert . . . . .22222—6 Fanning . . . . .1110—3 Budd . . . . .221220—5 Malone . . . . .11110—5 Breslode . . . . .0—0 Glover . . . . .22120—4 Fulford . . . . .22222—6 Martin . . . . .22222—6 Grimm . . . . .22222—6 Breslode . . . . .120—2 Anthony . . . . .111210—5

Ties on six divided the money. NOTES OF THE SHOOT. Reading furnished four entries in the live bird championship event and Philadelphia furnished seven. The Philadelphia gun clubs were well represented, and between 15 and 20 men from the Quaker City took part in the different events. In the six-men team match three of the four teams were from this city. In the five-men team match both entries were from Philadelphia clubs.

Three out of four teams in the Milt Lindsley trophy contest were from Philadelphia. In the live bird team match this city had two out of six teams represented. James O'H. Denny and J. Wilson are good men at the head of the State organization.

Frank Faurote, of Texas, fell asleep in the club house one day, and he was soon decorated with "Not dead, but sleeping" signs, empty shell boxes, etc. When he awoke the boys went visiting in the other house. Tom Keller, Eastern agent for the King Powder Co., and Peters Cartridge Co., came in on the last day in time for the live bird events. Tom is a great shot on live birds, at least they think so in California. He had just returned from the Boston show, where Peters' metallic goods and King's semi-smokeless powder won nearly all of the prizes.

According to one of the Reading papers, Landlord Gross gave a ball at the Three Mile House on Thursday evening. If the account was correct, all had a great time and several noted shots were floor managers. If the account could be believed a certain sporting paper representative was master of ceremonies and all pronounced him the greatest artist in this line the world ever produced.

Capt. J. A. H. Dressel, of the Union Metallic Cartridge Co., came over from New York on Thursday to visit with the shooters. He is always a welcome guest. Fred Quimby, of E. C. & Schultze Powder Co., looked at the shooting on Wednesday.

The Reading "Eagle" gave special attention to reporting the tournament and published a full account of each day's shooting, with cuts and records of many of the noted shots in attendance. George B. Weidner, the representative of that paper, certainly did splendid work in this line.

John Franklin, of Wilson, Pa., is quite a "hustler." He even carried a sign on his back to prove it. Mr. Jones, manager of the Florists' Club, certainly did his work well, and it was his wonderful ability in this line that landed his club on top in the six-men team match. He is "the greatest manager the world ever produced." Had he been with the club on the following day Captain Anderson would have broken straight, instead of 10 out of 25.

Landlord Gross, of the Three-Mile House, gave the shooters a good dinner every day and looked after their comfort in many other ways. Weidebusch, the clever shot of Scranton, put up some good scores, and came near landing the E. C. cup. W. H. Stroh, of West Pittston, Pa., with his Winchester gun, Du Pont powder and Leader shells, won the State target championship. He also led for the best general average in the State events for three days.

Tom Eley, the old-time expert live bird shot, was not shooting in his usual form and lost five birds in the championship race. Brewer, of Harrisburg, was on hand as usual and shot all through the State events. He made another try at the live bird championship, but he did not have Joseph Thurman to push him, and he fell by the wayside.

Everyone regretted that Joseph Thurman (Harry's father) was unable to be present. He was just recovering from a spell of sickness and was not well enough to attend. He won the live bird championship two years ago and tied for it last year. "Jim Jones" can get into the tie for first

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Bits of News on the Different Shooters—Scraps Picked up Among the Crowds in the Casino—Jottings About Those Who Killed and Missed.

The office affairs were ably handled by J. L. Lequin, secretary-treasurer of the Interstate Association, assisted by H. E. Norton.

Edward Banks was compiler of scores and his work was done perfectly. The press representatives were never better treated and all reports and copies of scores were ready as soon as the last gun had been fired.

The three efficient referees were Jacob Pentz on No. 1, Harold B. Wallack on No. 2, and Ed. Taylor on No. 3 set of traps.

MANY WOMEN LOOK ON.

Many women were on the grounds during the shoot, among those interested being Miss Mable Hunnewell, of S. Danville, Me.; Mrs. J. E. Singer, Long Branch City; Miss Wheatly, Long Branch; Mrs. J. W. Rockafeller, Mrs. T. Berringer, New York; Mrs. H. A. Conover, Long Branch; Mrs. Wilton, West Orange, N. J.; Mrs. H. A. Van Allen, Mrs. S. M. Van Allen, Jamaica, N. J.; Mrs. H. P. Collins, Baltimore; Mrs. E. S. Rice, Mrs. C. W. Carson, Mrs. C. P. Richards, Mrs. S. M. Shaw, Chicago; Mrs. W. P. Shattuck, Minneapolis; Mrs. M. F. Lindsley, Cincinnati, O.; and Mrs. J. W. Kibbey, Marshalltown, Iowa; Mrs. James Rowe, Red Bank, N. J.; Miss C. Kennedy, Hartford, Conn.; Mrs. Robert Welch and Mrs. E. Edwards, Philadelphia; Mrs. E. Prentiss, and Mrs. E. Northrup, New York; Mrs. Harold Wallack, Long Branch; Miss Mamie Hyland, Tarrytown; Mrs. H. M. Daly, Philadelphia; Mrs. W. R. Patten, Mrs. Henry Chanfrau, Mrs. B. J. McCausland, Mrs. Phil Daly, Sr.; Mrs. Phil. Daly, Jr.; Mrs. B. Hester, Long Branch; Mrs. A. Wiley, Hadlyme, Conn., and Mrs. Shephard, New York.

GOSSIP OF THE SHOOTERS.

John J. Sumpter, Jr., of Hot Springs, Ark., came on with the Western party, but was called home on Tuesday night owing to the illness of his father. The boys were very sorry that the "Arkansas Traveler" could not remain with them.

Robert Welch shot a four-match with Theodore Hostetter, winning two and making two ties.

J. E. Isgrigg accompanied the Western delegation and looked after the interest of the Chicago "Tribune." He was busy all of the time and kept the wires hot.

Tom Ladin, of Rhode Island, Ill., is an old hand at pigeon shooting. He landed 25 straight but lost the seventh bird in the shoot-off. He is known as "One Barrel Tom" in the West.

George W. Clay, of Kentucky, killed the first 55 birds straight in sweeps, and then lost the seventh bird in the big event. He was using a beautiful gun made by the Hunter Arms Co., which attracted considerable attention.

E. S. Rice had his colored orchestra at the Casino and they furnished music during the progress of the shooting.

Mr. Smith, of the Ithaca Gun Club, was present one day and witnessed the shooting of the experts. He reported a good business, and said that the Ithaca guns were still in good demand with the trade.

Judge Samuel B. Walker, of Memphis, Tenn., is one of the gamiest shooters we have ever seen. He never gets rattled and is in the race from start to finish. He is a thorough sportsman and a mighty fine gentleman.

Mrs. Shattuck made a beautiful kill on Tuesday at No. 3 set of traps. It was the fourteenth bird in the Nitro Powder Handicap. The bird, a dark blue driver from No. 5 trap, started to the left with great speed. The second barrel brought it down near the outer boundary. It was one of the prettiest shots of the day and was applauded by a large crowd of spectators who were watching her shooting.

Uncle Billy Hughes, the oldest trap shot in New York, was among the visitors.

Col. Tom Divine, one of the best fellows that ever looked over a gun barrel, came on from Memphis with four of his friends. He enjoyed himself immensely, even if he did miss a bird or two. He says that he is a sure shot on a flying bird but cannot hit one on the ground. The reason for this is that he is no pot hunter. He shot at

one bird on the ground and missed it by seven feet.

Messrs. Gaines, Lyon and Parker, of Parker Bros., Meriden, Conn., were very much interested in the shooting. Mr. W. F. Parker was one of the post entries and did very well, considering his little experience in live bird shooting.

Ed. Banks says the "Chief High Ball" squad of Indians will pitch their tents at the Rochester shoot in June.

There was one preacher among the list of entries. If he can spread the Gospel as well as he can the shot he is doing a lot of good work. He scored 23 out of 25, making 16 kills with his first barrel. In the 15 bird race he scored the entire number.

Fulford's shells were eagerly sought for as souvenirs and a large number of them were given away after his victory.

Gilbert tried to get into a miss and out, but when he found it was a handicap he turned away with the remark: "I am just about full of handicaps, and guess I'll wait a bit."

"Uncle Al." Heritage and John Watson met for the first time. They had a great chat together over pigeon shooting—past and present—and exchanged views on the best way to make pigeons fly fast.

Mr. W. H. Lyon, of Parker Bros., presented Fulford with a beautiful gold and enamel coat button. The ground is of dark blue enamel, with the letters "The Grand American Handicap, 1898" in gold around the border. In the centre is a pigeon on a chased gold. It was pretty and novel, and much appreciated by the winner.

Charles S. Davis, of Philadelphia, was the last entry in the G. A. H. of 1898. His number was 207. He had never shot at a live bird from trap before in his life, but was an old field shot. He was placed at 25yds. and killed 17 out of 21, and withdrew.

A. W. Du Bray, of Parker Bros., was pleased at the showing made by men using Parker guns. This gun was the favorite, 56 of the contestants using this make. Out of the nine men killing straight three used Parker guns. Mr. Loomis, the last man to fall out in the tie, was shooting a Parker gun.

Du Pont powder led the list, with 69 users. Schultze had 55, E. C. 15 and Hazard 25.

Captain J. A. H. Dressel, of the Union Metallic Cartridge Co., was satisfied, because 107 of the contestants used U. M. C. shells, and the winner of the grand prize used U. M. C. factory ammunition.

Capt. Money was more than pleased when Schultze won the prize. Of the nine men killing straight five used Schultze, two E. C., one Hazard and one Du Pont.

The Winchester guns showed up well, two of them being among the straight scores and from a long mark. Elliott at 31 and Heikes at 30yds. were the only two men to go straight back of the 29-yard mark. These men did some wonderful work with the Winchester gun and ammunition and their performance must have been appreciated by their company.

Charles Forehand, of the Forehand Arms Co., Worcester, Mass., had several samples of the Forehand gun on exhibition. For one who has had little experience at live birds, Charlie did very well.

Fulford carried out the ideas advanced in his article on trap shooting published in "Sporting Life" of March 19, when he shot off the tie for the big prize. "If one can't control his temper he can't control his gun," was his motto, and he shot with his head all of the time.

R. C. Horr, a prominent politician of Philadelphia, was an interested spectator and watched the experts make fine kills with much pleasure. Mr. Horr is a very good shot himself, but will wait until next year to try the G. A. H.

John Ward, the old base ball player, was among the visitors.

Gil Hatfield, another prominent ball tosser, watched the experts knock over the fast flyers.

Elmer E. Shaner, the genial manager of the Interstate Association certainly showed his efficiency in this line by conducting this grand event from start to finish without a single unpleasant feature arising. Elmer thoroughly understands his business and in handling such an enormous gathering he displayed cool judgment and great executive ability. The success of any great enterprise depends mainly on its management, and Elmer Shaner is to be congratulated for the part he played in the G. A. H. of 1898.

W. R. Clark, advertising manager of the Winchester Repeating Arms Company, was pleased with the fine showing made with Winchester guns and factory ammunition. The list showed a large increase over last year of those using Winchester goods.

Harry Thurman, of Philadelphia, came down one day shook hands with the boys and went back to his knitting.

Milt Lindsley, superintendent of manufacture of King's Smokeless powder, was satisfied over the showing made by his product. Of the six men using King's three killed 24 out of 25. Milt was surprised at the reception he received when he first came on the grounds and was glad to feel that his old friends in the East had not forgotten him, even if he had neglected them since taking up his abode in the West. Mrs. Lindsley was also present and met many of her old friends. We would like to see Milt and "Wanda" in the East oftener than once a year.

E. E. Baker, of Kewanee, Ill., opened the G. A. H. of 1898. He was drawn for that position by the handicapping committee.

Dr. Williamson, the Milwaukee crack, succeeded in killing 23, which was one bird less than his last year's record. He is one of the best live bird shots in the West.

Hank White, the one-barrel expert of Little Silver, needed more than two barrels on his first and second birds.

G. R. Hunnewell, of South Danville, Me., was trying live birds for the first time. He is an expert on targets, but had never shot in an event of this kind before. He killed 14 out of the first 15 and withdrew on the twenty-first round, having lost three fast birds in succession. He was accompanied by his pretty daughter, who watched his shooting with more than ordinary interest.

Miss Hunnewell is learning to handle a shotgun, and we expect she will develop into a splendid shot, under the directions of her father.

Jim Elliott's 13 hoodoo was completely knocked out when he grassed 25 straight. Jack rabbit hunters will have to prepare for trouble.

E. M. Cooper, of Red Bank, shot well and brought down all but one live bird in the big race. He was using King's Smokeless, in Trap shells.

The boys missed jovial Tom Keller, but he was busy shooting the pistol and talking K. & P. goods at the Boston show. By the way, have you seen Tom's paper? He is an editor now. The bright little journal—Peters Cartridge Bulletin—came from his pen, and it is an interesting sheet for riflemen.

H. A. Chisholm, of Portland, Me., did well for one who has little chance to shoot live birds. He grassed 18 out of the first 20, and his number at the score was 13.

Charlie Young killed 22 straight birds on Tuesday, 12 straight on Wednesday, lost two out of 13 on Thursday and defeated J. J. Hallowell in a 25 bird match, killing 23 to his opponent's 22. Surely Charlie was in good form.

J. J. Hallowell, of the U. M. C. Co., shot in his usual good form, but lost three birds in the big event.

Ben Kiser, of Trenton, killed 23 out of 25, and both lost birds fell just over the line.

J. P. Edgington, of Memphis, did well, considering that he was using his field gun. He grassed 15 straight on Tuesday and lost but two birds in the big race and a good time besides.

R. C. Root, of Providence, had hard luck in losing his last bird, which threw him out of the money, having lost one bird previous to this.

Aaron Doty, the quiet young man from Paterson, N. J., grassed his usual 24 with a bird just over the line.

E. A. Leach, of Trippe, S. Dak., had hard luck in losing one bird a few feet over the boundary. He killed 22 straight in the previous events.

Captain Money shot in good form and grassed 24 in nice shape. It was a pity the Captain could not have grassed that other bird and shot off the tie. He tied for the prize in 1894, but was shot out.

Ferd Van Dyke was unfortunate in losing his 16th bird over the line, as the loss of his last bird threw him out of the money. Ferd made several brilliant kills with his Winchester repeating gun.

Tom Marshall, last year's winner, killed 23. He looked like a second time winner up to the 15th round.

Orrin Dickey, winner in '95, killed 23, the same as last year.

Eddie Bingham, of the DuPont and Hazard Powder Companies, Chicago, shot in much better form than last year, and killed 22 straight in the two sweeps on Tuesday. In the big event he scored 23.

Walter Patten, of Long Branch, was shooting well, and landed straight. In the shoot-off he lost his 10th bird.

U. F. Bender, one of the straight men, shot with cool judgment, and good nerve. This was not his first experience in events of this kind, having shot at Monte Carlo and in England.

Frank Parmelee had two birds fall out of bounds the third and twenty-fifth. It was the last bird that broke his heart. Frank was satisfied with his capture of Beaver, but in doing so he spoiled a good thing for Gilbert's backers in Chicago.

Fred Wheeler was followed by a large crowd whenever he was at the scores. Fred shot well, but the 32 yard mark was too much for him on two birds.

George Roll, of Blue Island, Ill., was shooting in good form but lost a bird in the wrong place.

George Loomis, the last man to fall out in the tie, was defeated simply because the other man had better luck. One of Fulford's kills was a marvelous one and the kind that is made once in a thousand shots.

J. B. Savage, of New Haven, shot a clean race and landed 24. He did well for a man who has shot but few live birds from traps.

"Jim Jones" (Junius Davis), the old reliable shot of the Riverton Gun Club, Philadelphia, was given a 27-yard mark and killed straight. Mr. Davis has been shooting but little during the past two years, but seems to have a new lease of life and displayed some of his old time form in this event.

W. S. Cannon, the one-armed shooter from Newark, N. J., lost his last bird, which threw him out of the money, as his fifth bird had also escaped. His many friends regretted that he did not kill straight.

Fred Schwartz, the Bridesburg man, gave them a hard chase, but his nineteenth bird fell part over the line.

William Wagner is a dangerous man even if he is one of the old-timers.

Mrs. Shattuck's shooting was wonderful and attracted much attention. She is certainly a clever shot and a fine lady.

Joe Shiun was in the race until the twenty-second bird. He shot well after the first round.

John Fanning, the Gold Dust powder representative, started in by losing a screamer out of bounds. Then he killed the remaining 24 in good shape.

F. D. Kelsey shot well from the 29-yard mark. He is an old time expert, but the handicap was a trifle severe for the little practice which he receives in live-birds.

A. W. Du Bray, the Parker gun representative, killed 23 birds in the big event.

W. L. Cameron and Harry Graham, the Canadian pigeon shots, felt disappointed over their poor showing, but will come stronger next year.

George Cubberly killed but 22 this year. He usually scores 24.

Col. A. G. Courtney made a fine showing with his Remington gun. He killed 23, and the two lost birds were the eighteenth and nineteenth.

Jay Skell, of Worcester, did well for one who has little practice at live birds. His 24 was a good score.

Harry Dunnell killed the first 22 straight and fell down on the twenty-third and twenty-fourth birds.

Will Dunnell grassed 23, but it did not draw any money.

Sim Glover came in with his old score of 24. His thirteenth bird was the unlucky one.

Albert Dunnell, a brother to Harry and Will, scored 23, the same as the rest of the family.

J. J. Reid did not kill many birds but he enjoyed the sport.

Charles Muirhead did not start like a winner, as he lost the first three birds.

T. J. Laughrey was the only one of the Pittsburg crowd to get a piece of the money. He grassed 24, losing the 22d bird.

Rolla Heikes was not a bit slow with the Winchester repeating gun, and his many friends were glad to see him go straight, but regretted that he dropped out of the tie so soon.

James Hood made most of his kills with the first barrel, 16 being scored in this manner.

J. L. Brewer killed 23 from the 32-yard mark and had two fast birds fall dead outside.

William "Adolph" Weidebusch, of Scranton, shot a gamey race, after losing his first bird. He killed the next 24 in splendid form.

F. D. Alkire shot in hard luck. After grassing 22 straight he lost the 23d and 25th, the latter falling dead over the line and dropped him out of the money.

J. Plankington, Jr., the youngest shooter on the grounds, killed 23 and both lost birds were dead outside.

"Ben" Dicks, of Chicago, is an all-around sport and never takes a bluff. He can shoot a good race, too, as his 23 shows.

B. "Le Roy," a Remington gun representative, was unfortunate in losing his 12th bird just over the line. His 16th bird escaped, which threw him out of the purse.

Allen Willey came up smiling, although under the doctor's care. His score of 24 was all right, and showed that he had not forgotten how to handle the gun. Mrs. Willey watched his shooting with much interest.

J. M. Thompson, of Yonkers, did well to kill 24, although at 26 yards.

J. R. Blamey, of Holyoke, Mass., was on hand again as usual, but withdrew on the 18th round.

E. C. Burkhardt repeated his performance of last year, scoring 24 out of the 25.

W. P. Shattuck certainly had a lot of sympathizers when he missed his last bird. It was worth over \$300 to him.

Lee Huckins, of Kewanee, Ill., was No. 201. He grassed 24, losing the twentieth bird.

Mr. E. S. Rice, of the Du Pont Powder Co., Chicago, brought on 52 people to the Grand American Handicap. It was a jolly crowd, and a colored orchestra accompanied the party to enliven dull moments; although we hardly think such moments occurred. Mr. Rice is entitled to great credit for his efforts to entertain his guests, who comprised the elite of Chicago—socially and professionally.

It was a grand shooting event, a great gathering of gentlemen sportsmen and the Interstate Association are to be congratulated on the wonderful success of their undertaking.

BOILING SPRINGS GUN CLUB.

Dutcher Won the Monthly Handicap Shoot With 50 Breaks.

The Boiling Springs Gun Club held their monthly handicap shoot at Rutherford, N. J., on April 2. Dutcher with a handicap of 16 extra targets broke the limit, 50. Ed. Banks, of the E. C. and Schultze Powder Co., made 47 out of 50, breaking the last 24 straight. In the sweeps he averaged over 93 per cent. Huck, Nelson and De Wolfe also shot well in the sweeps which followed. The scores:

Table with columns for shooter names and scores. Includes entries for Huck, Dutcher, Nelson, Banks, James, De Wolfe, Speigle, Lewis, Jeannette, Hegeman, Hatfield, Adams, Taylor, Reid, and SWEEPS.

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John G. Messner, of Pittsburg, winner of Grand American Handicap in 1895, was in Philadelphia in Saturday of last week. He was very sorry to miss the G. A. H. this year, but sickness in his family kept him at home.

# TRAP SHOOTING

AT READING.

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place all right enough, but seems unable to stay in very long.

James Wolstencroft was the only one of this family of shooters to be present.

W. H. Burnham never misses a State shoot. He was on hand this time, although he had not shot at the traps since the State shoot last year.

J. J. Hallowell, of the U. M. C. Co., still retains his residence in Philadelphia, and helped the Florists' team to win the championship. He shot well in many of the sweeps and tied first average in the State target events on the second day. On live birds he graced 27 out of 30 in the two State championship events.

James Schneck, of Reading, shot live birds in good form and came near landing in the tie for the championship.

H. Landis, of the Keystone Shooting League, Philadelphia, came in for second general average in the State events. He shot in his usual good form nearly all of the time.

Fen Cooper, of Mahanoy City, winner of the live bird trophy, is one of the old pigeon shots of this State. He shot in fine form and made some splendid kills. He used an L. C. Smith gun, Du Pont powder and Leader shells.

Harry Trumbauer had hard luck in losing his last bird in the championship race. He is a good one in the tie and would have made some one hustle to defeat him if the last shot had been better placed.

Charlie Young, of Springfield, O., was shooting in about his usual good form.

A. W. Du Bray, the Parker gun representative, was not shooting live birds as well as usual, but managed to make a few good kills. He was showing a handsome sample of the Parker pigeon gun which was much admired by everyone.

Charles Mink was shooting his Winchester gun in good shape and landed third general average in the State events.

The Indians held a pow pow and dance in the club house one day and ate puppy stew and smoked the pipe of peace. The snakey music was furnished by Professor Minkenstein's half-full orchestra. The professor had but one tune, but he played it in several different languages.

Captain Anderson cannot understand how 15 targets managed to "connive" at him in the five-men team match.

Ferd Van Dyke handled the Winchester gun and factory loaded ammunition in his usual clever manner and made some nice kills on fast birds. He had sense enough not to shoot in the rain on the first day, but held his own on the following ones.

Milt Lindsley and his wife had a good visit with their many friends in Reading and without doubt did some good work for King's powder and Peters shells.

John L. Brewer killed 24 out of 28 live birds in the open sweeps and did well at times in the target events.

Philadelphia gun clubs seem to have a cinch on the team trophies, both on target and live birds.

Fred Gilbert, with his Smith gun, Du Pont powder and Leader shells, made best general average, breaking 464 out of 515, an average of .901 per cent. He killed all the live birds shot at, some 35 in all, and made several fine kills.

"Pills," of Pittsburg, is a thoroughbred, and when not shooting is ready for any other kind of sport. He was not shooting in his usual form owing to the air being free from smoke.

Lane, of the Silver Lake Gun Club, is a stayer whether he is shooting good or bad. He is one of the right kind.

R. O. Heikes made second best general average, being one target behind Gilbert for the three days' shooting. He broke 463 out of 515, an average of .899 per cent. He used the Winchester gun and shells and E. C. powder. He was obliged to leave for his home in Dayton, O., on Thursday evening, owing to illness in his family. The boys were sorry to see him leave as they wanted to chase him in the live bird event.

E. D. Fulford, with his Remington gun, U. M. C. shells and Schultze powder, was shooting well and is still able to wear the same sized hat as he did before winning the G. A. H. He won sixth general average for the three days on targets.

Sim Glover came near needing a new pair of half soles. He was quite out of his usual good form and averaged but .827 per cent. for three days. On live birds he shot a 90 per cent. gait.

John Shanber was the only Reading shooter who entered in all of the State events.

Charlie Grimm shot at the top on the second day and tied for first average. He made third general average in the open sweeps for three days. On live birds he shot in his usual good form.

Ed. Banks, secretary of the E. C. and Schultze Powder Co., was shooting in fine shape. On the first day he beat Heikes one target, and broke 98 out of his first 100. For the three days he won fourth general average.

Jack Sharkey Fanning, of Gold Dust Powder fame, shot below his average but managed to put up a few good scores. He was talking Gold Dust powder when not cracking targets.

Ralph Trimble, the Du Pont and Hazard powder representative, was shooting well; although, like the other experts, he occasionally stubbed his toe. On the second day he was second best for the day. He was always ready to cheer a winner.

Captain Money, of the E. C. and Schultze Powder Co., shot live birds as well as usual, but was a bit weak at targets.

J. A. R. Elliott shot targets well on the first two days and killed straight in one

event at live birds. Then he disappeared. "Jim" was handling the Winchester gun and factory load in his usual clever manner.

J. K. Starr, of Philadelphia, was compiler of scores, and made a nice, clean copy for the different press representatives.

A. B. Cartledge, secretary of the Florists' Gun Club, of Philadelphia, shot his usual good race in the team matches, breaking 22 out of 25 in each. He also made a run of 49 out of the first 50 targets shot at in the State events, using a new Parker gun that he had tried but once previous to this shoot. He is one of the greatest secretaries, etc., etc.

Dan Lefever, of the Lefever Arms Co., Syracuse, N. Y., was showing a sample of single-trigger, hammerless gun. The mechanical construction is certainly the strongest, simplest and surest in action of any single-trigger gun we have ever seen.

Charlie Budd shot in wretched form and hardly averaged 60 per cent., yet he never quit the game and stayed until the finish. Charlie Budd has never been known to stop shooting when not in the best form, and the boys will not regret it when he again comes out on top. At live birds he shot well and killed 24 out of 25.

"333" will soon have a reputation equal to that of "147."

Shearer, Wein, Shaffer and Benner, of the Boyerstown Gun Club, came over for the second day's shooting and had good sport.

Howard Ridge found the shooting somewhat harder than on his home grounds and fell below his average.

William Torpey, of Radnor, tried his hand in a few events, but found pretty hard shooting.

Gus Grieff, of the Troisdorf Powder Company, New York, took part in many of the events.

J. H. Worden, of Harrisburg, did not stay for the live bird shooting, but did well on targets, and tied for the target championship.

Will some one tell us which is the greatest sporting paper the world ever produced?

### DE LANCEY KEEPS THE CUP.

The Spring Shoot of the Interscholastic Association.

The spring shoot of the Interscholastic Association was held at Fernwood, on March 26. American Shooting Association rules governed the match. De Lancey's team was far superior to the Hill School boys, and they won the cup. There were five events, each for a fine cup. First place counted five, the second three and the third one, except the third event, which counted 25 for the first, 15 for the second and 5 for the third. The shooting of G. Fox, Spear and Morgan was very good. Summary:

Fifteen birds, known angles—Barr hit 13, missed 2; Spear hit 14, missed 1; Du Puy hit 11, missed 4; L. Fox hit 10, missed 5; G. Morris hit 10, missed 5; G. Fox hit 9, missed 6; Grown hit 7, missed 8; Ashenfelter hit 8, missed 7; Morgan hit 13, missed 2; R. Biddle hit 13, missed 2. Points, Hill 6, De Lancey 6.

Fifteen birds, unknown angles—G. Fox hit 8, missed 7; Barr hit 13, missed 2; Morgan hit 13, missed 2; Brown hit 14, missed 1; L. Fox hit 12, missed 3; Spear hit 12, missed 3; R. Biddle hit 9, missed 6; G. Morris hit 13, missed 2. Points, Hill 7, De Lancey 6. Total points, Hill 13, De Lancey 12.

Team match, four men, 30 birds each. De Lancey School—G. Morris hit 26, missed 4; G. Fox, Jr. (captain), hit 26, missed 4; R. Biddle, 24, hit 24, missed 6; M. Morgan hit 23, missed 7. Total, 99 birds.

Hill School—Spear (captain), hit 23, missed 7; Brown hit 23, missed 7; L. Fox hit 22, missed 8; Du Puy hit 20, missed 10. Total, 88 birds.

Five pair doubles—Barr hit 4, missed 6; Spear hit 4, missed 6; Morris hit 5, missed 5; Brown hit 4, missed 6; Morgan hit 6, missed 4; L. Fox hit 8, missed 2; R. Biddle hit 6, missed 4; C. Biddle hit 4, missed 6; G. Fox hit 6, missed 4; Du Puy hit 5, missed 5; Ashenfelter hit 1, missed 9. Points, Hill 6, De Lancey 10.

Twenty-five birds, unknown angles—Barr hit 20, missed 5; Spear hit 24, missed 1; Brown hit 16, missed 9; Du Puy hit 15, missed 10; L. Fox hit 17, missed 8; Ashenfelter hit 19, missed 6; Morris hit 12, missed 13; R. Biddle hit 15, missed 10; Morgan hit 19, missed 6; G. Fox hit 17, missed 8. Points, Hill 6, De Lancey 1.

Grand total of match.

Events	1	2	3	4	5
De Lancey	6	6	25	10	1-48
Hill	6	7	15	6	6-40

### Philadelphia Trap Shooters' League.

The first shoot of the second series of the Philadelphia Trap Shooters' League will be held on the grounds of the Roxborough Gun Club, on Shawmont avenue below Ridge avenue, Roxborough, Philadelphia, Pa., Saturday, April 9. Sweeps have been arranged with 20 events, 16 events at 10 targets, 50 cents and 75 cents; four events at 15 targets, 75 cents and \$1.00. Purse divided 40, 30, 20 and 10 per cent. Targets 1 1/2 cents each. Sweeps optional.

All persons coming on Reading Railroad will get off at Wissahickon and take trolley to Dearnly avenue. Those coming on the Pennsylvania Railroad will get off at Shawmont and walk up Shawmont avenue. Those coming on the Reading can do the same if they prefer.

Pennsylvania—Leave Broad street 8.35, 10.19, 11.15 A. M.; Philadelphia & Reading Terminal—At 8.05, 9.05, 10.05, 11.05 A. M.; 12.05 P. M.

### An All-Day Shoot.

The Social Gun Club, of Norristown, Pa., will hold an all-day shoot over the Magauntrap on Saturday, April 16. The ground is situated on Norristown and Chestnut Hill trolley line. Cars leave Penn and DeKalb streets every 15 minutes. Take cars at Wissahickon station for Norristown. Come on Chestnut Hill trolley. The programme has been arranged with 20 events. Six at 10 Blue Rocks, 50c.; five at 10 Blue Rocks, 75c.; two at 10 Blue Rocks, \$1.00; three at 15 Blue Rocks, \$1.50; three at 20 Blue Rocks, \$2.00, and one at 25 Blue Rocks, \$2.50. Money will be divided on the old percentage plan. T. V. Smith, F. Derr and George Buchanan, committee.

### Not Daunted by Misfortune.

Fred D. Divine's Spiral Fishing Rod Factory in Utica was completely gutted by fire on the morning of the 3d inst., with a loss of from \$3,000 to \$5,000. As becomes a wide-awake man like Divine he has already engaged new quarters and will soon be making Rods again. Spiral Rods are proof even against fire, and Fred's many friends all wish him "better luck next time."

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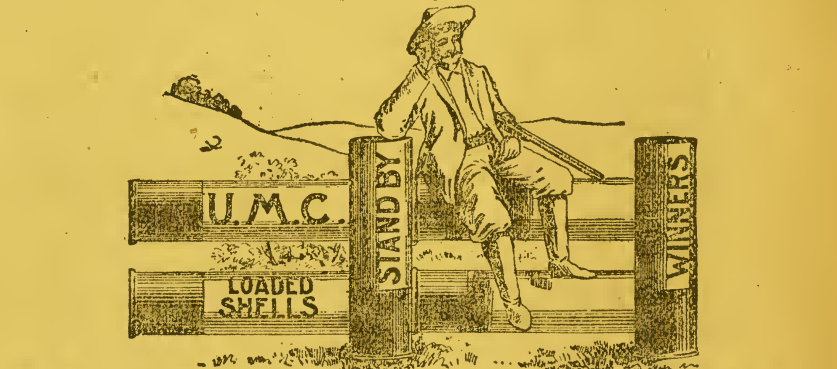
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## THOSE YOU KNOW.

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Bits of News and Gossip About Men Whom All Lovers of Shooting Know in Person or Through the Medium of General Fame.

Colonel A. G. Courtney, the popular representative of the Remington gun, and U. M. C. shells, won the E. C. cup in the handicap target match, at Reading, Pa., last week. The Colonel is shooting in fine form at present, both on live birds and targets, and claims that it is all due to the gun and ammunition which he uses.

William Bereaw defeated Howard Schimmel in a shooting match, at Easton, Pa., on March 30, by killing 14 out of 16 live birds to 12 for his opponent. The match was for \$50 a side.

Fen. Cooper, of Mahanoy City, Pa., won the live bird championship of Pennsylvania at Reading on April 1, killing 15 birds straight in the match, and 10 more in the tie. He used an L. C. Smith gun, Du Pont powder and Leader shells. This is the second time that this prize has gone to Mahanoy City, as M. M. McMillan won it in 1895.

W. H. Stroh, of West Pittston, Pa., won the Wolstencroft trophy, emblematic of the State championship at targets, at the Pennsylvania State shoot, at Reading, Pa., on March 29. He was tied by J. Worden, of Harrisburg, on 45 out of 45, but won in the shoot-off, breaking 22 out of 25 to his opponent's 19. Stroh used a Winchester repeating shotgun, 40 grains Du Pont powder, 1 1/4 ounces No. 7 1/2 shot, in Leader shells, a Winchester factory load.

Ad. Johnson, of Atlantic City, N. J., defeated J. Frank Klein in a 100 live bird match, at Charter Oak Park, N. J., on March 29, by killing 97 to 85. Johnson made a run of 79 straight.

J. Gross carried off the honors at a live bird shoot, at Norristown, Pa., on March 31, killing 39 out of 41 in the sweeps.

"Billy" Stroh, winner of Pennsylvania State target championship, says that "Sporting Life" gave him some of his first lessons in trap shooting. That was nearly six years ago, when "Sporting Life" was "the Wilkesbarre gun man." We are glad to see that the seeds bore forth good fruit.

Gus E. Grieff, who has been in the employ of Von Lengerke & Detmold, New York, for several years, has severed his connections with that firm and become general manager of the Troisdorf Powder Co., 320 Broadway, New York. Mr. Grieff is a good shot, a member of several gun clubs in the vicinity of New York and understands the powder business thoroughly.

F. Gilbert, of Spirit Lake, Ia., did the best work on live birds at Reading, Pa., on April 12. He shot at 35 birds in the sweeps and killed all of them. He used an L. C. Smith gun, Du Pont powder and Leader shells, a Winchester factory load.

The Philadelphia Trap Shooters' League shoot will take place April 9, on the grounds of the Roxborough Gun Club, Shawmont avenue, below Ridge avenue. Two sets of Blue Rock expert traps will be used. Don't forget to attend, as this will be the first shoot of the second series.

B. Le Roy Woodard, of the Remington Arms Co., has leased the property of the Brockton Gun Club, Brockton, Mass., and will hold regular tournaments for prizes during the summer.

C. C. Beveridge, of the Brooklyn Gun

Club, did some good shooting at the Centreville, R. I., Gun Club shoot on March 26.

Frank Faurote, of Dallas, Tex., returned to his home after the Reading shoot. He had hard luck on this trip, but we hope to see him in this country again when he is in his best form.

Colonel A. G. Courtney, of the Remington gun, spent last Sunday in the Quaker City.

Fred Gilbert, of Spirit Lake, Ia., the world's champion shot; John Fanning, of San Francisco, the California champion shot; C. W. Budd, of Des Moines, Ia., the old-time champion shot, and J. J. Hallowell, who made last season's record for the greatest number of consecutive breaks, called on "Sporting Life" on April 3. In the afternoon the party visited the Zoo, and "Freddie" saw many strange and interesting sights, which he will describe to his Western friends on his return to the "Wild and Wooley." The quartette left Philadelphia on Sunday evening for the Baltimore shoot. From there they go to the tourney at Atchison and other Western points.

Fred Gilbert has been challenged by J. A. R. Elliott to shoot for the Kansas City "Star" Cup, and by Frank Parmelee to shoot for the Du Pont trophy. Is there no one to challenge Freddie for the E. C. Cup? Gilbert has accepted both challenges and named Watson's grounds, Chicago, as the place, and Tuesday, April 12, for the first and Thursday, April 14, for the second as dates for the two matches.

H. M. Spencer, of Dunmore, Pa., won the German Ring Re-entry and Standard American Re-entry rifle matches at the New England Sportsmen's Association tournament at Boston last month, scoring 375 out of a possible 375 in the first and 240 out of a possible 250 in the second. He used Peters cartridges.

There will be a grand holiday shoot April 19 (Patriot's Day) on the grounds of the Brockton (Mass.) Gun Club. The first of a series of merchandise events will be shot on that day. There will be shooting on these grounds every Saturday, commencing on April 30. B. Le Roy will have charge of the affair, which is a guarantee of a pleasant shoot.

Annie Oakley, the little lady who does such marvelous shooting in Buffalo Bill's Wild West, took part in the carnival of sports at Madison Square Garden on March 25, for the Maine Benefit Fund. On March 30 Buffalo Bill's Wild West opened the season at Madison Square Garden, New York. Annie Oakley gave her usual clever exhibition of shotgun shooting, performing many astonishing feats. Her act is always appreciated by the large audience and is one of the most interesting features of this great show.

Fred C. Ross, of Brooklyn, N. Y., won the rifle championship match at the N. E. S. A. tournament at Boston last month, scoring 1200 out of a possible 1500. He used Peters 22 short cartridges and a Stevens rifle. H. M. Spencer, of Dunmore, Pa., won second place, with 1181 points, using the same ammunition.

Joe Foster defeated Elwood Marten at Charter Oak Park, N. J., on April 2, by the score of 21 to 19 out of 25 live birds, 21yds. rise, 80yds. boundary.

Dan Lefever, of the Lefever Arms Co., Syracuse, N. Y., was in the Quaker City last week showing his new single trigger hammerless gun. It appears like a very excellent invention, and we hope it will prove a stayer.

Baltimore was the scene of battle this week. All of the experts were there and the shooting was of the highest order. The first and second days were devoted to targets, and live birds shot on Thursday and Friday. The Maryland Handicap at 25 birds was the big event on Friday. Full score will appear in our next issue.

Mrs. Roch, of New York, disputes any woman's claim to the championship until her claim has been disposed of. It is said that she is willing to shoot a match with any woman in the world using either rifle or shotgun for a stake of \$1000 to \$5000.

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**St. Louis Trap Shooters' League.**  
The second annual tournament of the St. Louis Trap Shooters' League, for amateurs only, will be held on April 18, 19 and 20 at DuPont Park, St. Louis, Mo. The programme has been arranged for April 18 and 19 as follows: Three events at 15 targets, \$1.50 entrance, \$7.50 added in each; four events at 20 targets, \$2.00 entrance, \$10 added to each, and one event, 25 targets, \$2.50 entrance, \$15.00 added to each.  
On Wednesday, April 20, a 25-live bird handicap will be shot, \$15.00 entrance, \$100 added. A handsome diamond trophy will be given to the winner. Money to be divided, but ties or watch charm to be shot off; A. S. A. rules to govern. Professionals allowed to shoot for birds only. Shooting will commence at 9 A. M. Money divided 40, 30, 20 and 10 per cent., if less than 20 entries; if over 20 entries, 5 moneys; \$45 in average money on targets, five moneys. Lindell Hotel will be headquarters.

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# TRAP SHOOTING

## FROM THE PACIFIC.

### WHAT IS GOING ON IN FAR-OFF WASHINGTON.

#### The Seattle Gun Club Defeats the Tacoma Gunners in an Interesting Live Bird Match For the State Championship Trophy.

Seattle, Wash., March 28.—Editor "Sporting Life."—At Tacoma yesterday the Seattle Rod and Gun Club team, composed of Ellis, Stevens, Chellis, Norton and Hood, defeated the team of that place for the State championship trophy, a handsome silver cup lined with gold, which has been held by them for the last five years. This is the third time the Seattle boys have shot them for the cup, the first score being 192 to 200, the second 200 to 208 and yesterday's score was 206 to 200. Considering that there was a pretty stiff wind blowing across the traps the shooting was remarkably good; Pierce, of Tacoma, and Stevens, Ellis and Hood, of Seattle, all making good scores. There was a regular programme shot through of seven events, and the Seattle boys all fared very well. Pierce did the best shooting of the day, having made 15 straight in one event and killing his last 25 straight in the team races. He also had the high average for the day, beating Hood by one bird and Ellis by two. Hood fell down in the 15 reverse angle event, getting only eight out of 15, otherwise he shot very well. Ellis seems to have gotten back into shape since he has been shooting his "gas-pipe" gun, and is grinding them up into dust.

Stevens put up a pretty race all the way through, and shot a steady and regular game. Norton and Chellis, while a little below the 40 mark, still kept the boys guessing. Denham was very much off in the team race, dropping 11 out of his first 25. The boys were challenged immediately upon winning the cup by the Tacoma Club for a shoot four weeks from that date. The rules under which they shoot for the cup stipulate that it must be defended once every 30 days if the holders of the cup are challenged. This will keep things pretty busy for both clubs. It matters not who has the cup, as the others will always be after them to try and regain the lost laurel. The Seattle boys have got it now and with the advantage of shooting on their own grounds should hold it for some time. They are all determined to keep it for the next five years. It is now on exhibition in this city.

Enclosed find the scores of all the events and the team race.

Team match, 50 targets to a man, five men to a team.

SEATTLE TEAM.	
Norton	01011 01101 11110 11011 11111-19
Chellis	11101 01101 11111 10111 11110-20-39
Ellis	10011 00011 11011 01011 10101-15-36
Stevens	11111 10111 01111 11111 11110-20
Hood	11111 10111 01111 11111 11101-23-43
Pierce	11111 11111 11101 11111 11101-23-44
Hood	11111 11111 11101 01111 11111-23
Hood	01111 01111 11111 01110 11111-21-45

Total .....

TACOMA TEAM.	
Denham	00100 10010 11110 11011 10101-14
Young	11110 10101 11111 01110 00111-20-34
Kimball	11011 01111 11111 11011 11101-21-43
Sheard	10011 11000 01011 11110 10010-15-38
Pierce	11111 10011 01011 11111 11111-21
Pierce	00100 11111 11111 10111 11110-19-40
Pierce	11110 11101 10111 10111 10111-20
Pierce	11111 11111 11111 11111 11111-25-45

Total	Events	Targets
1	2	3
10	15	20
15	20	25
20	25	30
25	30	35
30	35	40
35	40	45
40	45	50

Denham	7	11	12	13	15	7	8
Norton	7	7	15	12	10	9	6
Hood	9	11	16	11	12	13	7
Chellis	9	14	19	8	14	18	9
Stevens	8	12	18	11	10	14	7
Ellis	7	13	17	9	14	16	5
Carman	7	14	15	13	14	18	6
Churchill	5	6	8	10	9	16	8
Davis	8	8	13	13	17	17	11
Thomas	8	8	10	12	11	11	11
Warner	6	9	11	11	11	11	11
Hall	4	7	9	9	10	10	10
Launing	6	11	9	10	10	10	10
Young	5	11	16	12	12	12	8
Kimball	9	12	19	9	13	15	9
McKee	6	6	10	9	3	3	3
Pierce	8	15	19	11	12	18	8
Smith	9	11	6	13	9	6	6
Sheard	13	13	13	13	13	13	13

#### BUFFALO AUDUBON GUNNERS.

##### R. Stacey Won in A Class and Three Tied in B Class.

The monthly cup shoot of the Audubon Gun Club was well attended on March 26, at Buffalo, N. Y., and the weather could not have been better for the sport. The scores made in all the events were good, and several straight scores were made. Event No. 3 was the weekly badge shoot. R. Stacey got Class A honors, class B resulted in a tie between Lambert, Cannon and Dr. E. S. Carroll; Class C went to J. E. Lodge.

In the fourth event, which was the monthly cup shoot, only two of the twen-

ty-eight shooters qualified by making straight scores of 25 birds—E. Porter and E. Reinecke. The latter won in the shoot-off. Following are the scores:

Events	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Targets	15	15	15	15	15	20	20	10
E. C. Burkhardt	10	10	16	16	8	15	15	8
Talsma	13	14	20	21	7	14	14	8
C. S. Burkhardt	7	12	20	22	8	17	16	8
Geisdorfer	11	9	18	22	8	19	12	10
L. W. Bennett	12	12	20	23	9	17	14	9
Zoeller	12	13	21	24	9	18	18	10
Norris	11	10	18	22	5	13	12	6
Forrester	14	15	16	21	7	17	15	10
A. C. Heindol	11	13	23	20	7	18	17	8
E. W. Smith	12	12	19	22	7	17	17	8
P. G. Myers	10	13	14	24	7	17	17	8
C. Stacey	12	20	22	9	15	17	17	8
L. Cannon	9	19	20	8	12	12	12	8
W. R. Eaton	18	19	4	7	7	7	7	7
Charles Hebard	10	14	4	11	10	11	11	10
Jacobs	16	19	11	8	9	9	9	8
McArthur	16	19	11	8	9	9	9	8
G. O. Miller	20	25	16	16	16	16	16	16
Porter	20	25	16	16	16	16	16	16
J. B. Lodge	21	18	15	15	15	15	15	15
Reinecke	25	16	16	16	16	16	16	16
Middaugh	21	15	15	15	15	15	15	15
Dr. E. S. Carroll	22	22	15	15	15	15	15	15
Anderson	11	17	4	6	6	6	6	6
J. J. O'Brien	17	17	17	17	17	17	17	17

#### Forthcoming Events.

April 13, 14 and 15.—The Interstate Association's tournament under the auspices of the Macon Gun Club, at Macon, Ga. F. C. Etheridge, secretary.

April 13, 14 and 15.—Atchison (Kan.) Manufacturers' fourth annual tournament; added money. Jack Parker, manager. Lou Erhardt, secretary. Atchison, Kan.

April 14, 15.—Newburgh, N. Y., "special shoot." Hudson River Trap Shooters' League, on the grounds of the Glenwood Gun Club. J. B. Rogers, manager.

April 18-19-20.—St. Louis Trap Shooters' League second annual tournament, at Du Pont Park, for amateurs only.

April 19 (Patriots' Day)—Tournament on grounds of Brockton, Mass., Gun Club, under management of B. Le Roy.

April 27-28.—Peru Gun Club's second annual amateur tournament, Peru, Ind. Jack Parker, manager. Address all communications to J. L. Head, Peru, Ind.

May 4 and 5.—The Interstate Association's tournament under the auspices of the Atlantic Gun Club, at Brunswick, Ga. J. H. Polhill, secretary.

May 4, 5, 6.—Newburgh, N. Y., "trophy shoot." Hudson River Trap Shooters' League, on the grounds of the West Newburgh Gun and Rifle Association. J. B. Rogers, manager.

May 10, 11, 12, 13.—Charley Budd's shoot at Des Moines, Ia., \$400 added, targets and live birds. On last day a 25-bird, \$25 handicap match, will be shot.

May 16 to 21, Missouri State Fish and Game Protection Association, at Kansas City.

May 17, 18, 19 and 20.—New Jersey State tournament. T. H. Keller, secretary, 88 Chambers street, New York.

May 24-27.—Twenty-second annual tournament Nebraska State Sportsmen's Association, Omaha, Neb.

May 25 and 26.—The Interstate Association's tournament, under the auspices of the Eastern Dog and Game Protective Association, at Wilmington, N. C. H. McL. Green, president.

June 1, 2.—Peekskill, N. Y., "trophy shoot." Hudson River Trap Shooters' League, on the grounds of the Peekskill Gun Club. J. B. Rogers, manager.

June 1, 2 and 3.—Ohio Trap Shooters' League annual tournament, Springfield, O. Open to all. First and second day, targets; third day, 25 live birds; \$25 entrance; handicap, 26 to 33 yards.

June 2-3.—Plaza Gun Club tournament at Alton, Ill.

June 7 and 8.—Trap Shooters' League of Indiana tournament, Limited Gun Club, Indianapolis.

June 7 to 11, Annual State convention and tournament of the Illinois State Sportsmen's Association at Peoria, Ill.

June 8 and 9.—Tournament at Findlay, O., by the Magautrap Gun Club. A. B. Martin, secretary and treasurer.

June 8, 9, 10.—West Virginia State Sportsmen's Association's second annual trap shooting tournament under the auspices of the Mountain State Gun Club, at Parkersburg.

June 15 and 16.—The Interstate Association's tournament, under the auspices of the Portsmouth Gun Club, at Portsmouth, Va. W. N. White, secretary.

June 15-17.—Fifth annual tournament of the Cleveland Target Company, Cleveland, O. Blue Rocks thrown free of charge. Professionals and manufacturers' experts barred from programme events.

June 20 to 24, New York State Association for Protection of Fish and Game tournament at Rochester, N. Y.

June 21-22-23.—Fourth annual amateur tournament of the Soo Gun Club at Sioux City, Ia., four sets of traps provided. W. F. Duncan, secretary-treasurer.

June 27, 28, 29, 30; July 1, 2, 3.—Milwaukee Gun Club tournament, at Milwaukee, Wis. S. M. Du Val, secretary, 356 Winchester street, Milwaukee.

July 6 and 7.—The Interstate Association's tournament under the auspices of the Meadville Gun Club, at Meadville, Pa. Chas. Stein, secretary.

July 14, 15.—Poughkeepsie, N. Y., "trophy shoot." Hudson River Trap Shooters' League, on the grounds of the Poughkeepsie Gun Club. J. B. Rogers, manager.

July 27 and 28.—The Interstate Association's tournament, under the auspices of the Parker Gun Club, at Meriden, Conn. C. S. Howard, secretary.

Aug. 10, 11.—Marlborough, N. Y., trophy shoot. Hudson River Trap Shooters' League, on the grounds of the Marlborough Gun Club. J. B. Rogers, manager.

Aug. 17 and 18.—Trap Shooters' League of Indiana, at Warsaw, Ind. J. S. Campfield, secretary.

August 17 and 18.—The Interstate Association's tournament, under the auspices of the Waterville Gun Club, at Waterville, Me. E. T. Wyman, secretary.

Sept. 7 and 8.—The Interstate Association's tournament, under the auspices of the Haverhill Gun Club, at Haverhill, Mass. Geo. F. Stevens, secretary.

#### The Atchison Tournament.

The Manufacturers' fourth amateur tournament will be held at Atchison, Kas., April 13, 14 and 15; \$500 in cash added. Ten 15 target events each day, \$1.50 entrance, five moneys, 25, 25, 20, 15 and 15 per cent.; \$50 high average money to those shooting through entire programme, divided \$12, \$10, \$8, \$5, \$5, \$5 and \$5; Sargeant system for throwing targets. A set of traps will be at the disposal of Manufacturers' agent upon which open sweeps will be shot to suit those present, and open to all. John Parker, manager; Lou Erhardt, secretary. Address all letters to the secretary, Atchison, Kas.

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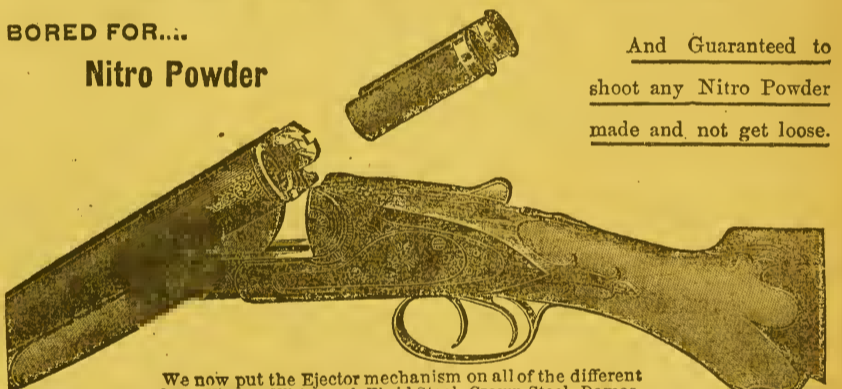


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