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ABOUT MEN AND AFFAIRS IN THE WINDY CITY.

Callahan's Managerial Job Likely to be Somewhat Easier Next Season
—Selee's Cubs Gathering for the Practice Jaunt to California.

By W. A. Phelon, Jr.

Chicago, Feb. 28.—Editor "Sporting Life":—After much uncertainty and long speculation among the scribes and fans, the manager of the White Sox for 1904 has been formally announced. Patsy Donovan and Bobby Lowe had been talked of; there was much gossip to the effect that Jimmy Callahan desired to lay down his burden and to become simply a private in the ranks, and so it went, till Comiskey declared that Cal would again lead the South Side warriors. Jimmy accepted the job and departed for West Baden, together with Clark Griffith, to get limbered up ahead of the season. Callahan's re-appointment will please every local fan. Personally, there is nobody better liked than Callahan. He was guyed and joshed without mercy by the bleacherites, it is true, but it is a peculiarity of a Chicago crowd that the manager or captain of the home team is always considered a legitimate mark for jokes. He is guyed from end to end of all games, and his life is made anything but a picnic by the shots fired into him from stand and bleachers. This kidding has nothing to do with the real liking the crowds may have for a player, and Callahan is highly esteemed by everybody.

James Callahan

EASIER JOB.
Callahan's 1904 task seems infinitely easy as compared to what he had on hand in 1903. Last year he was in an awful stew. To begin with, there was no third baseman, and he had to go to that tough corner himself. If any fan thinks it is

an easy job to play third, manage and captain all at once, he ought to go and take a whirl thereat. It is tough, dead tough. To be sure, Jimmy Collins does it successfully, but, then, Collins is a natural third baseman, and the worries of playing the sack are the least of his troubles. Callahan had to learn the angles of the base and carry on his managerial work at the same time. Then came such a series of hard-

luck jolts as no manager ever had to go against. First, the batting of the Sox slumped completely; the veterans went to pieces against the foul-strike rule, and young players, culled from the minors on alleged hitting ability, proved unable to hit a flock of barns. Then came the disability of Sullivan and the downfall of Eddie McFarland. The team was left catcherless, and with the crash in back-stops came the ruin of the team's young pitchers, who were unable to do anything decent without any veteran catchers to drill them. Tom Daly lost his speed and skill. Tannehill, sandwiched between a failing second bagger and a nervous, inexperienced tri-sacker, was a failure, both in the field and at the bat. Isbell went



EUGENE F. BERT,
President of the Pacific Coast League.

to fragments. The team was ruined, and what chance had Callahan?

THIS YEAR
things look infinitely brighter. He starts with a crew of people who look like batsmen, ought to prove batsmen, and certainly cannot be as bad as the last year's aggregation. The club now has catchers, plenty of them, and good, reliable men. Sullivan is a host in himself, Slattery has learned the game, and Berry should make good. The pitchers, with Sully to coach them, should do finely, while the new slabmen look like the goods. The infield looks like a bejeweled horseshoe compared with last season. Isbell, with fast men alongside, should come back. If he doesn't, Jiggs Donahue looks more than good. Callahan himself will play second, and he can do it to perfection. Davis has about made up his mind to return. Give George a month's good spring training, and he will deliver the goods. Clark promises to make a star at third. With Donahue on first that infield will be absolutely the hardest hitting infield in either league. The outfield should be wholly satisfactory, the base running ought to be excellent, and there will be an absence of the hideous stupidity with which the whole team was afflicted last season.

CUBS RALLYING.
Selee's men are answering the letters sent them, notifying them as to times and places to report. All of them claim to

feel well and be in fair condition for this time of year, and all assert that they are more than glad to work for a club which sends its men all the way to California to train. One thing which tickled the benedicts of the nine was a note from Jim Hart, asking them to bring their wives along, and promising to get special rates for the ladies. One of the men who got a note of this kind, through some inadvertence, was Evers, who not only is not married, but is hardly out of short clothes yet. Evers took it seriously, and remonstrated, writing Mr. Hart that he didn't have any wife, and was keeping hidden in Troy lest some maiden should drag him out and claim him. It looks to be

ALL OFF WITH CLANCY.
The outlaws have nailed the Worcester man, and Selee is sorry. He had the making of an A 1 player, according to all accounts. Maybe Clancy had a second attack of stage fright when it came to playing in the big league. If I am not mistaken, the boy was to have played with Philadelphia last year, but got a scare and fled in haste, averring that he didn't feel competent to make good in that fast company for awhile. Clancy and Hulseman are about the only players I ever heard of who were afraid to tackle the big leagues. Most new players are crazy to take the plunge, whether they can play ball a lick on earth or not. Hulseman is worse than Clancy. He has a morbid horror of the

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IN DETROIT.

SPORTSMEN'S ANNUAL MID-WINTER TOURNAMENT GIVEN.

Cold Weather Greatly Hinders the Sport
—Ralph Trimble Won High Average on Targets—A. Tolsma Carried Off the International Trophy.

Detroit, Mich., Feb. 25.—Editor "Sporting Life":—The Detroit Sportsmen's annual midwinter tournament was held here Feb. 17 and 18, under the direct management of Mr. Jake Klein, assisted by Fred S. Foster and John Parker. This tournament was held in connection with the automobile and sportsmen's exhibition, and a good time it was, excepting the weather, for many sportsmen came to Detroit to attend the automobile, dog and cat shows and incidentally do a little trap shooting. The severe cold was too much for some of them and so the number of contestants each day did not exceed twenty-five. The tournament was held on the Rusch House grounds, justly celebrated for ample protection, good meals and a most hearty welcome at all times.

The first day, Feb. 17, was devoted to shooting at targets. The program called for 175 singles, sliding handicap—16 to 21 yards—except in the last event, in which everyone stood at 18 yards. The weather on the first day was decidedly unfavorable, being something like 4 degrees below zero, with a puffy wind blowing and snow on the ground. The recoil of the guns and the cold made one's fingers ache and caused the contestants to scurry for the club house as soon as the last shot was fired. On this day R. L. Trimble, of the Winchester Arms Co., landed an easy winner for first average, followed by John S. Boa, of the same company. Messrs. Keefe and Renick tied for third average.

THE SECOND DAY.
The second day, Feb. 18, opened in anything but an auspicious manner. The sky was a dull, leaden color, with a strong breeze blowing, shortly followed by a blinding snow storm. This did not interfere with the shooting excepting to make good scores all the more difficult. The regular program events consisted of five 7 live bird events and one special 15 bird race for the Gilman & Barnes International live bird trophy. This trophy was put up in 1891 and has been contested for annually ever since. It becomes the property of anyone winning it three times. Mr. H. D. Bates, of Ontario, has won it twice and was picked as the winner to-day, but he found the conditions a little too severe and dropped two birds.

Several of Canada's best shots entered in this event and endeavored to take the trophy over the border, but two Americans, viz.—Paul Weise and A. S. Tolsma, of Detroit—shot in magnificent form and scored their fifteen straight, remarkable work under the conditions. Both men were evenly matched and much interest centred in the shoot-off, miss and out. Mr. Weise killed eleven straight and lost his twelfth. Mr. Tolsma killed his twelve and was declared the winner. His work, as well as that of Mr. Weise, was of the

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Ralph Trimble



John S. Boa

The World of Base Ball.

POST-SEASON GAMES

ARE GREATLY DESIRED BY PRESIDENT BAN JOHNSON.

The American League Chief Believes That the Public Wants Inter-League Contests and Will Ask the National League to Make Schedules Accordingly

Chicago, Ill., Feb. 29.—Editor Sporting Life:—After calling a meeting of the American League Schedule Committee in New York to-day, President Ban Johnson, in company with Charley Comiskey, left for the East Saturday night. The date for the meeting was originally set for March 3, but on account of the teams making preparations to leave on their spring training trips so soon the date has been set ahead. Before leaving town Mr. Johnson stated that he would use every effort in his power to secure a series of post-season games between the teams of the American and the National League. Of more importance than the adoption of a schedule will be the proposition President Johnson will officially make to the National League magnates for a post-season series with the American League clubs. President Johnson says the baseball fans the country over are demanding games for next fall between the two big leagues and that the great interest in the national game will be impaired to a considerable extent if the lovers of baseball are not given an opportunity to see the rival leagues line up against each other.



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BROOKLYN BULLETIN.

Local Satisfaction Over the Outcome of the Columbus Convention—Building Hopes on Frank Dillon—Latest Phases of the Sunday Ball Question.

By John B. Foster.

Brooklyn, N. Y., March 1.—Editor "Sporting Life":—Brooklyn people are just a little elated by reason of the fact that the California clubs, according to the latest reports, have decided that they will try to get along during the coming season without the players that Hanlon signed for the East. Perhaps they are of opinion that the men will not last very long on this side of the mountains, and that eventually they will drift back to California. I don't know but that might be written about several of the players who have gone from this side of the continent to the other. If they do not drift back they surely will be able to find engagements only with minor league organizations, for once a player drops out of fast company it is seldom that he ever gets back again where they pay large salaries and stop at hotels where the bill of fare is up to the \$5-per-day limit.



John B. Foster

AS TO DILLON. Of all the Western men who are to be part of the Brooklyn forces in 1904 there is none who is wanted quite so much as Dillon. No one seems to know why Hanlon is so anxious to get this player. The mere fact that he is anxious should be sufficient reason for the California Club to keep him, and might be sufficient reason for other clubs to go after him, were it possible to do so and not violate the agreement that controls all organizations. It is very likely that Dillon will be placed at the head of the Brooklyn Club in 1904. New ambition may be put into the team if he is the man who is to handle the players on the field. Heretofore he has occasionally been a shining light. He has played good ball and then has faded away—not lost to sight, but not quite able to keep the pace that is a part of star ball playing. This year he may be the shining light of a more or less successful base ball season. And it is abundantly doubtful if this coming base ball season shall be quite as good as some that have gone before it.

THE RIDGEWOOD CASE.

That little difficulty between this borough and the borough of Queens, so far as Sunday base ball is concerned, has not been settled up to the present time, and it looks very much now as if it will not be settled until the League meeting, which takes place to-day in New York. It doesn't matter so very much which way the decision goes. The thing has been talked about so long that from a news standpoint the edge has been worn off. People who had their notions as to what should be done still retain the same ideas, and believe that when the matter is at last brought to an issue it will be their side that will win. There is not very much sympathy for Sunday base ball. This is not very surprising. For years Brooklyn

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ST. LOUIS CLUB—Robert Wallace, John Anderson, William Friel, Michael Kahoe, William Sudhoff, Richard Padden, Edward Siever, John Powell, Eugene Wright, Joseph Surden, Charles Hemphill, Jesse Burkett, J. E. Heidrick, Hunter Hill.

CHICAGO CLUB—Fielder Jones, Edward McFarland, George Davis, William D. Sullivan, James J. Callahan, Daniel Green, Frank Isbell, Roy Patterson, Lee Tannehill, Frank Owens, William Holmes, G. Harry White, Patrick Flaherty, George Magoon, Nick Altrock, John Slattery. J. ("Jiggs") Donahue.

WASHINGTON CLUB—James Ryan, Howard P. Wilson, John Townsend, Wyatt Lee, William Clark, Albert Orth, Case Patton, Louis Drill, William Coughlin, Al Selbach, Barry McCormick, Malachi Kittridge, Edward Dunkle.

NATIONAL LEAGUE, 1903.

PITTSBURG CLUB—Hans Wagner, Fred Clarke, Claude Ritchey, Thomas Leach, Samuel Leever, William Bransfield, Clarence H. Beaumont, Harry Smith, William Kennedy, Charles Phillippe, Edward Phelps, Arthur Weaver, Otto Krueger, Frederick Veil, Roscoe Miller, James Sebring.

NEW YORK CLUB—George Van Haltren, John J. McGraw, Joseph McGinnity, Christopher Mathewson, John Warner, Samuel Mertes, William Gilbert, John Cronin, Charles Babb, D. L. McGann, Roger Bresnahan, George Browne, Frank Bowerman, William Lauder, Luther H. Taylor, John Dunn.

CHICAGO CLUB—Frank Chance, John Taylor, James P. Casey, Richard Harley, Joseph B. Tinker, James Slagle, Thomas Raub, John Evers, Carl Lundgren, Jacob Weimer, John Menefee, John Kling, Robert Wicker, John McCarthy, Charles Currie.

CINCINNATI CLUB—Joseph J. Kelly, Frank Hahn, Jacob Beckley, Michael Donlin, William Phillips, Harry Steinfeldt, Edward Poole, Charles Harper, Thomas Daly, J. Bentley Seymour.

BROOKLYN CLUB—William Dahlen, James Sheekard, Fred Jacklitzsch, John Doyle, Samuel Strang, Virgil Garvin, William Reidy, Oscar Jones, Louis Ritter, Harry Gessler, Otto Jordan, John Dobbs, Harry Schmidt, Frank Dillon.

BOSTON CLUB—Richard Cooley, P. J. Moran, Victor J. Willis, P. J. Carney, Fred Tenney, John Malarkey, Harry J. Aubrey, Edward Abbatichio, Charles Dexter, J. B. Stanley, E. W. Greminger, Charles Pittinger.

PHILADELPHIA CLUB—Harry Wolverton, William Douglas, John C. Barry, Fred Mitchell, Charles Zimmer, Charles Fraser, Frank Sparks, Roy Thomas, William Gleason, Rudolph Hulswitt, William Keister, Charles Dooan, William Duggleby, William Hallman, Frank Roth, John McFetridge.

ST. LOUIS CLUB—P. J. Donovan, Homer Smoot, James T. Burke, Charles McFarland, John Farrell, David L. Brain, John J. O'Neill, Michael J. O'Neill, James Hackett.

OTHER NOTED PLAYERS:

Harry Gleason and Alexander Smith, (Boston A. L. 1903); Berthold Hustings and Louis Castro, (Philadelphia A. L. 1902); Jay Hughes, (Brooklyn N. L. 1902); George Carey, (Washington A. L. 1903); Frederick Wilhelm, (Pittsburg N. L. 1903); John Morrissey, (Cincinnati N. L. 1903); Wiley Piatt, (Boston N. L. 1903); Louis Wiltse, (New York A. L. 1903).

has been largely a home Sunday city, in spite of the fact that it happens to be an annex to one of the most liberal municipalities on the face of the globe. Not liberal by heritage, either, but liberal by reason of its environments, and what it has attracted to it from the other side of the ocean. There is a bit of irony in the proud boast of the American who talks glibly about the freedom he possesses and yet permits strangers to do things that he would not think of doing himself, and, furthermore, would not permit his own kin to do. That must be what they call generous hospitality.

THE OPEN SUNDAY

on the other side of the ocean is not so open as it appears to be to the gulleless American, who calmly sits himself down and rests in the shade. The Sunday in London is a closer and a tighter Sunday than New York ever dreamed of. The Sunday in Paris draws the line close when it comes to infringing upon the rights of your neighbor, and the Sunday in Berlin, where to some extent there is more personal freedom than there is in all Europe, doesn't permit you to do things that are done every Sunday in the United States and thought nothing of. The open Sunday does not tolerate public games in any capital, and yet, strange to say, permits racing in one.

THIS IS DIFFERENT.

Were any part of our population to make an effort to do on the other side of the ocean, if we could suitably be transferred for the time being, what a great many do on the first day on this side of the ocean there would be a calaboose, filled with transgressors, and were it not for the good excuse that might be made on account of nativity I am afraid that they would all be put in confinement for a brief period to think over their faults. That gets us back to the original standpoint of games on the first day of the week, something with which we have flirted as a nation for a long time, and something of which other and equally as stable nations will have nothing to do, in spite of the fact that they send their representatives to this side and tell us to take part in and do things that they will not tolerate themselves.

THE PROSPECT.

From what everybody says there is not very much prospect that there will be Sunday base ball in this section. It seems to be the opinion of most of the base ball men that Garry Herrmann will make a decision in favor of the Brooklyn Club. Whether he does or doesn't the Brooklyn Club is likely to keep going just the same. The investment is here, the city is here and it is better for base ball that Brooklyn, with its long record as an ardent supporter of the national game, in fact one of the first cities to make the game really something more than an exhibition on the town lots, shall be a part of the sport.

A MISTAKE.

In all these recent base ball fights the one thing that has mostly mystified a great many persons is the effort to read out of the game certain cities that have just as much right to their share of base ball as the biggest and most thickly populated community on earth. There isn't any particular benefit to be derived in reading Brooklyn out, and it is not very likely that Brooklyn ever will go.

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big league pitchers, and would rather play in a small league for \$200 a month than take \$500 in the National or American.

SALARY CUTS.

There is a great deal of salary chopping going on, and few of the scribes have any idea of the extent of the slaughter. I am getting a good deal of information on the subject through my friendliness with many minor league players. These men have showed me their contracts, with reductions that make last year's pay seem like a golden dream. This is especially true of the American Association, which is cutting all the \$300 men to \$250 and the \$250 men to \$200. Men who were turned over to the Association by the big leagues are getting a specially spiteful slashing. Zalusky, the catcher, was offered about half as much money by Toledo as New York paid him. Johnny Hendricks received a contract offering just \$50 a month less than the terms Indianapolis originally offered him. As Jack is now wealthy he not only declined the contract, but wrote Phillips a playful letter, suggesting that he use the contract for shelf-paper. The ex-felder has a law practice which will net him \$4500 in guaranteed fees between now and June 1, and cannot see his way clear to continue in professional ball.

MISSOURI VALLEY MEMS.

Leavenworth has already signed 13 men for the coming season.

The Haskell Indians have asked for a franchise in the Missouri Valley League.

Manager Gus Albert is hustling for a winning team for Topeka. To date he has eight men signed.

Jack Fillman, who played shortstop for Joplin in the Missouri League last season, will return to that club as manager this season.

Patrick McAndrew, the former St. Francis College (Quincy, Ill.) player, has signed a contract to play with Pittsburg, Kan. He played short for the Effingham (Ill.) team last season.

PEACE STILL NEARER.

THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION RISES TO THE OCCASION.

The Provisional Treaty With the Pacific Coast League Ratified in Its Most Important Features, Leaving Only a Minor Issue to be Settled.

By Francis C. Richter.

The provisional treaty with the Pacific Coast League has not as yet been ratified in full, but there is now little doubt that it will be. The National Association has accepted the most important features of the treaty, but has asked for a concession so small that rejection of it is not believable, considering that the National Association has conceded much in consenting to the exaltation of an outlaw organization to a special class with extraordinary privileges—so much, in fact, that nothing but the supreme good of base ball warranted the great sacrifice of dignity and prerogative. The Pacific Coast League, on the other hand, has gained so much that it can well afford to make the demanded concessions regarding certain players in number so small as to make further parley hardly worth while. The National Association has risen to a great occasion, as we hoped and expected, and it is now up to the Pacific Coast League to show equal courage and generosity, and thus to clear away the last obstacle to universal peace. That obstacle is so small that it would be an everlasting shame were it to prevent the much-needed and much-desired unification of the national game. All the players in the minor leagues would not be worth such a sacrifice, to say nothing of the handful of unimportant people still in dispute. Let patriotism and common-sense now promptly bring matters to a satisfactory conclusion!

NATIONAL BOARD MEETING.

Details of the Columbus Gathering at Which the Provisional Treaty with the Outlaws Was Considered and Partly Accepted.

Special to Sporting Life.

Columbus, O., Feb. 28.—Editor "Sporting Life"—The meeting of the National Board in this city February 23-24, to ratify or reject the provisional treaty with the Pacific Coast League, resembled an annual meeting of the National Association, so great was the attendance of magnates from far and near. In addition to the Board members, Messrs. Sexton, Kavanaugh, O'Rourke and Lucas (proxy), and President Powers and Secretary Farrell, of the National Association, there were present Messrs. Grillo, Bryce, Tebeau, Watkins, Strobel and Ruschaupt, of the American Association; Messrs. Irwin, Hanlon, Stallings, Griffiths, Underwood and Murray, of the Eastern League, and Messrs. Thomas Burns, of Colorado Springs, and M. J. Finn, of Little Rock, President James A. Hart, of Chicago, who was one of the delegates to California, and the chief apostle of peace, was also present in an advisory capacity.

THE CLASS "A" LEAGUES, who were most affected by the peace settlement, held a caucus on the 22d, at which Delegate Hanlon read his report of the California conference, and made a number of obscure points clear. The magnates then entered into an exhaustive discussion of the treaty and its effects upon their particular class. The consensus of opinion was favorable to ratification of the agreement, subject to some further compromises on the player question, it being held that the Pacific National League should only be ceded those players with whom it held straight contracts antedating contracts held by National Association clubs. When the caucus adjourned it was practically settled that the agreement would be ratified on the conditions above noted.

THE AGREEMENT ACCEPTED. The National Board met at 10 o'clock on the 23d, and received the official report of the National Association delegate, Ned Hanlon. Mr. James A. Hart also appeared before the Board, and made a strong and convincing appeal for ratification of the provisional treaty. After a thorough discussion of the measure, the National Board decided to accept the treaty upon condition that certain player questions be settled at another conference with the Pacific Coast League. Messrs. Hanlon and Farrell were appointed a Committee on Conference,

with a list of the players in dispute, and the Pacific League officials were so notified. Late in the evening Secretary Farrell received a reply from the Pacific Coast magnates saying that further conference was not necessary; that they would waive claim to Dillon, Heydon and Castro, who are wanted by Hanlon for his Brooklyn and Baltimore teams. The committee was of the opinion, however, that a further conference would be necessary, as there were other players in dispute, moreover some points relative to the Pacific League's draft rights and privileges will have to be mutually adjusted. It was ordered that the existing truce be extended until the new Conference Committee makes its report to the Board.

THE SECONDARY DRAFT MEASURE.

A matter of internal policy was then taken up by the National Board, with a view to making official definition of the intent of the draft rule adopted last fall at the St. Louis meeting of the National Association. After exhaustive debate of the matter, the Board gave out an interpretation of the secondary draft rule, directly opposite to that for which the Class A Leagues had hoped. The resolution adopted provides in brief that all players drafted by the major leagues from leagues below Class A staving shall revert back to their original clubs, provided a Class A club has not put in a secondary draft during the regular base ball drafting period. The Class A leagues had hoped that a secondary draft made outside the regular drafting period would hold good.

SECONDARY DRAFT DEFINITION.

Following is the full text of the Board's ruling on the secondary draft question: Secondary draft to be made within the period and manner prescribed in section 1 of Article 12. Any player drafted by a major league club, or whom a secondary draft was made, shall be subject to a secondary draft by class "A" clubs at the full and regular drafting price, if released by the major league club before May 15 of the following season.

A drafted player released by a major league club on and after May 15 of each season must return to the club from which he was originally drafted, unless the class "A" club claiming him on the secondary draft pays one-half of the draft price of the class in which such a club is embraced.

Provided, That a club making a secondary draft shall have the privilege of withdrawing the draft at any time before the player drafted becomes a member of such club, in which event the player shall return to the club from which he was originally drafted.

OTHER RULES MADE.

The Board then passed to the consideration of routine business. A resolution was passed providing for a fine of \$200 upon any club which shall on satisfactory evidence be found to have any of its officials, or manager or players tampering with any other player of any other club party to the National Agreement. * * * The Board also resolved that players hereafter should be given one week's notice before reporting time, and if they did not appear for duty up to three days after such time as designated were to be fined \$100.

* * * D. C. Packard, of Denver, recently bought out by Tebeau, was given a life membership in the National Association. * * * Umpire James E. Hassett was indefinitely suspended for signing as umpire with the American Association and Eastern League and accepting advance money from both. * * * All National Agreement clubs were ordered to cut down to the prescribed team limit within one month after the first championship game, the limit of players being Class A, 14; Class B, 14; Class C, 11; Class D, 11.

PLAYER DISPUTES SETTLED.

The Board also settled a number of player disputes. John Flater, claimed by Baltimore, was awarded to Albany; Joyce to Buffalo; pitcher Duquette to Rochester; A. H. Stackpole to New Bedford; L. C. Gardner to Buffalo; Walter Harmon to Hudson, N. Y.; F. C. Richards to Winnipeg; A. J. McCarty to Montreal; V. Borden to Haverhill, and S. F. Suggs to Nashua. Neal Ball was released from Toledo. The application of Louis Wiltse for release from Baltimore reservation was denied. Catcher M. E. Haydon, claimed by Indianapolis and Little Rock, was awarded to Indianapolis. Secretary Farrell was given power to act upon the request of the Toronto Club to have Player Golden taken off the New Haven reserve list. Applications from the New England Association and Massachusetts State League for protection were referred to Secretary Farrell. The Board then adjourned.

ADDITIONAL DECISIONS.

The Board, at its second session, also set its heel on farming by awarding Milo Stratton, farmed by Milwaukee to Memphis, to the latter club. The application of R. M. Roach to be freed from reservation by the Butte club was denied. Paul Curtis Andrews was released from reservation by the Kansas City A. A. club. H. E. Holmes was released from Nashville, W. H. Zink from Sioux Falls, Neal Ball from Toledo, Arthur Relahan from Pittsburg, Gil Edwards from Hopkinsville. The following additional awards of players were made: F. G. Cole to the Jackson (Tenn.) club; Eli Cates to Sedalia, Mo.; Peter Shea to Bloomington, Flanagan to Meriden, Holter to Sedalia, Mo.; Harry Miller to Keokuk, R. L. Charnier to Rock Island, Gerald Hayes to Atlanta, Sitton to Birmingham, Durette to Montgomery, L. C. Gardner to Atlanta, Hadder to Hopkinsville, Ky.; W. H. Taylor to Atlanta, L. Polchow to Mont-



W. M. Kavanaugh



Tim Murnane



J. H. O'Rourke



P. T. Powers



M. H. Sexton



J. H. Farrell

gomery, Elmer Davis to Binghamton, Wilbur Bissell to Ft. Wayne, Otto Mullen to Hopkinsville, W. Johnson to Atlanta, Isaac Pendleton to Corsicana, Clyde Goodwin to Evansville, W. A. Patterson to Rockford, W. A. Spratt to Montgomery, W. E. Warren to Fall River, Ned Crowder to Henderson, Ky.; Fred Haller to Ft. Worth.

CASES HELD OVER.

F. S. Haller, of Waynesburg, Pa., told his story of his grievance against the Evansville club and a written decision will be handed down later. Similar action is to be taken in the case of Player Fleming vs. Colorado Springs. Winnipeg and Jersey City are at odds over D. F. McMann and the decision will not be made until further investigation has been made. Secretary Farrell was ordered to investigate and then decide the case of W. J. Slagle against the Spokane club.

BRYCE AS HOST.

The most pleasant feature of the entire meeting was the formal dinner tendered by President Bryce to the visiting magnates and newspaper men on the night of February 23. Goodfellowship took command at once and, in keeping with the request of Toastmaster Henry C. Pirrung, every body took it upon himself to make the gathering a notable one. No set speeches were made. Pat Powers was the first to tell a corking good story, and then other yarns followed in quick succession. President Grillo, of the American Association, made a telling speech. "Three or four years ago," he said, "everyone said that it was a shame that the National Agreement was abrogated. I believed it. The papers were full of it. But I want to say now that it was a blessing to the minor leagues. To-day we have seen a power of the National League come forward and ask to be permitted to talk to the minor league magnates. I want to ask you if James Hart, of Chicago, would have ever asked such a privilege four years ago from minor leaguers. Force of circumstances has forced a recognition of the power of the minor leagues."



T. J. Bryce

MORRISSEY'S MEN.

The Norwich Manager Believed to Have Put Together a Strong Team—Some Facts About the Players.

By W. A. Gallagher.

Norwich, Conn., Feb. 28.—Editor "Sporting Life":—While others were bragging of the finds they had made and the "phenoms" they had signed Manager Morrissey, of the local club, said nothing, just sawed wood and signed players. The first good news was the signing of Captain Jack Tighe to cover the first sack for Norwich. Tighe is easily the peer of any first baseman in New England, outside the two major league teams. The Elks recently corralled Jack into Norwich Lodge. It is said Jack's base running was a feature of the ceremony.

Terry Rogers, the Old Reliable, will cover second bag, which means that sack will be in proper hands. Harrington will cover third and Hanfan will be at short. These two players did great fielding last season, and with improved stick work should be the peers of any two other infielders in the State.

OUTFIELDERS AND CATCHERS.

For the outfield Manager Morrissey has Turner and Stewart in reserve, and has signed Steere, who is said to be a corker. Tommy Manning, an old Norwich favorite, has been signed to catch, although Manager Morrissey would like Tommy to explain what's in the story wherein he also signed with Troy (N. Y.) State League team. Sullivan, right fielder and catcher the latter part of last season, will again wear a Norwich uniform.

OTHER GOOD ONES.

In addition to these men there has been signed Billy Rapp, catcher and outfielder; Carl Waller, outfielder and catcher, and William Muga, catcher and utility man, who comes highly recommended by Hobe Ferris. Manager Morrissey is also negotiating with a crackjack catcher, but does not wish to publish his name as yet. The player in question is a player of major league calibre, and is a first-class catcher and batter. If signed he will prove a tower of strength as a backstop.

FOR PITCHERS.

McLean and Plank, last year's mainstays in the box and easily the two best twirlers in the league, have been reserved. In addition Frank Barclay, a left-hander from Pennsylvania and Pelouin, the Willimantic (Conn.) semi-professional club's crack twirler, have been signed. All players except McLean and Plank have accepted terms.

REPORTING TIME.

Through the medium of "Sporting Life" Manager Morrissey notifies all players to report to him April 18, at Norwich, unless personally notified to do otherwise. The team leaves at 6 A. M. April 19 for New Bedford, opening its exhibition tour of New England with Fred Doe's team in a morning game at 10.30, this being a Massachusetts holiday, and two games will be played.

THE OUTLOOK.

As will be seen from the foregoing list, Manager Morrissey retains the best of last year's team, and has secured several promising players for the outfield. The outfield was the weak spot last year, and if Manager Morrissey is fortunate enough to secure out of the bunch he will try out two or three outfielders who can hit, throw and run, as well as field, the Norwich team

ought to be at the top rung of the ladder at all stages of the climb for the pennant.

MANAGER MORRISSEY makes no boasts, simply says that he feels confident he has secured a good team, and as his men are paid to play good ball, he expects them to do so. Any man who fails to deliver the goods will last but a short time. "Past records will cut no ice," says Manager Morrissey. "Norwich wants good, fast, clean playing, and I'll do my best to give it to them."

President Davenport says: "Play ball!"

NATIONAL LEAGUE NEWS.

Pitcher Grant Thatcher has re-signed with Brooklyn.

Fred Clarke has assumed his duties as Princeton coach.

The ex-St. Louis catcher Al Nichols has signed with Rochester.

Jake Weimer will be Chicago's only left-handed pitcher next season.

Director Billings, of Boston, still hopes to secure pitcher Bressler, of Williamsport.

Sam Leever is keeping in condition by skating and chopping wood on his farm at Goshen, O.

Arthur Lumley's contract with the Brooklyn Club has been promulgated by President Pulliam.

President Pulliam has promulgated the 1904 contracts of the entire Chicago team—17 men all told.

Charles De Armond has notified the Cincinnati Club that he cannot get himself in condition for this season and will not go on the Texas trip.

James F. De Armond, father of Charles De Armond, the Cincinnati infielder, died suddenly of heart disease at his home in Hamilton, on Feb. 21.

Manager Buckenberger and Director Billings, of the Boston Nationals, will not release Carney, as they depend upon him to do the bulk of the work next season.

Manager Selee is not grieving over the desertion of first baseman Clancy, as the man has shown that he does not possess the necessary stamina for fast company.

The Boston Club has made a deal sending shortstop Aubrey to the St. Paul Club, but he does not want to go there and threatens to go to some independent club if Boston tries to force him.

The many friends of Mr. George Wagner, the former owner of the Washington Club, will learn with regret that he is lying seriously ill with pleuro-pneumonia at his home in Philadelphia.

Dan McGann, like McGraw, has great faith in the New York team's chances for the League pennant this year. "Pittsburg cannot win again," he says, "because she will not have the pitchers."

Pitcher Bill Reidy, of Brooklyn, is wintering at Cleveland, and is keeping himself in good condition. He expects to go to Hot Springs for a couple of weeks prior to reporting to Manager Hanlon, joining Billy Keeler and Bill Dahlen.

We are told that Bresnahan will be played regularly on the Giants because of his batting. If young McCormick, of last year's Jersey City team, does not make good Bresnahan will be in the outfield permanently, as Van Haltron will not come East again.

John Heydler, the assistant secretary of the National League, has a new score sheet, which will be put into use this year. It will show every move of the game, and will also lessen the work of the secretary in making up the averages after the season.

Catcher Moran considers the cut in his salary by the Boston Club as rank injustice in view of the fact that he did the bulk of the catching for his club last season and hit better than most catchers. He thinks the least the club could have done would have been to pay him the same salary next season.

Ex-player Billy Sunday, now a successful revivalist, last week converted almost the entire town of Marshall, Minn. Out of a town which has but 2088 population—men, women and children—over 600 adults, including the Mayor and City Solicitor, were won over and publicly testified to their conversion.

Kid Nichols, the wonderful pitcher and who is to manage the Cardinals this year, says he has been a twirler for 17 years, and declares he is just as good now as at any time of his career in the box. He attributes his long, useful service to the fact that he never used an under-hand ball in his work, which is very harmful to one's throwing powers.

A New York story has it that pitcher Mathewson is going to vary his delivery. Several batters caught on to his little trick of suddenly dropping the ball over the bat of the man at the plate, and did a little hitting. In 1902, it will be remembered, Mathewson had great success with his peculiar delivery, and it was last year that he was found.

Charles Dexter will ever cherish a letter from a 10-year-old boy named J. Mortimer Goldsmith, Jr., whose life was saved in the Iroquois Theatre disaster. Dexter helped the little fellow out, and the lad, though confined to bed by his injuries, had indited a letter to Dexter, thanking him for his brave conduct. He says that the baseball player seems to be "a manly man, something he cannot say for others, who fought him back in the crush in order to save their own lives."

Henry Anson, father of ex-Captain A. C. Anson, has given baseball a new impetus at Marshalltown, Ia., by offering to donate a fine site for a baseball park, providing the street railway company will extend its tracks from the Union depot to Anson street, on the south side, about four blocks. This will give that city a ball park near the business part of town. Major Anson, who is now about 80 years old, organized the first baseball team Marshalltown ever had, and it was this famous team upon which Adrian began his ball career.

COTTON STATES CHAFF.

The Natchez players are to report for practice April 2 at Dallas, Tex.

The Natchez club has signed outfielder D. W. Jones, of last season's Dayton club.

The Pine Bluff club has purchased catcher David Edmunds from the Paducah club of the K.-I.-T. League.

Two Cincinnati players, third baseman Charles Sayre and pitcher John Kline, proteges of Frank Bancroft, have been signed by him for the Vicksburg club.

Manager Billy Earle, of Vicksburg, left Cuba for the States last week. Earle has been umpiring all winter in the Cuban League. He writes that he has re-signed his entire team, but does not give the personnel.

Active preparations are being made at Baton Rouge for the opening of the baseball season. Manager Pender has signed all but about two of the Capitolsians, and he claims to have the strongest team yet seen here. Beginning early next week, the baseball park will be overhauled and placed in fine condition.

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Current Comment

By Editor Francis C. Richter

TO NEWSDEALERS AND READERS

The publishers of "Sporting Life" would deem it a favor to be promptly notified by newsdealers and readers of every instance of failure of this paper to reach them on Fridays, or Saturdays at latest, at any or all points east of Chicago. Prompt notice to us of every such failure to receive "Sporting Life" from news companies on time will enable us to thoroughly investigate the cause of delay and effect a remedy—a mutual advantage to publishers, dealers and readers. We also wish to state that we have back numbers of "Sporting Life" always on hand. If newsdealers cannot or will not supply such back numbers on demand, we will cheerfully do so upon application to this office.

GETTING READY.

After a long, severe, and comparatively uneventful winter, we are once more upon the threshold of another base ball season. March, the month for the assembling of the clans everywhere, is upon us, and from now until April the land will resound with the hum of busy preparation. Every team in the major leagues, with the exception of Washington, will this spring receive the benefit of more or less practice in the proverbially "Sunny" South. The following table shows the location of the teams for the spring preparatory campaign:

AMERICAN LEAGUE.

Club.	Place.	State.
Cleveland	San Antonio	Texas
Boston	Macon	Georgia
Philadelphia	Spartanburg	S. Carolina
Chicago	Marlin Springs	Texas
New York	Augusta	Georgia
Detroit	Shreveport	Louisiana
St. Louis	Corsicana	Texas
Washington	Washington	D. C.

NATIONAL LEAGUE.

Club.	Place.	State.
Pittsburg	Hot Springs	Arkansas
New York	Birmingham	Alabama
Chicago	Los Angeles	California
Cincinnati	Dallas	Texas
Boston	Thomasville	Georgia
Philadelphia	Savannah	Georgia
St. Louis	Houston	Texas
Brooklyn	Columbia	South Carolina

It is a mooted question whether these Southern training trips are beneficial in proportion to the time and money ex-

ended upon them. Certain it is, however, that from an advertising standpoint Southern trips pay. They provide food for gossip and speculation fully a month ahead of the regular season, and serve to whet the public appetite for the feast to come. If, in addition to that, a team here and there is really sufficiently benefited to secure a good start in the race, that is so much clear profit. For these reasons, we presume, Southern spring training trips will always remain more or less in vogue, despite some rather weighty objections brought against them.

LAJOIE'S GREATEST HIT.

By J. F. M'GILLIVRAY.

W'at's dat! You come from State an' nevaire hear on 'Poleon Lajoie? Dat's ver' fionny t'ing, ma fren'. He's de gran' base ball player w'at's play on Fall Reever. He's de great-es' secon' base man an' batter man on w'ole contree. I was educate wit' 'Poleon on village St. Mathieu, an' 'Poleon use leek all de boy two, t'ree tam bigger dan heeself, an' spark all de girl, too. Monjee! he was de fine beeg feller, wit' shoulder lak de moose an' ron jus' as fas'. Wan day I have some monee on ma clo's an' I tink it's 'bout tam



Napoleon Lajoie

I'm makin' some small visite on Fall Reever for see ma fren' 'Poleon play. So I buy me de premiere classe tiquette and go on Fall Reever. Bimeby I get me dere an' immediatement go on de beeg hotel w'ere I hear me 'Poleon is stay. I'm jus' goin' ax de dandy feeler behind counter w'en, l'enfant, I get wan slap on de back dat mos' geeve me de hemmorrhage. W'en I turn roun' I'm face to face on

'POLEON LAJOIE.

Commen ca va', Joe Latour, I'm mos' glad for see you. How's all de folks on ol' place? How's all de girl I use spark on ol' village St. Mathieu? Some tam I'm goin' back for mak' marree wit' one dem nice leetle Canadienne girl.

Den 'Poleon ax me come on room for eat an' have some dinnerre. Monjee! I'm glad for dat, for I'm mos' powerful hongree. W'en I get t'rough I tink ma pant she's goin' for bus', I'm eat so moche. Den 'Poleon ax me if I want go on ball park for see beem play. I say I'm glad for go, an' he go get me de gran' stan' tiquette for see de game. I get me dere early an' tak' wan seat jus' behin' de catcher man. Bagoash, I nevaire see such beeg crowd as was dere dat day. It's Fourt' July, wat Yankee man is celebrate for remember de tam he's drive de sacred-dam Englishman off de State.

Wall, me fren', you ought for see de beautiful girl dat was dere dat day an' de way she was dress.

Bimeby de ompire man he's yell, "Play ball!" an' de game was on. Monjee! it mak' me feel proud for see de way

MA FREN' 'POLEON

was peek up de ball, no matter how hard she was hit. Somehow or nodder 'Poleon or ma nodder fren', Phil Giguere, w'at Yankee man call "Geler," was do moche wit' de bat dat day, and de crowd she's some sore. Wall, ma fren', I'm not goin' for bodder you wit' long storee 'bout dat game, but at start de nint' innin' de score she's one to one. 'Poleon he's come up to plate an' de peetcher man he's say out loud, "Here's w'ere I mak' de monkey out dat beeg Canuck steef." Den he sweeang hees arm an' de ball fly up to 'Poleon lak de lightnin' streak wit' de curve lak snake on de grass. 'Poleon mak de strong swipe at de ball, but he's hit not'ing but de air. Net' tam de peetcher man t'row up de ball an'

'POLEON MAK DE SWIPE

at her an' miss her again. Dis mak de crowd mad, an' dey all sing out, "Back on Kebeck, you beeg lostaire, an' eat de pork an' bean wit' de lomber mans, you beeg steef." Monjee! 'Poleon he's mad at dat, an' greet hees teef' lak de tiger. Den de peetcher man say again, "Now I'm goin' for strike out dat sacred-dam Canuck," an' t'row up de nodder ball lak lightnin'. L'enfant! dere's be som' lak wreck on Gran' Trunk, an' 'Poleon ron roun' de base lak de moose for de home ron. Dat's win de game for Fall Reever an' de crowd she's go mos' crazee an' carry de beeg 'Poieon off de fiel' on de shoulder. But all dis tam de felder man was hunt ev'ryw'ere for de ball, but she can't be foun'. Bimeby small boy w'at tak care de bat he's go for peek up 'Poleon's bat, w'en, monjee! dere was de ball buried on dat bat lak she's part herself.

For w'y you look so s'prise, ma fren'? I 'sure you dat's true lak gospel w'at Cure preach on chapel ev'ry Sunday.

Constantly Improving.

Richmond, Va., March 1.—Editor "Sporting Life":—I wish to say that I think the past year has been one of great success to your valuable paper, as you have not only sustained the high standard it has set in the past years as an authority on base ball and other sports, but have, in my opinion, surpassed all previous records in giving the best and latest news, and by your able and interesting editorials added interest and dignity to our great national sport. With best wishes for the continued success of yourself and your paper, and with all the compliments of the season, I am, yours truly, J. M. DUNN.

THE FINAL TOUCHES

BEING GIVEN TO THE WINTER'S WORK
BY THE MAGNATES.

As "Sporting Life" Goes to Press the
Major Leagues Are Meeting to Adopt
Schedules and Playing Rules and to
Receive the Ridgewood Park Verdict.

By Francis C. Richter.

As "Sporting Life" goes to press the American League is in session at the Fifth Avenue Hotel, New York city, and the National League is meeting at the Victoria Hotel, same city. The result of the meetings will not be reached in time for publication in this issue of "Sporting Life." There is little doubt, however, that there will be a non-conflicting schedule and uniform playing rules, as the two great leagues have too much at stake to indulge in childish petulance regarding these important questions. It is also announced that Chair-



Hon. A. Herrmann

man Herrmann, of the National Commission, will deliver his final decision in the Ridgewood Park case some time during the meetings; therefore, this, too, will be out too late for this issue of "Sporting Life." The finishing touches were put on Mr. Herrmann's opinion on Saturday. The message will contain more than 2000 words and cover every phase of the celebrated case. No hint is given as to which side the decision will favor.

HUB HAPPENINGS.

The Remodeling of the Boston National Team—The Tannehill-Hughes Deal Completed—Collins Confident of His Team's Chances.

By Jacob C. Morse.

Boston, Mar. 1.—The unloading of the superfluous material of the Boston National League team began with the transfer of big Ed. Greninger to Detroit.



J. C. Morse

No one in the National League ranks interposed any objection to the transfer which was for cash, and is the first deal of the kind made by the local team for a long time. Others can be expected to follow, for Louisville would like Dexter, who is still held, and several clubs would like Ed. Abbaticchio. Greninger had very many friends here. Treasurer J. B. Billings, who makes most of the deals for the locals, thought very well of him, but the Detroit people made such an excellent offer that sentiment was cast to the winds. Greninger will have the best wishes of many admirers and good wishers here. He performed conscientiously here last season, and will doubtless make a good showing in his new field. Barrow has seen him work and thinks very highly of him. Greninger takes good care of himself and is always in the game. Doubtless "Batty" would be allowed to go if as good an offer were made for him as was made for Greninger, for Aubrey is on hand to perform

AS INFIELD UTILITY

man. Of the new infield Tenney, Raymer, Bean and Delahanty all have had Eastern League experience, with the exception of Raymer. Mr. Billings expects good things of the latter, and is confident he will make good. Bean has gone South in quest of health, and it would be unfortunate to say the least if he would not be in the best of condition when the bell rang. Bean has long stood well in the graces of Manager Buckenberger, who was very glad when the opportunity afforded itself to land him. Doubtless Cooley could be had if any club wanted him, but he cannot expect to secure any \$3000 figure if he plays here in Boston.

THE PITTENGER CASE

hangs fire. It is claimed by those who ought to know that this player promised to play for \$3500 next season and then held the club up for more. The club owners did not relish this at all, and do not propose to pay a higher figure than he originally signed for if they can help it. Perhaps a compromise can be reached in this case. Mr. Billings is in the hope that he can arrange matters with Bressler so that the latter will play with the locals. Doubtless he can have the old limit of \$2400 if he will play here, but he can do so well at home with considerable less exertion that it is a question if the inducement is sufficient to tear him away from his present surroundings. Both Pitchers Fisher and Stewart want a deal more money than the club cares to pay.

MORAN'S REDUCTION.

A cut has been made in the case of Moran, but it is not a deep one and there is scarcely any doubt at all that this faithful and reliable player will be on hand when the club reports for duty in the South. The matter of salaries for next season has been gone over very carefully by Messrs. Soden and Billings, and in every case the figure has been fixed with due regard to the value of the player. A cut is always a hardship according to the player, but the magnates have been up

against a losing game and cannot be blamed if they lean somewhat to their own side when matters have come their way.

CARL M. GREEN.
the base ball writer of the Chicago Record-Herald, has been selected to be the successor of Business Manager Joseph Smart. Both Messrs. Killilea and Johnson made up their minds long ago that a change had to be made in this position, and the fact that a change was likely was heralded at considerable distance, with the result that Mr. Killilea was fairly deluged with applicants and suggestions for the place. For the third time a man from out of town was taken; but for the first time the selection has fallen upon a newspaperman. Mr. Green is a young man who stands very high in the graces of Mr. Johnson, and it was doubtless largely due to the recommendation of the latter that this young man was selected for the place. As far as can be learned at this distance Mr. Green is very popular with his comrades and possesses high qualifications for his new place. Efficient newspaper men have held like positions in other teams, and Mr. Green ought to make good here. Here's hoping he does.

THE LATEST DEAL.

The deal of Tannehill for Hughes was somewhat of a surprise, as it was expected that it had fallen through. With the exchange of Unglaub for O'Brien and Stone there was a chance to reopen the trade so that Unglaub could go to New York, and Hughes to the same club in trade for Tannehill. From the West comes the intelligence that Tannehill is satisfied to come here, while Hughes is not averse to go to New York. Manager Collins has long craved to secure a crack left hander. He has not had very good luck with such up to the present time. Kellum, the young man who will try his luck with Cincinnati this year did not prove at all effective when he was first tried in Boston in 1901, but three seasons have passed since that time, and judging by his work with Indianapolis last season he is now ripe for fast company. Altrock, too, did not prove at all alarming, and it was only when he was turned over to Comiskey that he performed satisfactorily. Young Williams was cracked up highly as a coming wonder, but he was an utter failure. Tannehill, however, is the seasoned article and ought to fill in well here. He is still young, as he has not yet attained his 20th year. Frank Selee once had a chance to secure this player, and doubtless missed it. Pittsburg turned the trick and got a good card.

MANAGER COLLINS

writes that all the talk about any dissatisfaction in the team is rank nonsense, and he expects all of his men to be on hand at Macon at the appointed time. He will meet Manager Smith's Macon team in that city for several contests, which will doubtless prove of great advantage to both clubs, especially the one of the South Atlantic League. Three games will be played by the Bostons at Atlanta, March 25, 29, 30; two at Montgomery, March 31 and April 1; two at Mobile, April 2 and 3, and from April 4 to 10 the team will be at New Orleans, proceeding from the latter city to Buffalo, where a game will be played April 13, the regular championship season opening the next day at New York. Freeman, Criger, Dineen, Young and Stahl will put in time at Hot Springs before they report at Macon. "Jim" Delahanty, of the Boston Nationals, will also spend some days at that popular resort.

SPOKES FROM THE HUB.

Largely because he was a great friend of Ed. Delahanty, the charge of young Will J. Delahanty, the baby of that wonderful family of ball players, has been given to Billy Hamilton. "Billy" will play the lad at third and give him all the attention at his command.

Miah Murray is the vice president of the Cambridge Reds, who are to have an independent team in the field this year.

The independents cut deep into Fred Lake when they filched from him Barney McLaughlin and "Chic" Hafford, but he is at work repairing his fences, and will doubtless have a creditable team in the field.

Noonan, the captain and catcher of the Holy Cross team, has had several offers from crack teams to play professionally, and if he ever does will be likely to go to the haven of Holy Cross boys—the Athletics, who have tried Coakley and McGeehan.

NEW YORK LEAGUE NUGGETS.

The Ilion club has at last secured a manager in the veteran outfielder, James Sharrott.

The Ilion Club announces having accepted the terms of pitcher H. F. Lindsay and infielder Joe Ruddy.

Frank Ragan, who killed Dan Leahy, the former Albany player, at Knoxville, Va., received a 26-year sentence for his crime.

The Albany Club has lost outfielder Johnny Duffy, the Birmingham Club having signed him at a larger salary than Albany could afford to pay.

Eddie Hillel, the former Utica third baseman, is to play in the New England League next season, Manager Horton having made a deal with Nashua for him.

Barney Dreyfus expects that Scanlon, secured from Ilion, will prove to be about as effective a pitcher as any in the National League. Another testimonial to Howard Earl's ability to develop twirlers.

Frank Hill, the popular treasurer of the Orpheum Theatre, has secured the score card privileges of the Utica Base Ball Association for 1904, and intends to issue a very attractive publication.

Jim Pastorious the South Side left-hander, who was the star pitcher on the Albany team last year, has not signed yet. He can not come to terms with Albany and threatens to play independent ball.

Pitcher "Doc" Shetter, who was reported signed with Albany, writes that he will remain in Philadelphia the coming season and pitch for the Southern Athletic Club team, which he will also manage.

Catchers Hurley and Drury, who were with New Orleans last season, have been signed by Count Campau for his Binghamton team. He has also secured outfielder Jerry Daly from the Philadelphia Athletics.

Late News from All Points

PACIFIC PERTURBED.

COAST LEAGUE CONCESSIONS CAUSE INTERNAL RUCTION.

President-Manager Moreley Resents the Surrender of Dillon, Heydon and Castro to the National Association by Resigning His Los Angeles Offices.

Special to Sporting Life.

San Francisco, Cal., March 2.—Following the ratification of the action taken by the National Association in accepting the terms of the Pacific Coast League for entering the National Agreement, the directors of the Coast League have awarded the players Dillon, Heydon and Castro to the Eastern clubs claiming their services. Manager Morley, of the Los Angeles Club, who was not present at the meeting, was notified of the action taken in awarding Capt. Dillon to Brooklyn. He immediately tendered his resignation as manager and president of the Los Angeles Base Ball Association to the directors of that organization. Action on the resignation was postponed, and a call made upon the directors of the Pacific Coast League for their authority in making such award. Manager Morley's action has caused considerable disaffection, and there are hints that disruption of the Pacific Coast League may be a possible outcome of the trouble. Morley states that it had been agreed that Hanlon and he were to be allowed to settle the claim for Dillon's services between themselves.



Eugene F. Bert

PROVIDENCE PLANT

Has a New Owner in the Person of Col. Felix R. Wendelschafer, a Noted Promotor of Amusements.

Special to "Sporting Life."

Providence, March 2.—The negotiations for the transfer of the Providence base ball club of the Eastern League to a new management were brought to a successful close this afternoon. Col. Felix R. Wendelschafer, the promoter of amusements, becomes the principal owner, and he will have associated with him several men prominent in base ball enterprises. The principal obstacle in the way of a transfer of the club, an old indebtedness of some \$2000 to George Cressey, has, it is stated, been removed. There are four sites for a diamond under consideration, but an effort will be made to secure one on the back cove, very close to the union depot. The bicycle coliseum, owned by Col. Wendelschafer, will be torn down and converted into a base ball grand stand and park. Tom Daly will in all probability be the team's manager.



Thomas Daly

CONDENSED DESPATCHES.

Special to "Sporting Life."

Fall River has released Dennis O'Hara.
The Iliou Club has signed Parrot Shaw, of Philadelphia.
The Davenport Club has signed pitcher J. M. McKenna, of Chicago.
Catcher George Fox has accepted terms with the New Orleans Club.
Pitcher Eddie Poole has sent his signed contract to the Cincinnati club.
Pitcher Shirley Reeves, of Noblesville, Ind., has signed with the Dayton Club.
President Kavanaugh has called the Southern League meeting for Memphis, March 5.
The Cotton States League is making an effort to land Hot Springs, Ark., in its circuit.
The Rochester Club has signed outfielder Andberg, of the Wilmington A. A. Club.
Manager Watkins, of Minneapolis, has signed pitcher "Rusty" Owens, late of Rock Island.
Pitcher George Ramsey, late of the Wilmington A. A. team, has signed with the A.-J.-G. Club.
Pitcher Clarence Currie, late of Chicago, and second baseman James Downey have signed with Toronto.
O. S. Collins, an outfielder in the Kentucky-Illinois League, has been signed by the Rochester Club.
Outfielder Lippert, suspended last season by President Sexton, has been reinstated by the I.-I.-I. League.
The Indianapolis Club has purchased second baseman George Magoon from the Chicago American Club.
Minneapolis has relinquished claims to pitcher Dick Williams and outfielder Mike Lynch, signed with the Pacific Coast League.
Manager Bill Barle has signed for his Vicksburg, Miss., Club three Philadelphia players in Tom Toner, Joe O'Rourke and Bill Rankin.
Frank Haller has notified the Evansville Club that he will report in March and demand enforcement of his contract, or else sue the club.
Ceel Ferguson, of Terre Haute, has again signed a contract with the South Bend Central League team at \$125, after ineffectually holding out for \$200.
Manager Hanlon will seek legislation by the two major leagues prohibiting games with inde-

pendent teams containing contract-jumping or recalcitrant players.

Pitcher Mike Lynch, captain of the Brown University team, has sent in his resignation from the ball team as a result of the trouble with the faculty over summer playing.

Pitcher Sam Lavee, of the Pittsburg Club, and Miss Margaret Malley, of Goshen, O., were married February 27, at Grace M. E. Church, in Cincinnati, by Rev. Joseph Lucecock.

Manager James Cavanagh announced the impossibility of retaining a Connecticut League Club in New Haven. He is now negotiating to locate his team and franchise in Worcester, Mass.

Manager Mack has decided to start the Athletic team for Spartansburg, S. C., on March 12. Manager Mack, on March 3, will open his new billiard and bowling resort, at Germantown and Lohigh avenues, Philadelphia. The place contains four billiard and pool tables and nine alleys.

Ban Johnson, president of the American League, and Charlie Comiskey have given orders for the erection of a new club house on Horse-shoe Lake, near Manitowish, along the Flambeau River. It is one of the finest fishing and hunting resorts in the northern part of Wisconsin. It is the intention of the two above-named hunters to have accommodations for a party of ten, so that they can entertain their fellow-magnates and friends during the fishing and hunting season.

HELD RED REINS.

Ren Mulford Was Cincy's Manager For an Hour—A Story of a Strenuous Day Among the Hawkeyes—The Troubles of Gus Schme'z—Hanlon to Get a Battery.

By Ren Mulford, Jr.

Cincinnati, O., Feb. 27.—Editor "Sporting Life":—That story of my Senatorial exaltation—to assume the managerial reins at

Washington—has traveled faster and farther than the denial of any intention to abandon a field of newspaper usefulness for the bagatelle of a \$6000 job on the Potomac! To that mad midwinter dream there have been some pleasant sequels. In a double-columned welcome to the managerial ranks I was invited by A. W. Willoughby in his "Review" to bring the Washingtons to Greensburg, Ind., for a game next summer, and promised as big a crowd as the Reds ever drew in that botched of Cincinnati rooters! It is mere repetition to say that I have never heard the buzzing of a managerial bee, but looking back through the vista of years that have found me devoted to the game that I confess I love with the fervor of perpetual youth, I recall the day out in Iowa that for an hour or two I held the Red managerial reins. It was my first visit to the Hawkeyes—back in '88—and Iowa was then a prohibition State.

AN IOWA EPISODE.
That trip to Burlington was a nightmare. We were compelled to take an all-night ride in "Sullivans" and change cars at the unearthly hour of 3 A. M. We reached the city just about break of day, and as we piled off at the station, dirty, sleepy and in no very good humor, the sign "New England Kitchen" roused thoughts of an early breakfast. Into the place we piled pell mell, only to find that the screen in front veiled a bar, and all they had in that "kitchen" in the boozeless State of Iowa was booze! Turned from the best hotel in town on the plea that the house was full—punished, as we afterward learned, because the Quineys in some Jim Crow League had pelted each other with baked potatoes in the dining room the week before—we were finally taken in by good Samaritans at a less pretentious house. That afternoon we were walloped good. Varney Anderson, who afterward became a big leaguer, held the Red Troopers safe, and Joe Cantillon made a catch that vetoed the only possible chance for Cincinnati victory. Disgruntled and sore, Gus Schme'z and I came down town, and when we walked to our room the figure "13" stared us in the face.

"That's what did it!" snarled Gus H. "No wonder we couldn't win!"
THE CAP SHEAF OF WOE.
But trouble was just getting busy. When Manager Schme'z kept the appointment he had made with the club treasurer that worthy official was not there. It was almost time to start for St. Louis, where we were to play next day. Pressing upon me the railroad tickets—for in those days the manager was burdened with affairs of finance—Mr. Schme'z said: "Take charge of the boys and go on with the team. I'll join you just as soon as I can. It's tough enough to lose a game here, and I'm not going to let 'em skin me on the receipts."
Just one minute before the train pulled out his good old whiskers came panting into the station. He had rounded up the missing treasurer and the coin. That was the only time I ever subbed as a manager.

THE RED INFIELD PUZZLE.
There doesn't seem to be any overwhelming desire on the part of Barney Dreyfuss to hand Oom Paul Krueger over to the Red Troopers. In the East next week Garry Herrmann will take the matter up personally with the Pittsburg owner. If Krueger is out of the question somebody will have to be secured, for all hopes for Charley De Armond are temporarily sidetracked. He is discouraged at Hot Springs, and to add to his discomfiture his father died at Hamilton, O., the other day. "De" wanted to cut out the Ozarks, and come home before that blow fell. If "De" is out of it and Krueger cannot be secured it is possible an effort will be made to land Orville Woodruff. He'd be a good man, and Indianapolis will sell his release. Charley Dexter is also mentioned, but he has his mind fixed on the Louisville plum, while the young Hoosier would be glad to get to Redland. Cincinnati cannot take a chance on going into action

without a substitute infielder. Kel, will be needed at first, and to tell the truth he doesn't shine like a Northern Light at either third or short—that is for any great length of time.

HOPES FOR YOUNG REDLANDERS.
The signing of Jasper T. Wilson for Columbia in the South Atlantic League, gives Jack Grim a hard-bitting youngster, who will make his debut as a professional there. "Crese" Heisman, who was a Red the spring that King Bid McPhee was long on southpaws, will also be a Columbian. There are half a dozen youngsters here this year who are going out for the first time. Some brilliants are left. Johnny Klingler, who caught for College Hill in the Saturday Afternoon League, is a hard hitter and the peer of Munson, booked for trial by the St. Louis Americans. He can be secured. Other good ones are at liberty, although Vicksburg, in the Cotton States League, may bag both men. Charley Sayre, who played third for Avondale in the Saturday League, the fastest team ever organized by local amateurs, is one of them. He is an O. S. V. man, and his choice of a professional career is surprising. He'll make good. Then, there is John Kline—"Red, the Scoreboard Boy"—whom Foxy Bill Phillippi wanted to plant where Indianapolis could dig him up. He is a pitcher in embryo, and Seymour, Corcoran and Frank Bancroft all believe he will make a splendid ball player. On their recommendation Jack Grim signed him for Columbia. The youth in baseball is not to be entirely overlooked, for Kel, Bill Keeler, Napoleon Lajole and St. Jacob Beckley were all young once upon a time.

DOINGS IN THE RED CAMP.
Ned Hanlon talked a lot of ball during the few hours he was in Cincinnati en route to Columbus. He swept all the clouds of doubt away with a broom of direct fact and made it clear that he was not going to fulfill the prophesies of Eastern pessimists who pictured him as clogging the wheels of perfect peace. When Garry Herrmann and the Brooklyn people meet in New York next week the deal for Ed Poole and Billy Berger will undoubtedly be closed. Ned Hanlon will get the battery. Col. Max Fleischman will no doubt attend the National annual, for the Rules Committees will get together for joint action. In just about a fortnight the Red Troopers will start for Texas. Frank Bancroft will be glad when the schedule is adopted, for he has a lot of work cut out that can only be done after the plum tree has been displayed in Fandom's orchard. Chairman Herrmann has been busy on the Ridgewood decision and he will take the wind out of the sails of those foolish men of the east—New Yorks—who predicted that he would dodge the issue. That was a "Sun" assertion—born in ignorance of the man who doesn't know what it is to shirk duty or face an issue no matter how unpleasant it may be.

This has been a big week at the Cathedral on Broadway. Two of the Red Club—Julius Fleischmann and August Herrmann—were on the Committee on Fraternal Courtesy in charge of the annual reunion of the Ohio Sovereign Consistory, Scottish Rite. John E. Bruce, secretary of the National Commission, and N. Ashley Lloyd, director of the New York Club, are also affiliated with the Consistory and Masons of the 32d degree.

The Fan Club gave hearty greeting to John A. Spiney, who has been hibernating at Palm Beach, in Florida, and West Baden, Ind. He is much improved in health, and is already planning for his annual reception to the ball players of Redland on St. Patrick's Day.

Jess Tannehill is glad it is all over and will be a happy recruit at the Boston American camp in Macon. At the Hub there is the incentive of loyal crowds to help, while the Gordon Highlanders were treated at times like Ishmaelites by New Yorkers a year ago.

Three Redbirds—Henry Pletz, Jack Sutt-hoff and Cy Seymour—are to wing their way to West Baden early next week.

Harry Vaughn wanted to lasso a Red battery for Birmingham, and if Brooklyn doesn't take Poole and Bergen the Alabamians are ready to pony up. Coffee Jackson is trying to give the Pittsburg of the Southland a winner.

J. Raleigh Johnson, who has signed with Marion, in the Central League, is a son of J. William Johnson, of the '68 Reds. He comes of a family of clever ball players, for Clyde, his brother, won honors at Cornell, and was a star in the Avondales, as well as one of the brilliants in the Miami Valley League, of which I was president.

AMERICAN LEAGUE NOTES.

Captain Dick Padden has turned in his signed St. Louis contract.
Bobby Lowe is eyeing the vacant managerial perch on the Potomac.

Pitcher Barney Peltz has turned in his signed contract to the St. Louis Club.

The Detroit Club has purchased catcher Frank McManus from the Brooklyn Club.

Manager Barrow, of the Detroit, is confident his team will finish in the first division.

Chicago has sold to Grand Rapids catcher William McDonough, who was tried out last fall.

During the week pitcher Cy. Ferry and catcher Fred Buelow signed Detroit contracts.

During the week two more hold-outs, catcher Criger and pitcher Winter, signed with Boston.

Detroit has offered pitcher Eddie Killian the same salary as Cleveland paid him last season.

The Brooklyn Club has sold catcher Frank McManus to Detroit, all National clubs waiving claim.

The Boston Club's new business manager, Carl M. Green, is, like Henry Killilea, a Michigan University graduate.

Pitcher Jesse Tannehill has been formally turned over by New York to Boston in consideration for pitcher Tom Hughes.

"Zaza" Harvey will not break into the game again this year. His return to the sport, he says, is out of the question.

Pitcher Kane will not be retained by Cleveland this season, but will be released to some club in the Eastern League.

Charles Hickman turned up in Cleveland last week, ready to go to work. He was the first of the out-of-town Blues to report.

Milwaukee advises are to the effect that the New York Club will play Unghlaub at first base and either trade or release John Ganzell.

Pitcher Cy Ferry, drafted from Buffalo, refuses to sign a Detroit contract calling for \$325 per month. He thinks \$400 per would be about right.

President Kilfoyl, of Cleveland, is glad that he has secured Billy Lush. "He is one of the handiest men in the business to have around," says the magnate.

Comiskey thinks Dougherty will be a winning pitcher for him. The youngster landed nine of ten games pitched in the Southern League last season.

President Ban Johnson last week, to the general surprise, advanced the date of the American League's spring meeting in New York from March 3 to February 29.

The veteran Jim McGuire ought to be of considerable assistance to the New York Americans next season. He is still an excellent backstop and by no means passes as a batsman.

President Yawkey, of the Detroit team, wears "the smile that won't come off." He is pleased with the rounding up abilities exhibited by Manager Barrow during the past week.

Elmer Flick refuses to come off his perch and warble "I'm Just as Happy as a Big Sun-flower." He visited Cleveland last week without calling on club officials. He swears he won't accept the \$1000 reduction.

President Kilfoyle returned last week to Cleveland from a most enjoyable California trip. Except for two days spent at the Peace Conference in Frisco, Mr. Kilfoyle forgot that there was such a thing as base ball.

Pitcher Rhoades is a telegraph operator by occupation in the winter time, and used his deadhead frank privilege to notify the Cleveland Club officials that he was perfectly satisfied with the terms and had signed the contract.

Jesse Tannehill is pleased with the trade that makes him a member of the fastest ball team in the country. "I am glad that New York traded me to the Boston Americans," he declared. He signed a Boston contract last week.

A Milwaukee doctor is suing Bob Unghlaub for \$200 worth of professional services which Unghlaub says, consisted wholly in rubbing his shoulder one day when he fell running to second base. For this he refused to pay \$3, hence the suit for \$200.

Comiskey is quoted as saying that the "strengthened" White Sox are due to win the pennant again this year. The "strengthening" material Comiskey so much counts on are pitchers Walsh and Dougherty and catcher Claude Berry—untried youngsters.

The annual meeting of the St. Louis club was held last week. The following Board of Directors was elected: John E. Bruce, J. C. McDiarmid, R. L. Hedges and J. C. Ghee. The Board elected Mr. R. L. Hedges president-secretary-treasurer of the club.

Criger is to go to Hot Springs March 1, and will be joined there by Young, Freeman and Dineen. The Boston Americans will play the Atlanta Club, of the Southern League, March 28, 29 and 30; Montgomery, Ala., March 31 and April 1; Mobile, April 2 and 3, while other dates have been arranged with New Orleans.

Pleider Jones, of the Chicago American League team, who is now located at Bolivar, said the other day: "No, I will not go with the Chicago American team. I intend to go with the New York Nationals. I don't expect to play, but I intend to make them live up to their contract. I will report at Washington on March 6."

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JENNINGS' JUMP.

THE FAMOUS BALL PLAYER SERIOUSLY INJURED

By a High Dive Into a Waterless Swimming Pool at Cornell—Probability That His Ball Playing Career is Now Finally Ended.

Ithaca, N. Y., Feb. 26.—Editor "Sporting Life."—Hugh Jennings, coach of the Cornell baseball team, manager of the Baltimore Club and one of the best-known base ball men in the country, met with a very serious accident in the Cornell gymnasium yesterday. Jennings dove into the swimming pool when there was no water in it and struck with terrific force upon the tile bottom. The fall rendered him unconscious. He suffered severe injuries about the head, although his skull was not fractured. Both wrists, however, are so sprained or broken that it is doubtful whether the famous base ball player will ever again be any good at the national game. Jennings says that the steam in the room made it impossible for him to see that the tank was empty, and that no notice was posted that the water had been drawn off.



Hugh Jennings

Jennings Able to Attend His Classes. Ithaca, N. Y., March 1.—Hugh Jennings, the base ball player and coach of the Cornell nine, who was injured by diving into the empty swimming pool at Cornell gymnasium last week, was able to attend his classes at the university to-day. Jennings, however, is still suffering from his injuries, and his right wrist will require treatment for several weeks before he will have the use of it.

FROM THE CAPITAL.

Why the Deal Failed—The Seventh Street Grounds—Possible Revival of the Sale—Clyde Robinson Sold to Detroit.

By Paul W. Eaton.

Washington, Feb. 28.—Editor "Sporting Life."—The announcement in this correspondence that the sale of the Senators to Messrs. McLean and Wadsworth was off needs no qualification, as Mr. McLean's statement, for both, that he was out of it, as related last week, was promptly confirmed by Mr. Wadsworth. In interviews with representatives of the two local papers, which have kept in touch with it. Whether it will remain off is another question, for the above-named gentlemen seem to have a strong inclination to do something for Washington in a base ball way. In fact, they have resumed the discussion of the matter, and there may possibly be some tangible results ere long. The



Paul W. Eaton

COLLAPSE OF THE DEAL was a source of regret to Mr. Wadsworth, who attributed it to the failure to secure the Seventh street grounds. As no well-informed person would question any statement of the Genesee representative, this may safely be accepted as accurately summing up the situation. The leasing of these grounds was one of the conditions attached to Mr. McLean's proposition, which, as stated last week, President Johnson was not able to comply with. The other conditions related to a certain guarantee offered by Mr. Johnson, the hours of work in the Government departments, the number of shares to be sold and the price to be paid for them. In the light of Mr. Wadsworth's remarks as reported, it may safely be assumed that none of these matters except the question of grounds would have proved to be a serious obstacle. The inopportune publication of the names of the bidders for the franchise by a local paper also had a bad effect upon the deal, as an opportunity was presented for the introduction into the affair of an influence adverse to its success. As to the

SEVENTH STREET GROUNDS. history may repeat itself in an aggravated form. The owners of this property, by grasping and unreasonable demands, deprived themselves of the fair and liberal rental President Postal was willing to pay them last year. As a result, the land lay idle, and its holders were considerably out of pocket. The proposition they now make to the base ball people is one which, it is probable, is entirely unique in the history of business transactions. It is most preposterous, and no person with business self-respect could accept it under any circumstances. Certainly a man of Mr. McLean's calibre would never accede to it, nor would Mr. Johnson consider it for a moment. The result is likely to be that the grounds will again lie idle. Evidently the owners think they have the club in a dilemma, and such would be the case if there were no other grounds available, as the present ones are so inconvenient as to deter every day hundreds of patrons from seeing the game. It is believed, however, that two other well-located grounds could be secured. As there may be some objections to stating exactly what the terms

named for the Seventh Street grounds were, the facts will not be given in full now; but if they are later, your readers can be promised something rich in the way of sure-thing and hold-up propositions. There is

STILL HOPE.

then, that the deal may not fail, but it is not a strong one. Upon the point of the quantity of stock to be acquired there was a difference of some 140 shares (14 per cent.). Many financiers would consider it more advantageous to sell men like Messrs. McLean and Wadsworth a bare majority of the stock than to have them take a larger amount. The remainder could undoubtedly be sold at a big advance just as soon as they became the owners of 51 per cent., and they proposed to acquire considerably more than that. So far as the Wagner brothers becoming owners of the Washington Club is concerned the whole matter can be concisely and accurately summed up. Mr. J. Earl Wagner asked President Johnson to name a price for the club, and Mr. Johnson, while not directly declining, did not do so, and has never expressed nor intimated willingness to sell to the Wagners, or either of them. It is reported that Mr. Wagner said when he first bought the club that he would conduct it just as he ran his meat business, and he did so. The public will treat him just as they do his meat, and roast him; they will not stand for Wagnerian methods, nor even for Wagnerian opera.

OTHER BUYERS.

seem to have dropped out, owing to the preference of Messrs. McLean and Wadsworth over them. As before stated, the League will probably carry the club. It is too early to discuss the probable success of the team. There is more or less talk about adding one or two star outfielders to it. If Athletic contests are battles, ball games must be pitched battles, and we have pitchers. The infield looks pretty good, with Hillebrand on first. Some persons who have watched the trend of events closely think they have seen continual indications of efforts to tamper with the Hillebrand brothers in the interest of a certain club, and attribute stories of their not playing here to such influences. It can only be repeated that their Washington contracts are rock-ribbed. The four first division clubs of last year look so strong that it will be extremely difficult to frame up a combination in Washington or elsewhere that can oust any one of them from that vantage ground. However, if one or two strong outfielders could be added to the present outfit, a hustling manager with good luck to help him, might land the present bunch a few notches higher than last year. The

SALE OF ROBINSON

to Detroit, where he is badly needed, should benefit that club and the player alike. Robbie is the right sort, and will make good if given a fair chance in a position where he is at home. He has the making of an excellent major leaguer, and only needs careful development by some managerial genius to bring it out.

PACIFIC COAST LEAGUE NEWS.

Harry Colgan has been appointed an umpire by President Bert.

The Oakland club has signed pitcher Al Whittridge, of last season's Denver team.

Manager Fred, Ely, of the Portland team, is said to be suffering from consumption.

The Pacific Coast League magnates are urging Manager Morley to give up Frank Dillon rather than have the peace treaty fall.

F. Earl Chamberlain, a brother of Elton Chamberlain, once a Red, has been appointed an umpire in the Pacific Coast league.

Jim McDonald, one of the umpires on last year's staff of the Coast League, is still in Los Angeles and is rapidly regaining his health.

"Dummy" Hoy is on Jim Morley's utility list for Los Angeles this year, and will be ready to take the place of any "gold brick" that may turn up.

Bert Delmas, who played second base for the San Francisco team last season, would like to catch on with some of the minor league teams east of the Rockies for next season.

The Portland club has signed pitcher Ham Iberg, formerly of the Phillies and last season with San Francisco. Portland is also negotiating with pitcher Bosman, of last year's Philadelphia team.

Work on the new baseball grandstand and fences at Tacoma was begun last week and within a month Tacoma will have as good a ball park as any in the country. Before many days the team will rendezvous at Fresno for practice.

The season of the Pacific Coast League begins March 24. Most of the teams in the league are already somewhat advanced in their training, and by the time Manager Selee and his men reach California will be in fine shape. The Chicago club is due at Los Angeles March 7.

"Rube" Levy and Jim McDonald will not be on the Coast League's staff of umpires this season, but O'Connell, of last season's trio, will be retained. "Rube" was not up to the standard. McDonald has developed a case of quick consumption, and is in Arizona for his health. It is likely that Colgan will be one of the indicator handers.

Mike Fisher's Tacoma Tigers are to have their practice work at Fresno. He has signed Gus McLaughlin to play in the field, and will probably retire Doyle and Hildebrand. St. Vrain has asked Fisher for a trial, and may be taken to Fresno. Fisher expects to begin the season with at least seven pitchers on his pay-roll. Nordyke, Casey, Eagan and Sheehan will do Mike's infield work.

The Los Angeles team, for the opening of the season with the Chicago National League team early next month, is practically complete at this writing. The line-up is as follows: Catchers, Spies and Eager; pitchers, Newton, Wheeler, Hall and Gray; first base and captain, Dillon; second, Tim Flood; third, "Jud" Smith; short, Toman; outfielders, Ross, Bernard and Cravath. Teely Raymond will serve as utility man.

Jesse Stoval and Jack Hickey have returned their contracts to Cleveland, the terms named therein not being satisfactory to this pair of twirlers. Barrow wrote Stoval that if he maintained the pace he set last season he would probably make good in fast company. As Stoval won five out of six for the Cleveland team in which he played, it is quite likely that such a pace, if kept up, would have made him a world-beater.



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WESTERN WINNOWINGS.

Harry Welch is attending the Creighton Medical College at Omaha.

Catcher Johnny Gouding has a position with the Yetter Wall Paper Co., of Omaha, during the winter.

Jack Thornton may captain the Colorado Springs team, of the Western League, this year. He is negotiating with President Burns for the position.

E. D. Webster, second baseman of last year's Kansas City Western League team, has been appointed manager-captain of the St. Joseph team by President Percy Chamberlain.

"Dusty" Miller, who does stunts in the left garden for Omaha, has bought a furniture store in Malvern, Ia., but he says that this will not keep him from playing ball this summer.

The St. Joseph Club to date has signed these players: William Kemmer, first base; W. J. Hartmann, outfield; Ira Belden, outfield; E. D. Webster, infield and manager, and Will Howey, pitcher.

A second invitation from President Sexton to enter the Western League has met with positive refusal from the Lincoln men, who proposed to back a club in that city until George Tebeau broke into the Western League.

With the passing of W. T. Van Brunt from St. Joseph there goes out of baseball one of the gamest losers and hardest fighters the game has ever seen. He was the backbone of the Western League in its memorable fight with the American Association in 1902.

Mattie McVicker, the well-known ball player, formerly of the Denver W. L. team, died at Victor, Ia., on February 19 from typhoid fever. McVicker was one of the best-known players in the West, having played with Des Moines, Lincoln, Denver, Omaha, Kansas City and Milwaukee, and had signed with Denyer for the coming season.

Jay Andrews, the new manager of the Sioux City team, gives out the following team: Catcher, Tommy Hess, of Albany, N. Y.; shortstop, King Kelly, of San Francisco; second base, Bert Dixon, of Chicago; third base, Jay Andrews; first base, Jack Messerly, of Sioux City; right field, Speck Hurlburt, of Portland; pitchers, Jack Cavanaugh, of Brooklyn, and Sam McBurney, of Tacoma.

It looks now as if the Western League in 1904 will enjoy the best season in its career, even though it will be composed of but six clubs. Omaha and Denver are sure to be paying propositions if they have fast teams, as are St. Joseph and Colorado Springs, Des Moines, under the management of "Bill" Hofer, ought to have a good season. Sioux City, being a new town, is rather doubtful, but it is expected to turn out well.

IOWA LEAGUE IDEAS.

John T. Pollack has found a berth with Snapper Kennedy's Ottumwa aggregation.

Des Moines wants a whack at Burlington for one or two games, and will be accommodated.

President Norton says Oskaloosa has put up its cash forfeit, making the seventh city in the circuit, and is now waiting for Muscatine.

Tom Hackett, who was blacklisted last year for assaulting an umpire in Rockford, Ill., has been signed by Keokuk, of the Iowa League.

Exhibition games are being arranged with the "Three-Eyed" League, and Burlington lovers of the game will see some of their old time players trotting around the bases again. Davonport will be in for three games.

Umpires so far appointed are M. E. Flynn, of Burlington, Ia., and J. Ross Swiger, of Gadsden, Ala. The latter was with the Western League in 1902. Flynn is an old ball player and should make good in his new place, as he is well up in the fine points of the game and we think can be depended upon to keep things moving. There are about thirty applications on file now for the other two vacancies and they will not be filled for some time.

PACIFIC NATIONAL LEAGUE NEWS.

Manager Wilmot has ordered his Butte team to report for spring training at Salt Lake City.

Walter Sebree, a prominent banker of Caldwell, Ida., has been elected president of the new Boise City Club.

"Stub" Spencer, who was with Seattle last year, has been signed by Butte. He is to be used as a sub-catcher and outfielder.

The new Boise City manager, John J. McClosky, has already signed two new players in catcher Dave Zearfoss and first baseman Eisey, late of San Francisco.

It is given out in Butte that Charles H. Lane and Walter Wilmot are now the sole owners of the Butte Club, and from now on will control the destiny of base ball in Minersville.

Manager Reiley, of Spokane, announces these engagements: Damman, Carney, Hogg and Loucks for the box, Holland, Durrett and Frary for the infield, and Hanson as catcher.

The Butte team this year will remain practically the same as the one that won the pennant last year. Wilmot announces that he will strengthen in a few places, but all of last year's hard hitters will be kept.

The grandstand of the former Pacific National

Park, at Ninth and Bryant streets, San Francisco, has been torn down and the lot, it is stated, has been sub-leased to a manufacturing establishment, who intend erecting a factory thereon.

The Butte club has traded Pitcher Pete Darling to the St. Louis National club for an infielder supposed to be Charley Donahue. Catcher Henry, of last year's team, has been traded to Indianapolis for a promising youngster named Cameron. The latter is now in Butte, and is well thought of by Wilmot.

Manager McClosky, of the new Boise City Club, last week went to San Francisco, with full power to sign up whoever he pleased. As soon as he has scoured the coast McClosky will go East and pick up the rest of his team. By adopting this plan it is thought "Mac" will be able to get together a strong aggregation, although it is rather late to get the best men.

SOUTHERN SAYINGS.

The spring schedule meeting has been called by President Kavanaugh to convene in Memphis on March 12.

Manager Fisher, of Nashville, says a movement is on foot to reinstate William Phyle, but he will not be allowed to play in the Southern League.

The Shreveport Club has traded Second Baseman Erve Beck to Toledo for Infielders Owens and Schaub, and has released Outfielder McFarland unconditionally.

Another Billy Annis has entered the professional baseball arena. Manager Flinn, of Little Rock, unearthed him from the Northern League. Annis will be given a chance to fill Mahling's place at short.

President Kavanaugh declares himself as follows: "The club found guilty of violating the salary limit in the Southern League this year is subject to forfeit of franchise and additional fine of \$500."

Manager Charley Frank has about completed arrangements for receiving the Chicago, Pittsburgh and Boston American teams for their spring practice at New Orleans. Athletic Park is being put in fine shape.

Manager Gilks' Shreveport team to date is manned as follows: Pitchers, Hughey, Swann, White, Kelb, Bailey, Tevis, Hye, Ross; catchers, Grafius and Lanzon; infielders, Welkart, Owens, Schaub, Prout and F. Smith; outfielders, Norcom, Hennessey and Gilks.

NORTHERN LEAGUE NEWS.

Calumet wants to enter the league, but will not join so long as Winnipeg is a member. The objection to Winnipeg is the 750-mile jump.

Manager Werden, of the Fargo team, is negotiating with the Minneapolis Club for the use of its park for the Fargo's spring training.

There are rumors of dissatisfaction with President Laxdal's administration and of the organization of a new league consisting of Duluth, Superior and several of the copper country towns.

It seems an assured fact now that Superior will have a team in the league next season. A meeting was held in that city last week and a committee consisting of L. Van Praagh, of Duluth; President Laxdal and Mr. Kent met a committee of Superior business men and matters looking to the future of the Superior Club were discussed. A stock company is to be organized.

Bemidji business men want a team in the league, and they guarantee that they will put a team in the field that will hold its own with any one of the teams already in the league. The financial end of the Bemidji team is as good as could be desired, and there seems to be no reason why they should not be able to put up a team that would be a good thing for the league.

Manager Van Praagh, of the Duluth team, is a very busy man these days and has about twenty-five men on his list. He has secured Curtis, of Calumet, and Graves, of Sioux Falls. "Van" has also secured Quillan, Shaw, Zink, Bandella (captain) and Randall. It is hoped by the fans that he will get little Joe Wilkes, who was the idol of last year's team, to play in the left garden.

A meeting of the league will be held in Duluth in March, at which time the circuit will be fully decided on and the schedule adopted. Among other incidentals which will be a novelty next season will be the rule adopted governing the actions of all the players of the clubs, including their practice, etc. Mr. Cooper, of Grand Forks, is at work on a set of rules which he will present to the league.

BALL PLAYERS' CARDS.

"John Walsh (deaf mute), the left-handed prof. player, wants to play first base and outfield with some minor league for the coming season. Address No. 339 E, 97th Street, New York City.

WANTED—Good hustling experienced players for Mansfield, Ohio, Base Ball Club. Address, Ted Paige, Manager Mansfield Base Ball Club, Mansfield, Ohio.

READY ROCHESTER.

ONLY ONE MORE MAN NEEDED FOR COMPLETE TEAM.

Manager George Smith Has His Team Made up With the Exception of a First Baseman—The Ball Park to be Much Improved.

By M. T. Springstead.

Rochester, N. Y., Feb. 28.—Editor "Sporting Life."—With the thermometer at zero the writing of base ball items is not the most pleasant thing to do.



George H. Smith

There is some consolation in the thought that spring will soon be here and the reporting time for players. Manager Smith has been busy for some time securing men for the team for the coming season, and it can be truthfully said that he has got some good ones under contract, and will try hard to land the pennant for Rochester. Everybody interested in the local club has the greatest confidence in Manager Smith's ability to make good.

THE LINE-UP.

Manager Smith says that the line-up will be about as follows: Catchers, Steelman, Wall and another; pitchers, Leary, Fertsch, Duquette, Schultz, Andenberg, Becker, Gettig, Griffith, Clay and Pauthner; second base, George Smith, manager and captain; short-stop, Willig or Madison; third base, Hofmer or Gettig; left field, Lepine; centre field, DeGroff; right field, Gorman. First base is the only place for which a good man has not yet been secured, but the manager has several players in view for the place. Pitcher Griffith will be a big drawing card for the Bronchos, as he has only one arm. He comes highly recommended as a twirler.

MINOR MENTION.

Outfielder DeGroff is now in Cuba with the All-Americans making a tour of the island.

As soon as the weather permits a number of needed improvements at Culver Park will be made. Rochester fans are pleased to learn that President Powers has appointed W. M. Sullivan, of this city, as a member of his umpire staff. "Big Bill" is all right and there is no doubt but that he will give entire satisfaction all over the circuit.

More capable players will go out from Rochester to the various leagues than ever before, and among them are some very promising men.

Manager Smith is expected here shortly to arrange for the spring practice games, uniforms and other matters pertaining to the opening of the season.

PITTSBURG POINTS.

Champions' Leader is Satisfied With His Chances—Looks For a Tight Race With Success as the Premiers' Lot—Winter Life on a Kansas Farm.

By A. R. Crafty.

Pittsburg, Feb. 29.—Editor "Sporting Life."—Just three weeks more and they will be off to the Springs. March 21 is the time the three-time champions mobilize for the jaunt to the skirmishing ground.



A. R. Crafty

All the indications are for more than an ordinary amount of enthusiasm over their departure. Men keep asking base ball writers and others as to the team's strength, the time of adopting a schedule, etc. This shows a good outlook and may mean that the pessimists who shout about a dull era because of the Presidential year, etc., will have to go 'way back. Next Wednesday, or Saturday, at the outside, we are expecting Col. Barney here to clinch many matters in connection with the spring trip, etc. Then the local situation will boom.

CLARKE ON DECK.

One item of general interest during the week passed was the appearance of the club leader. He was en route to Princeton and stopped over for a few hours. In that time the Pittsburg pilot managed to tell fans that he had every confidence in the team landing that coveted place once more. He admitted that there was every reason to anticipate a snappy race. On this point let it be said that insiders here expect the New Yorks to wade in when the bell rings and try and land that bunting. There will be no excuses asked from the Giants this time. They are out for bear, and, according to news we have in this ballwick, wrangling play is feared. Every time that Deacon Phillippe is asked about the race he tells his friends not to overlook the Cincinnati nine. He may be fighting shy of the New Yorks for a purpose.

CUSHMAN, THE "KIDDER."

Captain Fred had one experience while here that he will not forget for a time. Just as he was about to spin off a hunting yarn in came Cushman, "the human Sphinx." Cush, to the amazement of Clarke and all hands, began to chatter away like a magpie. Could it be the same old moping fellow? The gang had to admit

that the clever pitcher had made wonderful advances. One year in the minors and a wad of ginger like that! Perhaps another season would show the Maine boy to be equal to the best in spunk and assurance. Before the session ended Cushman had fun twitting his former chief, a man who had cussed him time and again on the field for not getting into the game. Cush said in a dry way: "When you get to Princeton you will have to go into the chapel and make a speech to the students. Don't be afraid if any of the boys go to sleep. They mean well, but have an odd way of treating the new coaches." "I can see myself making an address now," replied Ferdinand. "Well, you will do it, or the frats will give you one of their initiations," was the answer of Cushman. Cushman has refused to sign his contract with the Des Moines Club because that club owes him money. The new contract has a scheme to avoid any entanglements over a sudden stoppage of the season. He has been advised to lay low, and as soon as the Western announces its schedule then he will be free to sign any place that he pleases.

TWO MEN LET GO.

The action of the management in releasing J. Perkins Kennedy and catcher Weaver did not cause much surprise, but it is a fact that some persons imagined that the old brickmaker from Bellaire, O., would be kept. He had been held so long that it looked as if his retention was sure to take place. As for Weaver, it has long been guessed that the management thought him inferior to Carisch. The latter is supposed to be a comer. The last game that Weaver caught here was a terror, but the gang admits that he may have been in love and thinking more of his approaching nuptials. After Chicago refused the man Bryce, of Columbus, who, by the by, is a close friend of Col. Barney, was allowed to take the player. Kennedy is not all in yet, and some League club should pick him up.

MINORS OPEN BOTTLES.

"Gwan, you fellows cannot talk to me any more. You are in the beer class, while I am one of those gents who goes up against the juice of the grape." With these words Frank Haller started to tell the boys of his trip to Columbus to attend the meeting of the National Association. "Talk about fizz," continued Haller. "It flowed wine during that meeting. Bryce, of Columbus, a fine fellow, gave the delegates a dinner, and I don't think there was anything else on the menu than wine. And Burns, of Colorado. Maybe he isn't a sport. 'Crack another,' is his cry. There was one Western magnate there on the booze wagon whose work was a wonder. He is a mixed drinker. I think he downed one dose of champagne, brandy, sherry and beer. You know him well. But to the meeting. I was called into the room where the MOGLUS WERE SITTING.

"They came at me red hot. 'Why didn't the National Commission settle your case with the Evansville Club?' shouted Sexton. I could not answer that one. Every member present threw a harpoon into me except Tim Murnane, and he seemed to be my only friend. Finally, I was told that I had a legal action against the Evansville Club. 'Well suppose that I sue them and get a verdict, won't that decision be a club over every organized base ball team in the land?' This made a hit with the delegates. It set them a-thinking. They got together and discussed the insides of the case. I told them that all I wanted was the money I had spent getting players for the Evansville Club. Murnane stuck to me. I was told that I would be given a decision by mail. I am looking for it any day. I have no idea as to the ruling, for the moment I left the room I could hear hot words going on inside."

MARCH WINDS.

W. W. Darley said Saturday that he had received a letter from his partner, W. C. Temple, telling him of the fine weather in Florida. Mr. Temple is in the best of health.

Met Dr. Mark Baldwin at an Elks' reception the other night. He is meeting with many interesting cases of surgery in Homestead. The other night Dr. Baldwin was called to police headquarters and asked to attend a prisoner who had suffered a rare rupture of an artery.

John Peter Wagner showed up at the club office the other day with two valets. Fine, for winter, isn't it? "Honus is ever popular. He goes down Carnegie's main street, and ninety-nine per cent, of the passers by shout, 'Good morning, Mr. Wagner,'" said a Carnegie man.

Ed. Swartwood took an active part in the first legal execution handled by Sheriff Dickson one day last week. Swartwood adjusted the rope around the man's neck and also put on the black cap. Though the noose was placed with the rope next to the ear it slipped and failed to do its work well. William German, official adjuster for years, left the sheriff's office two months ago.

One of the most amusing barneys of the winter season is the one that the club owners had sold Beaumont to the Boston Nationals. "I can't help wonder how that originated, unless it was a boldly conceived scheme to build up a dull news column," said Secretary Locke.

"Big Joe" Bransfield has been heard from. He wrote the other day that he was in the best of health and felt that this season should bring better luck. There is no use talking. "Kitty" has not been burdened with good breaks for over two years past.

Secretary Locke went East two days ahead of time. He has many relatives in Brooklyn, and will stop there until time to enter the harness at the meeting.

Building on Sam Leever.

"If Leever's arm is all right, and he tells me that it is, I think we will win the pennant again," says Secretary Locke, of the Pittsburg club. "Leever hurt his arm at a shooting match a short time before the pennant season closed last fall. He shot so much that the recoil of the gun made his shoulder black and blue, and he didn't get over it until after the season was closed."



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ST. PAUL SAYINGS.

Manager Kelley Has His Team Made up and is Getting Himself Into Condition at Mt. Clemens, Mich.

By John D. Grant.

St. Paul, Feb. 28.—Manager Kelley, having completed his team for this season, has gone to Mt. Clemens, Mich., to rest up for the spring practice. Spike Shannon, of this year's St. Louis Nationals, and Miller Huggins accompanied him. Shannon will take the place made vacant by Pat Donovan's resignation, and St. Louis will find nothing to regret in the change. Eddie Wheeler, who has been employed all winter as a floor walker in President Lennon's big clothing store, will return to his home in Michigan this week to rest up for spring practice. Charlie Ferguson has bought out Spike Shannon's interest in the wet goods emporium they have been conducting in this city for the past two years.



M. J. Kelley

AFTER MAJOR PLAYERS.

If Mike Kelley has his way, the Saints this year will be even stronger than in the 1903 season, this in spite of the fact that Huggins and Schaefer are not with the team. Kelley has wires laid at this time which may result in the Saints being strengthened considerably. The big St. Paul manager is after three American League players, and if he gets them there will be something doing. The players are "Piggie" Gleason, Charles Hemphill and outfielder Hulseman, all of St. Louis.

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION NEWS.

Pitcher Harvey Bailey has signed a Minneapolis contract.

Minneapolis has signed catcher Dan O'Leary, of last season's Rock Island team.

Manager Watkins, of Minneapolis, is going to give pitcher Jack Katoll another trial.

The schedule meeting has been called by President Grillo for March 6, at Chicago.

All contracts are being sent out by American Association magnates this year by registered letter.

President Bryce has offered a \$100 gold nugget as prize for the champion team of the Columbus Saturday League.

Jim Hackett, the ex-Cardinal, is wanted by Toledo. Herman Long is hot on his trail and may land him.

The Columbus club has purchased Catcher Arthur Weaver, the Pittsburg club outbidding Indianapolis for him.

Mr. and Mrs. Watkins have secured quarters at Hotel Berkeley, and hereafter will make Minneapolis their home.

Manager Watkins, of Minneapolis, believes he has a marvel in the young southpaw pitcher, Gus Munich, of the Interstate League.

Columbus is building high hopes on M. E.

Simon, the young Piqua catcher, discovered by Bobby Quinn last fall. Simon is teaching school at North Vernon, Ind.

The Boston club has set so low a figure for Charley Dexter's release that there is little doubt that he will purchase his freedom in order to join the Louisville team as manager-captain.

In order to get Lee Tannhill, should the big leagues not require his services next season, which is hardly probable, Manager Tebeau, of the Louisvilles, has formally suspended him.

Indianapolis has secured Second Baseman Maggon from the Chicago American Club, transferring to the latter all claim on the recalcitrant infielder, Shaefer, traded by St. Paul to Indianapolis.

It has developed that Herman Schaefer drew \$60 per month from St. Paul Club last season apart from his regular \$300 monthly stipend. No wonder he kicked at a straight \$200 per month contract for 1904.

President Rusehaupt, of Indianapolis, was much exercised because Little Rock signed Catcher Heydon, whom Indianapolis, through an error, reserved as Heydon. The National Board, however, has awarded Heydon to Indianapolis.

Billy Clingman, who was prevented from playing part of last season, owing to the controversy between Milwaukee and Columbus, has decided to report in St. Paul this spring and play second base. He was also offered a position as umpire.

President Havenor, of the Milwaukee Club, has arranged to have Pennell, Bateman and McKay train with Comiskey's White Sox at Dallas, Tex., this spring. Havenor has also engaged two major league pitchers, who will report after the opening of the season.

President Tebeau is overhauling, repairing and repainting his Louisville grandstand and bleachers. He says the park this season will be one of the prettiest in the country. The outfield will be sowed with bluegrass seed, and the infield will be as smooth as a lake on a calm day.

The Schedule Committee of the American Association has finished its work, and the schedule will be made public as soon as the magnates ratify the report of the committee at their next meeting. The championship season will open April 20, with all of the Western clubs playing in the East.

GREEN'S 1904 PLANS.

The Indian Team Manager Will Also Tackle Handling Cubans.

Guy W. Green, of Lincoln, Neb., who has for years made money and achieved fame as the manager of the traveling Nebraska Indian base ball team, writes as follows:

During 1903 my Eastern Nebraska Indian team won 144 and lost 33 games, while my Western Nebraska Indian team won 124 and lost 24 games. This year (1904) I have combined the best talent of the two teams into positively the best organization of Indian ball players I have ever had, and shall run only one Indian team. The All-Cubans, who have played in the extreme eastern part of the United States for the past two seasons, have now passed under my general management, being owned jointly by Mr. Abel Linares and myself. Henry Chadwick, the editor of Spalding's Base-Ball Guide, pronounces the Cubans the equal of many National League teams. They are straight from Havana. Not a man can speak a word of English. If you want dates with either of my great organizations, remember it is never too early to let me know.

COURT CASES.

LATEST JUDGMENTS BY NATIONAL BOARD AND COMMISSION.

No Jurisdiction in the Case of Manager-Player Haller Who Appealed Against Evansville—Detroit Club Ordered to Pay Providence For Player Carr.

Below will be found the official text of the latest decisions handed down by the National Commission, through Secretary Bruce. One case relates to the Providence claim for purchase money on account of player Carr; the other to the protest of Manager-Player Haller against his summary dismissal by the Evansville Club:

The Carr Purchase Case.

Cincinnati, O., Feb. 15.—Decision No. 44—In re. purchase money to be paid for Player Carr. The attention of the Commission was called to this case by Mr. Farrell, the secretary of the National Association, his contention being that the Detroit American League Club had not paid the Providence Club the purchase money agreed upon for Player Carr, and that the money should be paid to the new owners of the club, instead of the old ones. This not being a dispute between two clubs the entire Commission will pass on the case.



Charles Carr

The attention of the Detroit Club was called to the matter, and they admitted that the money had not been paid, but they contended that they were in doubt as to whom the money should be paid, but they were ready to pay it as soon as that question had been determined.

We rule that the Detroit Club be requested to forward the money, viz., \$500, to the secretary of the Commission, to be held by him "in trust" until it is definitely determined to whom the money should be legally paid.

No Jurisdiction in Haller's Case.

Cincinnati, O., Feb. 17.—Decision No. 45—In re. claim of Player F. S. Haller. The attention of the Commission was called to this case by the player himself. His contention is that on the 11th day of November, 1903, he signed a contract with the Evansville Club of the Central League for 1904 at a salary of \$200 per month, and in addition to this contract he had a written agreement with said club that he was to have exclusive management for the season of 1904; that he was to have control of the players, and that he must keep the club in good playing condition, etc., etc. He submits the contract and agreement in evidence. The player further alleges that, acting under the contract and agreement herein referred to, he commenced signing players for the team, nine in all, and put in 34 days' time as manager, when he was informed in writing that his services were dispensed with; and that he received no pay for this period, and that in his judgment he is entitled to some compensation.

Had we jurisdiction we would agree with the player in his contention. We find, however, that this is strictly a National Association affair, and as under the provisions of the National Agreement, Article 2, Section 1, "each party to this agreement retains the right to conduct its affairs and govern its players according to its constitution and by-laws," we hold that we have no jurisdiction in the case.

We recommend that a copy of this finding be forwarded to the presidents of the National and American Leagues and to the secretary of the National Association for promulgation.

We also suggest that the secretary transmit a copy of this finding to the player for his consideration.

HARRY C. PULLIAM,
B. B. JOHNSON,
AUG. HERRMANN

FORT WAYNE FACTS.

Manager Bade Meyers Has His Team For Next Season Completed—How the Team Will Line up.

Ft. Wayne, Ind., Feb. 28.—Editor "Sporting Life":—"After a long silence the sphinx of Ft. Wayne balldom has interestingly spoken. It has predicted that Ft. Wayne will practically be represented by the same players that brought the championship to Ft. Wayne in 1903. On the slab Carblener and Alberts will be the mainstays. The latter is now a benedict, and we know that he will pitch winning ball, because he will have someone else to please besides the management. They will have five other youngsters—Ralph Murphy, Arthur F. Mullin, T. Jenkins, Harry Spore and Ed. Smith—to make a selection from to help out. Mullin and Smith are the most likely candidates, as they are known players.

CAPTAIN-MANAGER MYERS

will guard the initial corner and direct the plays from that place. O'Connell, who was unmercifully weak at the bat, may be replaced by a new man. He is a local favorite, but rather hard to keep within the bounds of discipline. On short Lindsey is the only candidate so far. A local

paper has already given him a rather hard knock, which was very much uncalled for. Sir John is a good worker, but a knock will take the starch out of an iceberg's shirt. Hopke will again tag them out as they pass around the third corner.

THE OUTFIELD

will be well taken care of, as Hardy, Dennis and Belden will do their garden work in Ft. Wayne this year. Dennis will be given a thorough trial by Nichols, of St. Louis, and with Donovan out of the fold he has a fine show to be a side partner to Barclay and Smoot. Hardy will no doubt be brought around, as his difficulties are purely personal with the local management.

BEHIND THE RUBBER

Ostieck will again be it. He is a fine player, but a poor coacher for a young pitcher and also a weak hitter. The management would make a wise move by signing an old and heady catcher who is a good slapper, as he would be a world of help to the staff of young pitchers on Ft. Wayne's pay roll this year. Tate, East, Bissell and Selig are the other new men to be given a trial in the spring.

PLAYERS THREATENING.

An Intimation That a New Players' Union is in Process of Creation and That the A. F. L. is Interested.

St. Louis, Mo., Feb. 24.—A member of the major league base ball players, who prefers to make his remarks incognito, advances a proposition that may prove deeply interesting. Says he: "Club owners are going to get a hard knock before many months are added to the calendar of dead days. The magnates think they have the base ball situation tied up in a compound knot that makes the Gordian affair look like a true lover's bow. It is stated that next year, with contracts made last season for two years expiring, the managers are going to cut salaries to the bone. Now it is conceded that the base ball player has no option left but to take what is handed him. With peace all over the country the field is

MONOPOLIZED AND CONTROLLED

and a job is as scarce as hen's teeth for the man on the outside. If you lift up your voice your head will fall. Injustices are already being done, as in the Powell case, but at present they cannot be resisted. Here is what will be done to counteract this monopoly—a base ball union will be formed. In fact, I know

A PLAYERS' UNION

is already under way. It is to be organized as a member of the American Federation of Labor. This insures the sympathy of many hundreds of thousands of working men, who, by the way, are the principal patrons of base ball games. You can imagine what a lever this will put in the hands of the players. I am not talking through my hat. This plan was broached by the head of the Labor Federation, and many of the players have received communications from the organization about the matter. Backed by

THE LABOR UNIONS

the base ball player could at least protect himself. The union could not step in and dictate salaries, but it could force clubs to live up to contracts and keep the players from being helpless in the hands of the magnates. I think the scheme will go through, and it ought to. Players are now absolutely at the mercy of the club owners and will continue that way until some project similar to the one outlined has been put in working order."

GROUP PICTURES OF BASE BALL CLUBS

During the past few months "Sporting Life" has published full-page group pictures of the following major league clubs:

- Boston Club, champions for 1904, American League.
- Philadelphia Club, American League.
- Cleveland Club, American League.
- New York Club, American League.
- Detroit Club, American League.
- St. Louis Club, American League.
- Chicago Club, American League.
- Washington Club, American League.
- Pittsburg Club, champions for 1904, National League.
- New York Club, National League.
- Chicago Club, National League.

Those of our readers who would like to have any of these groups printed from the original half-tone plate, on heavy plate paper, size 13x14 inches, suitable for framing, can be accommodated. They will be sent, securely wrapped in tubes and mailed prepaid, to any reader who will remit ten cents in stamps for each one to this office.

CONNECTICUT LEAGUE CHAT.

The Norwich team will play at New Bedford April 19 and at Fall River April 21 and 22.

William J. Tracy, of Bristol, the new owner of the Hartford Club, says he is doing all he can possibly do to secure a team that will be a credit to Hartford.

Manager Humphrey, of New London, to date has signed the following players: Catchers, Armbruster and Irwin; pitchers, Paige, McLaughlin, Long and Burns; first base, Drew; infield, Lawson and Curtis; outfield, Bannon, Finn, Rising and Murphy.

The veteran "Jim" O'Rourke, who has been an active professional ballplayer for over thirty years, will again be in the ring this season, and hopes to have a club in Bridgeport that will make a showing as good as the best. O'Rourke first played in Boston in 1873.

The Holyoke Club has entered an emphatic protest against Brooklyn signing outfielder Batch, and will carry the case of the National Commission if Brooklyn refuses to give up the man. Batch is a reserved Holyoke player, and had accepted advance money from that club.

Harry Noyes, New London's crack third baseman for 1902-1903, will not be seen in a New London uniform this season. Noyes has decided not to play professional baseball this season at all, and will possibly play semi-professional ball occasionally to keep in practice. Noyes has a good job with a New Haven wire house and intends to stick to it.

PHILADELPHIA NEWS.

WORK ON THE PHILADELPHIA BALL PARK STARTED.

The Noted and Experienced James Foster Has the Contract in Hand—The Players of Both Local Clubs Rapidly Getting Under Cover.

By Francis C. Richter.

Philadelphia, Pa., March 1.—The Philadelphia Club Directors last Thursday awarded the contract for rebuilding the bleachers at Philadelphia Park to the well-known contractor, Jim Foster. The old stands will be completely razed and the new bleachers will extend to the right field foul line and to the driveway in left field, affording accommodations for 8000, which, with the grand stand, will give the Philadelphia grounds a seating capacity of 13,000. The management has decided not to use the hanging seats in right and centre fields. They will not be torn down, but allowed to remain for future use if the demands of the patronage ever warrant some alterations to them. The seats on top of the club house will also be free of occupants this season. The cost of the improvement will be over \$9000.



James Foster

CONTRACTOR FOSTER will push the work as fast as the weather permits, and there is no doubt, but that they will be completed a week or two before the season opens. Foster has constructed more baseball and football stands than any other person in the country, having built stands at the University of Pennsylvania, Princeton, Yale and Haverford. He also built the Philadelphia Athletic Club stands, the New York American League stands and will rebuild the Pittsburg National League stands.

SIDE ENTRANCES PROVIDED.

The management contemplates returning to the old entrances, which will be a great convenience to the public, which objected strenuously when John I. Rogers abolished them and made the general field entrance at Broad and Lehigh avenue. The entrance to the left field entrance will be on Fifteenth street, just above Huntingdon, while the patrons of the right field seats will enter on Huntingdon, about midway between Broad and Fifteenth. This, with the grand stand entrance as formerly, at Fifteenth and Huntingdon, will make an ideal arrangement of entrances and exits.

EARLE WAGNER'S STATEMENT.

J. Earl Wagner, a former noted baseball magnate, who is now in the wholesale meat business here with his brother George, denies the report that he contemplates purchasing the Washington American League club. He says that the report emanated in Washington after he had called upon Ban Johnson, while at the capital to transact some business with Nick Young. He did not see Johnson to discuss the deal, but as he was in the Capital City he paid the American League president a friendly visit as he had not seen him for five years. Mr. Wagner admits that they talked about the Washington club, but there was no mention or even a thought of a deal being made by which either of the Wagners should re-enter the baseball world.

LOCAL JOTTINGS.

Manager Duffy, of the Phillies, is expected in town to-day to remain for the balance of the season. During the past week pitcher Plank sent on his signed contract to Manager Mack. The Athletic Club now has all of its players under contract, except Lave Cross, and he has accepted terms. Manager Shettsline has received the contracts of pitcher Sparks, catcher Marshall and outfielder Thomas. This leaves only Fraser, Duggleby, Mitchell and Titus to hear from.

I.-I.-I. LEAGUE ITEMS.

The Spalding ball has been adopted as the official ball of this league.

The Decatur Club has signed Pitcher Edward Seitz, of Milwaukee.

Outfielder Jones, signed by Rock Island, is a younger brother of Davy Jones, of the Chicago team.

Lora Clevenger, captain of the Indiana University baseball team, has signed with Cedar Rapids.

Davenport has signed a young pitcher named William Neal, of Atkinson, Ill., and who has a fine amateur record.

The Paducah Club, of the K. I. T. League, has entered claim for Outfielder Peter Shea, signed by Bloomington.

Manager Donnelly has accepted terms from Joseph Malloy, a young pitcher, who was drafted by the Pittsburg team last season.

What with \$500 for pitcher Killian's release and \$1800 raised by a baseball carnival, the Rockford Club is now on easy street.

The young outfielder, G. E. Dalrymple, signed by Rockford, is a son of the famous Dalrymple, of the old Chicago National League champions of 1885-86.

With six candidates for second base on his staff, Manager Conners, of Bloomington, has added another in a young Chicagoan named Edward Mayer.

The Bloomington management is trying to raise \$1000 to cover the preliminary expenses of the coming season, and will offer tickets to the opening game at \$1 each.

President Holland has warned all clubs not to use contracts running from May 1 to Sept. 15. The proper way to sign players is for an indefinite term between opening and closing of the season.

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Manager Hines, of Dubuque, has given notice that he has secured Cook, pitcher; McDonald, catcher; Steek, third base; Kramer, catcher; Haggerty, third base, and Thomas and Hickey, infielders.

Manager Ross Thornton announces his Rock Island roster to date, as follows: Pitchers, Womrath, Landon, Lakoff, Hageman, Quay, Burchall; infielders, Andrews, Lister, Haas, Shields, Coy, Kelsner, Williams; outfield, Lally, Warner, Muller.

Two Cleveland boys have signed with the Rockford team. They are Bill Sump, well known as a first baseman, and Darby O'Brien, at home as either second or third base or shortstop. Davenport disputes the claim of Springfield to the services of Crockett on first for the coming season.

Manager Donnelly, of Springfield, to date has signed: Pitchers, Vyskoul, Crangle, Cadwalader, Ward, Woodyard, Schomberg, Sallee, Raymond, Britton and Smith; catcher, Cliff Lattimer; infielders, Lyon, Neal, Gardner, King, Ehrlich, Hoffman; outfielders, Caffry, Wagner, Percival, Thompson, Hoepfel, Leffert.

The league schedule meeting was held at Chicago February 23. The schedule prepared by President Holland and Frank Lauder was adopted. The season will open April 29, and the last games will be played September 11. Each team is scheduled to play 126 games. On the opening day Davenport will play at Bloomington, Rockford at Decatur, Dubuque at Springfield and Cedar Rapids at Rock Island.

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NASHVILLE NOTES.

MANAGER FISHER'S PLANS FOR 1904 COMPLETED.

His Team Now Quite Made up and the Players Ordered to Report on March 20—Extensive Improvements Made at the Ball Park.

By Hamilton Love.

Nashville, Tenn., Feb. 29.—Editor "Sporting Life":—Manager Fisher has ordered his men to report not later than March 20, and they will be put through a systematic, as well as a thorough, training, so as to be in good shape for the opening of the season. The local manager intends to fight for first honors from the start, and will discard the early season excuse that the men are not in playing trim yet, or that they are not over their stiffness. Nearly every date during the practice season has been taken up and many big league clubs will be entertained. There is a strong probability that Jay Andrews, Wiley Platt "Babe" Brown and either Abbatichio or Aubrey will be added to the team, and the thoughts of such are filling the hearts of the fans with hope. Negotiations are on for all of these men, and if honeyed words and a liberal purse are any inducement they will surely be found in the ranks of the Fishermen.



Newt Fisher

GEORGE CAREY is also anxious to come back to the fold, and it is probable that the big fellow will take his accustomed place on first base when the flag drops. There is a scrap on over pitcher Burnham, Birmingham claiming that they, too, have a signed contract from him, and it only remains for all evidence to be produced and passed on by President Kavanaugh. Manager Fisher anticipates no trouble proving that he is the rightful heir to the promising young south-paw. Burnham is anxious to remain here, and claims that his contract with the Iron Barons was made after he signed with Nashville.

FINE OUTLOOK.

Every indication points to a resumption of the old-time enthusiasm among the followers of the game here. The grand stand and bleachers at Athletic Park have been improved and enlarged in anticipation of a liberal patronage. The stands were inadequate to accommodate the crowds of last season.

TINKER'S TIP.

The Famous Chicago Short Stop Gives Ambitious Youngsters Timely Advice and Gives His Team a Boost.

Kansas City, Mo., Feb. 22.—Editor "Sporting Life":—I have always wanted to say a good word for Claud East, of Kansas City, the man that put me in the business. He took Lee, of the Washingtons; Milton, of the Kansas City Western League, and Hurley, of the Seattle Club, off the lots in Kansas City in 1899 and gave us a start. He is well known all over Kansas, Missouri, Iowa, Nebraska, Texas and the Indian Territory, and the first year of the Missouri Valley League there was not a club in the League that he did not furnish players for. Kahl, one of the boys recommended by him, was the first player to be drafted out of the Missouri Valley League. Whenever independent clubs throughout Kansas and Missouri want players they always write to Mr. East. I advised him to open up a base ball directory for the benefit of young players, and I will assist him in placing every player who registers with him. Many a young player who has no chance to break into base ball will do well to place themselves in his charge, as his O. K. on a base ball player generally secures him a position. I am feeling good now, and it will not require much hard work to put me in shape. The Chicago Club looks good to me, and when the season is over I think you will find us up around the top. Mr. Selee passed through Kansas City the other day, and is very confident of the team's success. Yours respectfully, J. B. TINKER.

HARRISBURG HAPPENINGS.

The Make-up of the Local Ball Team Still a Secret.

Harrisburg, Pa., Feb. 29.—Editor "Sporting Life":—The base ball committee of the Harrisburg Athletic Club has made up its mind that the best thing for it to do was not to allow the public to know the composition of the team for the coming season until the last man had been signed. The only news that the fans have is the assurance of the committee that the club this season will be as strong again over last year as the 1903 was over 1902. * * * As far as is known the following men have been signed: Agnew and Sommers, catchers; Bowdin, Matthews, Whyrauch and McCrane, pitchers; Deal, Bonner, Barker and Newton, infielders; Vinson, Farrell and Nallin, outfielders. Three more pitchers have been signed and two more infielders, who the committee refuse to announce. * * * The schedule of the Tri-State Association for the Farnsworth Cup will be submitted to President Farnsworth by March 1 and will be given to the public on or about the fifth of the month. * * * Bender, pitcher of the Athletics, visits the city every few days to attend the attractions at the Lyceum Theatre. * * * Rube Vinson, one of the local outfielders, has been spend-

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ing a few days among friends and is anxious for the reporting bell. * * * Chairman Oenslager has gone to the West Indies for several weeks, and will take in all base ball games while away.

Menefee's Managerial Efforts.

The Johnstown Club, which will be managed by "Jack" Menefee, of last year's Chicago National League Club, has signed Eddie Murphy and Josh Owens, of Johnstown; Joe Conroy, of Philadelphia; James Ganear, of Waynesburg; Charley Deibold, of Pittsburg; Neal Doherty, of Roscoe, and William A. Vought, of Broomfield, N. J., and has accepted the terms of Charles W. Parkins, of Roscoe, and Thomas McKinley, of Bellevue. The club has lines out for another good pitcher and one or two infielders, whom it expects to land in a few days.

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Short and to the Point.

After a game in Pittsburg several years ago Umpire Tim Hurst was set upon by the crowd—because the Pirates lost—and chased to his dressing room. At the door Hurst turned about and fought off his pursuers with his fists. Although it had been 200 against one, Hurst was forced to appear in Police Court next morning to answer a charge of assault.

A veteran fan with a bruised nose was led forward and told his story of the mix-up.

"Now," Mr. Hurst," remarked the Court, "tell us frankly why you hit this aged gentleman in the nose."

"I hit him in the nose," said Tim, "for aidin' and abettin' a riot."

The Realm of Fancy.

The GENTLEMAN FROM INDIANA BY BOOTH TARKINGTON



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CHAPTER I.

WHEN the rusty hands of the office clock marked half past 4, the editor-in-chief of the Carlow County Herald took his hand out of his hair, wiped his pen on his last notice from the White Caps, put on his coat, swept out the close little entry and left the sanctum for the bright June afternoon.

He chose the way to the west, strolling thoughtfully out of town by the white, hot, deserted Main street and thence onward by the country road into which its proud half mile of old brick store buildings, tumbledown frame shops and thinly painted cottages degenerated. The sun was in his face where the road ran between the summer fields, lying waveless, low, gracious in promise; but, coming to a wood of hickory and beech and walnut that stood beyond, he might turn his down-bent hat brim up and hold his head erect. Here the shade fell deep and cool on the green tangle of rag and iron weed and long grass in the corners of the snake fence, although the sun beat upon the road so close beside. There was no movement of the crisp young leaves overhead. High in the boughs there was a quick flirt of crimson where two robins hopped noiselessly. The late afternoon, when the air is quite still, had come, yet there rested somewhere on the quiet day a faint, pleasant, woody smell. It came to the editor of the Herald as he climbed to the top rail of the fence for a seat, and he drew a long breath to get the elusive odor more luxuriously, and then it was gone altogether.

"A habit of delicacies," he said aloud, addressing the wide silence complainingly. "One taste and they quit," he finished, gazing solemnly upon the shining little town down the road.

It was a place of which its inhabitants sometimes remarked easily that their city had a population of from 5,000 to 6,000 souls, but it should be easy to forgive them for such statements. Civic pride is a virtue. The town lay in the heart of that fertile stretch of flat lands in Indiana where eastern travelers, glancing from car windows, shudder and return their eyes to interior upholstery, preferring even the swaying caparisons of a Pullman to the monotony without. The landscape runs on interminably level lines—bleak in winter, a desolate plain of mud and snow; hot and dusty in summer, miles on miles of flat lonesomeness, with not one cool hill slope away from the sun. The persistent tourist who seeks for signs of man in this sad expanse perceives a reckless amount of rail fence, at intervals a large barn, and here and there man himself, incurious, patient, slow, looking up from the fields apathetically as the limited flies by. Now and then the train passes a village built scatteringly about a courthouse, with a mill or two humming near the tracks. This is a county seat, and the

inhabitants and the local papers refer to it confidently as "our city."

Such a county seat was Plattville, capital of Carlow county. The social and business energy of the town concentrated on the square, and here in summer time the gentlemen were wont to lounge from store to store in their shirt sleeves, and in the centre of the square stood the old red brick courthouse, loosely fenced in a shady grove of maple and elm—"slipp'ry ellum"—called the "courthouse yard." When the sun grew too hot for the dry goods box whittlers in front of the stores around the square and the occupants of the chairs in front of the Palace hotel on the corner they would go across and drop themselves over the fence and carve their initials on the top board. From the position of the sun the editor of the Herald judged that these operations were now in progress, and he was not deeply elated by the knowledge that whatever desultory conversation might pass from man to man on the fence would probably be inspired by his own convictions expressed editorially in the Herald.

He drew a faded tobacco bag and a briar pipe from his pocket and, after filling and lighting the pipe, twirled the pouch mechanically about his finger, then, suddenly regarding it, patted it caressingly. It had been a giddy little bag long ago, gay with embroidery in the colors of the editor's university, and, although now it was frayed to the verge of tatters, it still bore an air of pristine jauntiness, an air of which its owner in nowise partook. He looked from it toward the village in the clear distance and sighed softly as he put the pouch back in his pocket and, resting his arm on his knee and his chin on his hand, sat blowing clouds of smoke out of the shade into the sunshine, absently watching the ghostly shadow on the white dust of the road.

A little garter snake crept under the fence beneath him and disappeared in the underbrush; a rabbit, progressing on its travels by a series of brilliant dashes and terror smitten halts, came within a few yards of him, sat up with quivering nose and eyes alight with fearful imaginings and vanished, a flash of fluffy brown and white. Shadows grew longer; a cricket chirped and heard answers; there was a woodland stir of breezes, and the pair of robins left the branches overhead in eager flight, vacating before the arrival of a flock of blackbirds hastening thither ere the eventide should be upon them. The blackbirds came, chattered, gossiped, quarreled and beat each other with their wings above the smoker sitting on the top fence rail.

But he had remembered. A thousand miles to the east it was commencement day, seven years to a day from his own commencement.

Five years ago, on another June afternoon, a young man from the east had alighted on the platform of the station north of Plattville and, entering the rickety omnibus that lingered there seeking whom it might rattle to deafness, demanded to be driven to the Herald building. It did not strike the driver that the newcomer was precisely a gay young man when he climbed into the omnibus, but an hour later, as he stood in the doorway of the edifice he had indicated as his destination, depression seemed to have settled into the marrow of his bones.

Plattville was instantly alert to the stranger's presence, and interesting conjectures were hazarded all day long at the back door of Martin's Dry Goods Emporium (this was the club during the day), and at supper the new arrival and his probable purposes were discussed over every table in the town. Upon inquiry he had informed Judd Bennett, the driver of the omnibus, that he had come to stay. Naturally

such a declaration caused a sensation, as people did not come to Plattville to live except through the inadvertency of being born there. In addition the young man's appearance and attire were reported to be extraordinary. Many of the curious, among them most of the marriageable females of the place, took occasion to pass and re-pass the sign of the Carlow County Herald during the evening.

Meanwhile the stranger was seated in the dingy office upstairs with his head bowed low on his arms. Twilight stole through the dirty window panes and faded into darkness. Night filled the room. He did not move. The young man from the east had bought the Herald from an agent—he bought it without ever having been within a hundred miles of Plattville. The Herald was an alleged weekly which had sometimes appeared within five days of its declared date of publication and sometimes missed fire altogether. It was a thorn in the side of every patriot of Carlow county, and Carlow people, after supporting the paper loyally and long, had at last given it up and subscribed for the Gazette, published in the neighboring county of Amo. The former proprietor of the Herald, a surreptitious gentleman with a goatee, had taken the precaution of leaving Plattville forever on the afternoon preceding his successor's arrival. The young man from the east had vastly overpaid for his purchase. Moreover, the price he had paid for it was all the money he had in the world.

The next morning he went bitterly to work. He hired a compositor from Rouen, a young man named Parker, who set type all night long and helped him pursue advertisements all day. The citizens shook their heads pessimistically. They had about given up the idea that the Herald could ever amount to anything, and they betrayed an innocent but caustic doubt of ability in any stranger.

One day the new editor left a note on his door: "Will return in fifteen minutes."



MR. RODNEY McCUNE FOUND THE NOTE.

Mr. Rodney McCune, a politician from the neighboring county of Gaines, happening to be in Plattville on an errand to his henchmen, found the note and wrote beneath the message the scathing inquiry, "Why?"

When he discovered this addendum, the editor smiled for the first time since his advent and reported the incident in his next issue, using the rubric "Why Has the Herald Returned to Life?" as a text for a rousing editorial on honesty in politics, a subject of which he already knew something. The political district to which Carlow belonged was governed by a limited number of gentlemen whose wealth was ever on the increase, and honesty in politics was a startling conception to the minds of the passive and resigned voters, who talked the editorial over on the street corners and in the stores. The next week there was another editorial, personal and local in its application, and thereby it became evident that the new proprietor of the Herald was a theorist who believed in general that a politician's honor should not be merely of that middling healthy species known as "honor among politicians," and in particular that Rodney McCune should not receive the nomination of his party

for congress. Now, Mr. McCune was the undoubted dictator of the district, and his followers laughed at the stranger's fantastic onset; but the editor was not content with the word of print. He hired a horse and rode about the country and (to his own surprise) proved to be an adaptable young man who enjoyed exercise with a pitchfork to the farmer's profit while the farmer talked. He talked little himself, but after listening an hour or so he would drop a word from the saddle as he left, and then, by some surprising wizardry, the farmer, thinking over the interview, decided there was some sense in what that young fellow said and grew curious to see what the young fellow had further to say in the Herald.

Politics is the one subject that goes to the vitals of every rural American, and a Hoosier will talk politics after he is dead.

Everybody read the campaign editorials and found them interesting, although there was no one who did not perceive the utter absurdity of a young stranger dropping into Carlow and involving himself in a party fight against the boss of the district. It was entirely a party fight, for by grace of the last gerrymander the nomination carried with it the certainty of election.

A week before the convention there came a provincial earthquake. The news passed from man to man in awe struck whispers—McCune had withdrawn his name, making the shallowest of excuses to his cohorts. Nothing was known of the real reason for his disordered retreat beyond the fact that he had been in Plattville on the morning before his withdrawal and had issued from a visit to the Herald office in a state of palsy. Mr. Parker, the Rouen printer, had been present at the close of the interview, but he held his peace at the command of his employer. He had been called into the sanctum and had found McCune, white and shaking, leaning on the desk.

"Parker," said the editor, exhibiting a bundle of papers he held in his hand, "I want you to witness a verbal contract between Mr. McCune and myself. These papers are an affidavit and copies of some records of a street car company which obtained a charter while Mr. McCune was in the legislature. They were sent to me by a man I do not know, an anonymous friend of Mr. McCune—in fact, a friend he seems to have lost. On consideration of our not printing these papers Mr. McCune agrees to retire from politics for good. You understand, if he ever lifts his head again politically we publish them, and the courts will do the rest. Now, in case anything should happen to me—"

"Something will happen to you all right!" broke out McCune. "You can bank on that, you black!"

"Come," the editor interrupted not unpleasantly. "Why should there be anything personal in all this? I don't recognize you as my private enemy—not at all—and I think you are getting off rather easily, aren't you? You keep out of politics and everything will be comfortable. You ought never to have been in it, you see. It's a mistake not to go square, because in the long run somebody is sure to give you away, like the fellow who sent me these. You promise to hold to a strictly private life?"

"You're a traitor to the party," groaned the other; "but you only wait!"

The editor smiled sadly. "Wait nothing! Don't threaten, man. Go home to your wife. I'll give you three to one she'll be glad you are out of it."

"I'll give you three to one," said McCune, "that the White Caps will get you if you stay in Carlow. You want to look out for yourself, I tell you, my smart boy."

"Good day, Mr. McCune," was the answer. "Let me have your note of withdrawal before you leave town this afternoon." The young man paused a moment, then extended his hand as he said: "Shake hands, won't you? I—I haven't meant to be too hard on you. I hope things will seem easier and gayer to you before long, and if—if anything should turn up that I can do for you in a private way I'll be very glad, you know. Goodby."

The sound of the Herald's victory went over the state. The paper came out regularly. The townsfolk bought it, and the farmers drove in for it. Old subscribers came back. Old advertisers renewed. The Herald began to sell in Amo, and Gaines county people subscribed. Carlow folk held up their heads when journalism was mentioned. Presently the Herald announced a new connection with Rouen, and with that

and the aid of of "patent insides" began an era of three issues a week, appearing on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. The Plattville brass band serenaded the editor.

During the second month of the new regime of the Herald the working force of the paper received an addition. One night the editor found some barroom loafers tormenting a patriarchal old man who had a magnificent head and a grand white beard. He had been thrown out of a saloon, and he was drunk with the drunkenness of three weeks' steady pouring. He propped himself against a wall and reproved his tormentors in Latin. "I'm walking your way, Mr. Fisbee," remarked the journalist, hooking his arm into the old man's. "Suppose we leave our friends here and go home."

Mr. Fisbee was the one inhabitant of the town possessing an unknown past, and a glamour of romance was thrown about him by the gossips, who agreed that there was a dark, portentous secret in his life, an opinion not too well confirmed by the old man's appearance. His fine eyes had a habit of wandering to the horizon, and his expression was mild, vague and sad, lost in dreams. At the first glance one guessed that his dreams would never be practicable in their application, and some such impression of him was probably what caused the editor of the Herald to nickname him, in his own mind, "the White Knight."

Mr. Fisbee, coming to Plattville from nobody knew where, had taught in the high school for ten years, but he proved quite unable to refrain from lecturing to the dumbfounded pupils on archaeology, neglecting more and more the ordinary course of instruction, growing year by year more forgetful and absent, lost in his few books and his own reflections, until at last he had been discharged for incompetency. The dazed old man had no money and no way to make any. One day he dropped in at the hotel bar, where Wilkerson, the professional drunkard, favored him with his society. The old man understood. He knew it was the beginning of the end. He sold his books in order to continue his credit at the Palace bar, and once or twice, unable to proceed to his own dwelling, spent the night in a lumber yard, piloted thither by the harder veteran Wilkerson.

The morning after the editor took him home Fisbee appeared at the Herald office in a new hat and a decent suit of black. He had received his salary in advance, his books had been repurchased and he had become the reporter staff of the Carlow County Herald; also he was to write various treatises for the paper. For the first few evenings when he started home from the office his chief walked with him, chatting cheerfully, until they had passed the Palace bar. But Fisbee's redemption was complete.

The editor of the Herald kept steadily at his work, and as time went on the bitterness his predecessor's swindle had left in him passed away. But his loneliness and a sense of defeat grew and deepened. When the vistas of the world had opened to his first youth he had not thought to spend his life in such a place as Plattville, but he found himself doing it, and it was no great happiness to him that the Hon. Kedge Halloway of Amo, whom the Herald's opposition to McCune had sent to Washington, came to depend on his influence for renomination, nor did the realization that the editor of the Carlow County Herald had come to be McCune's successor as political dictator produce a perceptibly enlivening effect upon the young man. The years drifted very slowly, and to him it seemed that they went by while he stood far aside and could not even see them move. He did not consider the life he led an exciting one, but the other citizens of Carlow did when he undertook a war against the White Caps, denizens of Six Crossroads, seven miles west of Plattville. The natives were much more afraid of the White Caps than he was. They knew more about them and understood them better than he did.

There was no thought of the people of the Crossroads in his mind as he sat on the snake fence staring at the little smoky shadow dance on the white road in the June sunshine. On the contrary, he was occupied with the realization that there had been a man in his class at college whose ambition needed no restraint, his promise was so great—in the strong belief of the university, a belief he could not help knowing—and that seven years to a day from his commencement this man was sitting on a fence rail in Indiana.

Down the pike a buggy came creaking toward him, gray with dust, old and frayed like the fat, shaggy gray mare that drew it, her unchecked, despondent head lowering before her, while her incongruous tail waved incessantly, like the banner of a storming party. The editor did not hear the flop of the mare's hoofs nor the sound of the wheels, so deep was his reverie, till the vehicle was nearly oppo-

site him. The red faced and perspiring driver drew rein, and the journalist looked up and waved a long white hand to him in greeting.

"Howdy do, Mr. Harkless?" called the man in the buggy. "Soakin' in the weather?" He spoke in shouts, though neither was hard of hearing.

"Yes, just soaking," answered Harkless. "It's such a gypsy day. How is Mr. Bowlder?"

"I'm givin' good satisfaction, thank you, and all at home. She's in town."

"Give Mrs. Bowlder my regards," said the journalist, comprehending the symbolism. "How is Hartley?"

The farmer's honest face shaded over for a second. "He's be'n steady ever since the night you brought him home, six weeks straight. I'm kind of bothered about to-morrow—he wants to come in for show day, and seems if I hadn't any call to say no. I reckon he'll have to take his chance—and us too. Seems more like we'd have to let him, long as we got him not to come in last night for Kedge Halloway's lecture at the courthouse. Say, how'd that lecture strike you? You give Kedge a mighty fine send-off to the audience in your introduction, but I noticed you spoke of him as 'a thinker,' without sayin' what kind. I didn't know you was as cautious a man as that! Of course I know Kedge is honest!"

Harkless sighed. "Oh, he's the best we've got, Bowlder."

"Yes, I presume so, but"—Mr. Bowlder broke off suddenly as his eyes opened in surprise, and he exclaimed: "Law, I'd never of expected to see you settin' here today! Why ain't you out at Judge Briscoe's?" This speech seemed to be intended for some humor, for Bowlder accompanied it with the loud laughter of sylvan timidity risking a joke.

"Why? What's going on at the judge's?"

"Goin' on! Didn't you see that strange lady at the lecture with Minnie Briscoe and the judge and old Fisbee?"

"I'm afraid not, Bowlder."

"They couldn't talk about anything else at the postoffice this mornin' and at Tom Martin's. She come yesterday on the afternoon accommodation. You ought to know all about it because when Minnie and her father went to the deepee they had old Fisbee with 'em, and when the buckboard come through town he was sittin' on the back seat with her. That's what stirred the town up so. Nobody could figger it out any way, and nobody got much of a good look at her then except Judd Bennett. He said she had kind of a new look to her. That's all any of 'em could git out of Judd. He was in a sort of a dreamy state. But Mildy Upton—You know Mildy? She works out at Briscoe's—"

"Yes, I know Mildy."

"She come in to the postoffice with the news this lady's name was Sherwood and she lives at Rouen. Miss Tibbs says that wasn't no news—you could tell she was a city lady with both your eyes shut. But Mildy says Fisbee was goin' to stay for supper, and he come to the lecture with 'em and drove off with 'em afterwards. Sol Tibbs says he reckoned it was because Fisbee was the only man in Carlow that Briscoe thought had read enough books to be smart enough to talk to her, but Miss Seliny says if that was so they'd have got you instead, and so they had to all jest about give it up. Of course everybody got a good look at her at the lecture—they set on the platform right behind you and Halloway, and she did look smart. What got me, though, was the way she wore a kind of a little dagger stuck straight through her head. Seemed a good deal of a sacrifice jest to make sure your hat was on right. You never see her at all?"

"I'm afraid not," answered Harkless absently. "Miss Briscoe stopped me on the way out and told me she had a visitor."

"Young man," said Bowlder, "you better go out there right away." He raised the reins and clucked to the gray mare. "Well, she'll be mad I ain't in town for her long ago. Ride in with me."

"No, thank you. I'll walk in for the sake of my appetite."

"Wouldn't encourage it too much—livin' at the Palace hotel," observed Bowlder. "Sorry you won't ride." He gathered the loose ends of the reins in his hands, leaned far over the dashboard and struck the mare a hearty thwack. The jattered banner of tail jerked indignantly, but she consented to move down the road. Bowlder thrust his big head through the sun curtain behind him and continued the conversation. "See the White Caps ain't got you yet?"

"No, not yet," Harkless laughed.

"Reckon the boys'druther you stayed in town after dark," the other called back. "Well, come out and see us if you got any spare time from the judge's." He laughed loudly again in farewell, and the editor waved his hand as Bowlder finally turned his attention forward to the mare. When the flop, flop of her hoofs had died out, Harkless realized

that the day was silent no longer; it was verging into evening.

He dropped from the fence and turned his face toward town and supper. He felt the life and light about him, heard the clatter of the blackbirds above him, heard the homing bees hum by, saw the vista of white road and level landscape framed on two sides by the branches of the groves, a vista of infinitely stretching fields of green, lined here and there with woodlands and flat to the horizon line, the village lying in their lap. No roll of meadow, no rise of pasture land, relieved their serenity nor shouldered up from them to be called a hill.

A farm bell rang in the distance, a tinkling coming small and mellow from far away, and at the lonesomeness of that sound he heaved a long, mournful sigh. The next instant he broke into laughter, for another bell rang over the fields, the courthouse bell in the square. The first four strokes were given with mechanical regularity, the pride of the custodian who operated the bell being to produce the effect of a clockwork bell, such as he had once heard in the courthouse at Rouen, but the fifth and sixth strokes were halting achievements, as, after 4 o'clock he often lost count in the strain of the effort for precise imitation. There was a pause after the sixth; then a dubious and reluctant stroke, seven; a longer pause, followed by a final ring with desperate decision—eight! Harkless looked at his watch. It was twenty minutes of 6.



HE STOPPED TO EXCHANGE A WORD.

As he crossed the courthouse yard to the Palace hotel on his way to supper he stopped to exchange a word with the bell ringer, who, seated on the steps, was mopping his brow with an air of hard earned satisfaction.

"Good evening, Schofield's," he said. "You came in strong on the last stroke tonight."

"What we need here," responded the bell ringer, "is more public spirited men. I ain't kickin' on you, Mr. Harkless—no, sir; but we want more men like they got in Rouen. We want men that'll git Main street paved with block or asphalt; men that'll put in factories; men that'll act—not set round like that old fool Martin and laugh and pollywoggle along and make fun of public spirit, day in, day out. I reckon I do my best for the city."

"Oh, nobody minds old Tom Martin," observed Harkless. "It's only half the time he means anything by what he says."

"That's just what I hate about him," returned the bell ringer in a tone of high complaint. "You can't never tell which half it is. Look at him now!" The gentleman referred to was standing over in front of the hotel talking to a row of coatless loungers, who sat with their chair tilted back against the prows of the wooden awning that projected over the sidewalk. Their faces were turned toward the courthouse, and even those lost in meditative whittling had looked up to laugh. Mr. Martin, one of his hands thrust in a pocket of his alpaca coat and the other softly caressing his wiry, gray chin beard, his rusty silk hat tilted forward till the brim almost rested on the bridge of his nose, was addressing them in a one keyed voice, the melancholy whine of which, though not the words, penetrated to the courthouse steps.

The bell ringer, whose name was Henry Schofield, but who was known as Schofield's Henry (popularly abbreviated to Schofield's), was moved to indignation. "Look at him!" he cried. "Look at him! Everlastingly goin' on about my bell! Well, let him talk. Let him talk!"

As Mr. Martin's eye fell upon the

editor, who, having bade the bell ringer good night, was approaching the hotel, he left his languid companions and crossed the street to meet him.

"I was only oratin' on how proud the city ought to be of Schofield's," he said mournfully as they shook hands; "but he looks kind of put out with me." He hooked his arm in that of the young man and detained him for a moment as the supper gong sounded from within the hotel. "Call on the judge to-night?" he asked.

"No. Why?"

"I reckon you didn't see that lady with Minnie last night."

"No."

"Well, I guess you better go out there, young man. She might not stay here long."

CHAPTER II.

THE Briscoe buckboard rattled along the elastic country road, the roars setting a sharp pace as they turned eastward on the pike toward home.

"They'll make the eight miles in three-quarters of an hour," said Judge Briscoe proudly. He turned from his daughter at his side to Miss Sherwood, who sat with Mr. Fisbee behind them, and pointed ahead with his whip. "Just beyond that bend we pass through Six Crossroads."

Miss Sherwood leaned forward eagerly. "What did you mean last night after the lecture," she said to Fisbee, "when you asked Mr. Martin who was to be with Mr. Harkless?"

"Who was watching him," he answered.

"Watching him? I don't understand."

"Yes; they have shot at him from the woods at night, and"—

"But who watches him?"

"The young men of the town. He has a habit of taking long walks after dark, and he is heedless of all remonstrance, so the young men have organized a guard for him, and every evening one of them follows him until he goes to the office to work for the night. It is a different young man each night, and the watcher follows at a distance, so that he does not suspect."

"But how many people know of this arrangement?"

"Nearly every one in the country except the Crossroads people, though it is not improbable that they have discovered it."

"And has no one told him?"

"No; he would not allow it to continue. He will not even arm himself."

"They follow and watch him night after night, and every one knows and no one tells him? Oh, I must say," cried the girl, "I think these are good people!"

The buckboard turned the bend in the road, and they entered a squalid settlement, built raggedly about a blacksmith shop and a saloon. "I'd hate to have a breakdown here," Briscoe remarked quietly.

Half a dozen shanties clustered near the forge, a few roofs scattered through the shiftlessly cultivated fields, four or five barns propped by fence rails, some sheds with gaping apertures through which the light glanced from side to side, a squad of thin razorback hogs, now and then worried by gaunt hounds, and some abused looking hens groping about disconsolately in the mire, a broken topped buggy with a twisted wheel, settling into the mud of the middle of the road (there was always abundant mud here in the driest summer); a dim face sneering from a broken window—Six Crossroads was forbidding and forlorn enough by day. The thought of what might issue from it by night was unpleasant, and the legends of the Crossroads, together with an unshapen threat easily fancied in the atmosphere of the place, made Miss Sherwood shiver as though a cold draft had crossed her.

"It is so sinister!" she exclaimed. "And so unspeakably mean! This is where they live, the people that hate him, is it? The White Caps?"

"They call themselves that," replied Briscoe. "Usually White Caps are a vigilance committee in a region where the law isn't enforced. These fellows aren't that kind. They got together to wipe out grudges, and sometimes didn't need any grudge—just made their raids for pure devilment. There's a feud between us and them that goes back into pioneer days, and only a few of us old folks know much about it."

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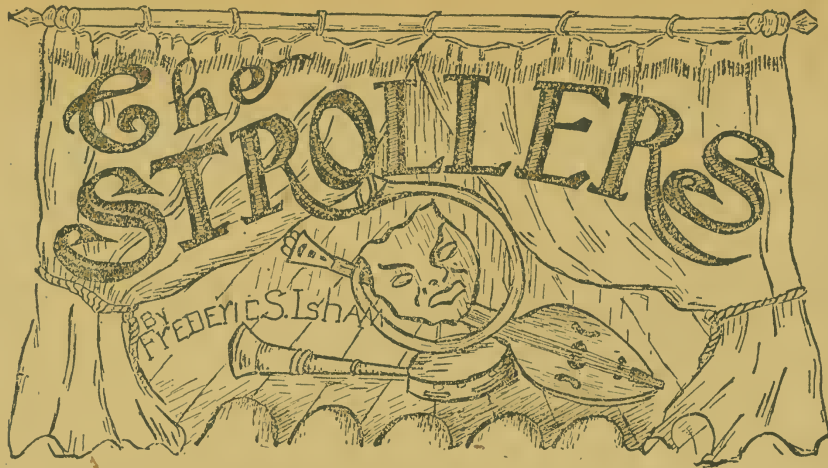
Made It Unanimous.

Hofax—I thought you intended to marry Miss Coldcash?

Tomdix—I thought so, too; but her family objected.

Hofax—What did Miss Coldcash say?

Tomdix—Oh, she's one of the family, you know.



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SYNOPSIS.

THE PROLOGUE—At Drury Lane Theatre, London, during the reign of George IV, Madame Carew, a favorite actress, one night while playing "Adrienne Lecouvrier" creates a sensation in the "denunciation scene" by directing her passionate invective toward a certain French Marquis and his wife seated in a box. The actress then faints and the curtain is rung down. The next day the noble pair leave London and later the tragedienne goes to America to fill an engagement in New York. **THE STORY**—Eighteen years after the above incident, at an inn in the Shadwell Valley, Ernest Saint-Prosper, a French Soldier of Fortune, on his way to New Orleans meets a company of strolling actors, chief of whom is Constance Carew, a beautiful and talented leading lady, despite her extreme youth. The chance acquaintance is made more intimate the next day when Saint-Prosper saves Constance from being trampled by his horse. The same day there comes to the inn a rich, handsome and unscrupulous young man, Edward Mauville, on his way to take possession of the immense inherited estate of a miserly despot and hated patron. Being refused permission to act in the village Manager Barnes, of "The Strollers" gives a free performance at the inn, during which the hostile villagers discover the identity of the hated young patron. After the performance dancing and games are indulged in, Constance taking part, during which Mauville makes further advances, which are coldly rejected. Saint-Prosper agrees to become a partner in the show, to accompany it to New Orleans and to write a temperance play for it. He also declines to enter a flirtation with Susan, the comedienne. Mauville, chafing but still fascinated with Constance, journeys to his ancestral mansion, takes possession of his property, and learns that a bitter feud with tenants goes with the inheritance. Later Mauville is informed that a company of Strollers has arrived near his estate. Suspecting that it is Constance's company he goes to meet them and on the way barely escapes injury from anti-renters. The Strollers produce at the village Saint-Prosper's new temperance drama and secure a success. Mauville, intrigued behind the scenes and is again coldly rejected by Constance. He discovers that Susan hates Constance and makes her party to a scheme to abduct the girl. Returning to his mansion Mauville secures Scrogg's aid in his abduction scheme. Within a few days Susan decoys Constance to the woods, where she is seized by Scrogg's party and forcibly carried off to Mauville's manor. Susan, in feigned anguish, reports the abduction and Saint-Prosper at once starts in pursuit, a play book dropped by Constance putting him on the trail. Meanwhile Mauville makes a pseudo rescue of Constance at the sword's point, and invites Constance to rest briefly at his mansion prior to her safe conduct back to her people. Constance unsuspectingly walks into the trap. When the patron reaches his mansion he receives with indifference the news that two of his tenants had been fatally wounded in a fight with bailiffs. Mauville now throws off the mask of deference and forcibly restrains Constance from leaving the manor. Constance, fathoming the trick that had been played upon her, contemptuously rejects all of Mauville's flatteries and promises, including an offer of marriage. Soon the manor is attacked by a mob of anti-renters determined to lynch the patron. The mob storms the house, while Mauville barricades himself with Constance in an upper room. At a critical moment Saint-Prosper suddenly enters through a window from a balcony, disarms Mauville and offers him a chance to escape while Saint-Prosper holds the mob at bay. Reluctantly Mauville escapes. Saint-Prosper is overpowered and in danger of death when it is discovered that he is not Mauville. The mob then starts in pursuit of Mauville, but is dispersed by a troop of horsemen sent to quell the riot, and which had been joined by Manager Barnes in search of Constance. The Strollers then rejoin the company which, after one more performance, resumes its tour without again being troubled by Mauville. A month later the Strollers reach New Orleans, where Mauville turns up, in company with his aged friend, the self-exiled French Marquis de Ligne, whose ward Saint-Prosper had been in France. At the race track Mauville meets Constance, renews his advances and is restrained by Saint-Prosper. A duel follows in which Mauville is defeated, but granted his life. Ungratefully, Mauville bribes a servant of the Marquis to steal a letter revealing the supposed secret of Saint-Prosper's exile from France. He then craftily tells the story to Susan, who in turn tells it to Constance. The aged Marquis de Ligne attends Constance's successful debut as "Adrienne Lecouvrier" and receives a shock by her wonderful resemblance to the "Adrienne" of the Drury Lane stage twenty years before, and finally recognizes in her his daughter. After a complimentary banquet to Constance Saint-Prosper seeks an explanation of Constance's recent coldness and is charged with treason. Without a word of explanation Saint-Prosper abruptly leaves Constance and the next day joins the American army for invasion of Mexico. The Marquis receives from Barnes confirmation of Constance's parentage. He accidentally meets her in the Cathedral, has an affecting interview with her without revealing his relation and afterwards visits his lawyer. Subsequently he collapses in his rooms, is robbed and deserted by his treacherous servant while dying, and perishes alone. Meantime Mauville rescues Constance from a drunken sailor in a lonely cemetery, renews his suit and is again rejected. The will of the Marquis recognizes the legitimacy of Constance and bequeathes to her his estate upon condition that she leave the stage. She accepts, with the proviso that Manager Barnes also retire, when she learns that a prior will had named Saint-Prosper, the Marquis' ward, heir to the estate; also that the accusation of treachery against Saint-Prosper was unfounded. Constance then refuses to accept the legacy, and also spurs the lawyer's suggested compromise by way of marriage to Saint-Prosper. Mauville goes into bankruptcy and Manager Barnes dies suddenly upon the stage.

Lawyer Culver informs Constance of Saint-Prosper's death in battle in Mexico and her consequent clear title to the Marquis' estate, also that it was Saint-Prosper's brother who was a traitor in Africa whom Saint-Prosper had endeavored to shield. Constance is then upon her deathbed, distinguished himself in battle, meets Mauville, condemned to death as a Mexican spy, and learns from him that Constance is a Marquis' heir. Mauville is then shot dead with the traitor "for Saint-Prosper upon his lips. After the conquest of Mexico Saint-Prosper returns to New Orleans, by chance meets Susan, now married, who informs him of Constance's changed fortune and her illness, and maliciously intimates her probable marriage to Count de Propriac. He therefore arranges to sail for France the next day.

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Susan laughed. "But how do you happen to be here? I thought you were dead. No, only wounded? How fortunate! Of course you came with the others. I should hardly know you. I declare you're as thin as a lath and gaunt as a ghost. You look older, too; roused, I suppose, for killing so many poor Mexicans!"

"And you"—surveying her face, which

pearances, you know," she continued. "What's the use of being a minister's wife if you aren't popular with the congregation? At least," she added, "with part of them!" And Susan tapped the pavement with a well-shod boot and showed her white teeth. "If you weren't popular you couldn't fill the seats—I mean pews," she added evasively. "But you must come and see me—us, I should say."

"Unfortunately I am leaving to-morrow."

"To-morrow!" repeated Susan reflectively. The pupils of her eyes contracted, something they did whenever she was thinking deeply, and her gaze passed quickly over his face, striving to read his impassive features. "So soon? When the carnival is on! That is too bad, to stay only one day and not call on any of your old friends! Constance, I am sure, would be delighted to see you."

Many women would have looked away under the circumstances, but Susan's eyes were innocently fixed upon his. Half the pleasure of the assurance was in the accompanying glance and the friendly smile that went with it.

But a quiet question, "Miss Carew is living here?" was all the satisfaction she received.

"Yes. Have you not heard? She has a lovely home and an embarrassment of riches. Sweet embarrassment! Health and wealth! What more could one ask? Although I forgot, she was taken ill shortly after you left."

"Ill?" he said, staring.

"Quite. But soon recovered." And Susan launched into a narration of the events that had taken place while he was in Mexico, to which he listened with the composure of a man who, having had his share of the vagaries of fate, is not to be taken aback by new surprises, however singular or tragic. Susan expected an expression of regret, by look or word, over the loss of the marquis' fortune, but either he simulated indifference or passed the matter by with philosophical fortitude.

"Poor Barnes!" was his sole comment.

"Yes, it was very lonely for Constance at first," rattled on Susan. "But I fancy she will find a woman's solace for that ailment," she added meaningly.

"Marriage?" he asked soberly.

"Well, the engagement is not yet announced," said Susan hesitatingly. "But you know how things get around? And the count has been so attentive! You remember him surely—the Count de Propriac?"

haste and kept her apostolic half waiting at the rendezvous with the patience of a Jacob tarrying for a Rachel. But when she did finally appear, with hat not perfectly poised, her hair in a pretty disarray, she looked so waywardly charming he forgave her on the spot, and the lamb led the stern shepherd with a crook from Eve's apple tree.

"As thin as a lath and gaunt as a ghost!" repeated Saint-Prosper, as the fair penitent vanished in a whirl of gaiety. "Susan always was frank."

Smiling somewhat bitterly, he paused long enough to light a cigar, but it went out in his fingers as he strolled mechanically toward the wharves, through the gardens of a familiar square, where the wheezing of the distant steamers and the echoes of the cathedral clock marked the hours of pleasure or pain to-day as it had tolled them off yesterday. Beyond the pale of the orange trees with their golden wealth the drays were rumbling in the streets, and there were the same signs of busy traffic—for the carnival had not yet become a legal holiday—that he had observed when the strollers had reached the city and made their way to the St. Charles. He saw her anew, pale and thoughtful, leaning on the rail of the steamer looking toward the city, where events undreamed of were to follow thick and fast. He saw her, a slender figure, earnest, self-possessed, enter the city gates unheralded, unknown. He saw her as he had known her in the wilderness—not as fancy might now depict her, the daughter of a marquis—a strolling player, and as such he loved best to think of her.

Aising out of his physical weakness and the period of inaction following the treaty of peace, he experienced a sudden homesickness of his native land, a desire to revisit familiar scenes, to breathe the sweet air of the country where his boyhood had been passed, to listen to the thunder of the boulevards, to watch the endless, sad joyful processions.

Not far distant from the blossoming, redolent square was the office of the Transatlantic Steamship Company, where a clerk, with a spray of jasmine in his coat, bent cordially toward Saint-Prosper as the latter entered and, approaching the desk, inquired:

"The Dauphin is advertised to sail to-morrow for France?"

"Yes, sir; at 12 o'clock noon."

"Book me for a berth. Ernest Saint-Prosper," he added in answer to the other's questioning look.

"Very good, sir. Would you like some labels for your baggage? Where shall we send for it? The St. Charles? Very well, sir. Are you going to the tableaux to-night?" he continued, with hospitable interest in one whom he rightly conceived a stranger in the city. "They say it will be the fashionable event. Good day," as the prospective passenger paid for and received his ticket. "A pleasant voyage. The Dauphin is a new ship and should cross in three weeks, barring bad weather. Don't forget the tableaux. Everybody will be there."

The soldier did not reply. His heart had given a sudden throb at the clerk's last words. Automatically he placed his ticket in his pocket and randomly answered the employe's further inquiries for instructions. He was not thinking of the Dauphin or her new engines, the forerunner of the modern quadruple expansion arrangement, but through his brain rang the assurance, "Everybody will be there." And all the way up the street it repeated itself again and again.

CHAPTER XXXIV.

THAT elusive, nocturnal company, "The Mistick Krewé of Comus," had appeared—"Comus, deep skilled in all his mother's witcheries"—and the dwellers in Phatasmagoria were joyfully numerous. More plentiful than at a modern spectacular performance revealed gods, demons and fairies, while the children resembled a flight of masquerading butterflies. The ball at the theatre, the Roman Veglioni, succeeded elaborate tableaux, the "Tartarus" of the ancients and "Paradise Lost" of Milton, in which the "Krewé" impersonated Pluto and Proserpine, the fates, harpies and other characters of the representation. In gallery dress circle and parquet the theatre was crowded, the spectacle, one of dazzling toilets, many of them from the ateliers of the Parisian modistes, a wonderful evolution of Proserpine's toga and the mortal robes of the immortal Fates. Picture followed picture—the expulsion from paradise, the conference of the Gorgons and the court of pandemonium, where gluttony, drunkenness, avarice and vanity were skillfully set forth in uncompromising colors.

Availing themselves of the open house of the unknown "Krewé," a composite host that vanished on the stroke of 12, many of the Old Rough and Ready's retinue mingled with the gathering, their uniforms, well worn, even shabby, unlike the spick and span regimentals from the costumier. With bronzed faces and the indubitable air of campaigns endured they were the objects of lively interest to the fair maskers, nor were themselves indifferent to the complaisance of their entertainers. Hands, burned by the sun, looked blacker that night against the white gowns of waists they clasped; bearded faces more grim-visaged in contrast with delicate complexions; embroidery and brocade whirled around with faded uniforms, and dancing aigrettes waved above frayed epaulets and shoulder straps.

"Loog at 'im!" murmured a file, a la cassette, regarding one of these officers who, however, held aloof from the festivities; a well-built young man, but thin and worn, as though he, like his uniform, had seen service. "If he would only carry my trunk!" she laughed, relapsing into French and alluding to the small chest she bore under her arm.

"Or my little white lamb!" gayly added her companion, a shepherdess.

And they tripped by with sidelong looks and obvious challenge which the quarry



"Constance Looked With Blanched Face Toward the Spot."

had the freshness of morn—"look younger!"

"Of course!" Adjusting some fancied disorder of hair or bonnet. "Marriage is a fountain of youth for"—with a sigh—"old maids. Susan Duran, spinster! Horrible! Do you blame me?"

"For getting married? Not at all. Who is the fortunate man?" asked Saint-Prosper.

"A minister; an orthodox minister; a most orthodox minister!"

"No?" His countenance expressed his sense of the incongruity of the union. Susan, one of the elect, the meek and lowly yokemate of—"How did it happen?" he said.

"In a perverse moment I—went to church," answered Susan. "There I met him! I mean I saw him; no, I mean I heard him! It was enough. All the women were in love with him. How could I help it?"

"He must have been very persuasive."

"Persuasive! He scolded us every minute. Dress and the devil! I"—casting down her eyes—"interested him from the first. He—he married me to reform me."

"Ah," commented the soldier, gazing doubtfully upon Susan's smart gown, which, with elaborate art, followed the contours of her figure.

"But, of course, one must keep up ap-

But I must be off. I have an appointment with my husband and am already half an hour late."

"Don't let me detain you longer, then, I beg."

"Oh, I don't mind! He's so delightfully jealous when I fail to appear on the stroke of the clock! Always imagines I am in some mischief—but I mustn't tell tales out of school! So glad to have met you! Come and see me—do!"

And Susan, with friendly hand clasp and lingering look, tore herself away, the carnival laughter in her eyes.

"He is in love with her still," she thought, "or he wouldn't have acted so indifferent!" Her mind reverted to a cold little message she had received from Constance. "And to think he was innocent after all!" she continued, mentally reviewing the contents of the letter in which Constance had related the conversation with the lawyer. "I don't believe he'll call on her now, though, after— Well, why shouldn't I have told him what every one is talking about? Why not, indeed?"

A toss of the head dismissed the matter and any doubts pertaining thereto, while her thoughts flew from past to present, as a fortress on a car, its occupants armed with pellets of festival conflict, drove by amid peals of laughter. Absorbed in this scene of merriment, Susan forgot her

of these sprightly huntresses of men either chose to disregard or was unconscious of, as he deliberately surveyed his surroundings with more curiosity than pleasure and absently listened to a mountebank from "The Belle's Stratagem."

"Who'll buy my nostrums?" cried the buffoon.

"What are they?" asked Folly, cantering near on a hobbyhorse.

"Different kinds for different people. Here's a powder for ladies—to dispel the rage for intrigue. Here's a pill for politicians—to settle bad consciences. Here's an eye-water for jealous husbands; it thickens the visual membrane. Here's something for the clergy; it eliminates windy discourses. Here's an infusion for creditors; it creates resignation and teaches patience."

"And what have you for lovers?"

"Nothing," answered the clown. "Love, like fever and ague, must run its course. Nostrums! Who'll buy my nostrums?"

"Oh, I'm so glad I came!" enthusiastically exclaimed a tall, supple girl, laden with a mass of flowers.

"Isn't it too bad, though, you can't polka with some of the military gentlemen?" returned her companion, who wore a toga and carried a lantern. "Mlle. Castiglione wouldn't let you come until I promised not to allow you out of my sight."

"It was lovely of you to take me," she said, "and I don't mind about the military gentlemen."

"My dear, if all women were like you we poor civilians would not be relegated to the background! I wish, though, I had worn some other costume. This—ahem, dress—has a tendency to get between my legs and disconcert my philosophical dignity. I can understand why Diogenes didn't care about walking abroad. My only wonder is that everybody didn't stay in his tub in those days. Don't talk to me about the 'noble Roman!' Why, he wore skirts!"

"And M. Intaglio lectured to us for an hour to-day about the wonderful drapery of the ancients!" laughed the girl. "The poetry of dress, he called it!"

"Then I prefer prose. Hello!"—pausing and raising his lantern as they drew near the officer who had fallen under the observation of the fille a la cassette. "Colonel Saint-Prosper, or set me down for an ass—or Plato, which is the same thing!"

"Straws!" said the soldier as the bard frankly lifted his mask and tilted it back over his forehead.

"Glad to see you!" continued the poet, extending his hand. "I haven't run across you before since the night of the banquet; the debut of Barnes' company, you remember? You must have left town shortly afterward. Returned this morning, of course! By the way, there's one of your old friends here to-night!"

Saint-Prosper felt the color mount to his face, and even Straws noted the change. "Who is that?" asked the soldier awkwardly.

"Mrs. Service—Miss Duran that was—now one of our most dashing, I should say charitable, ladies. Plenty of men at Service's church now. She's dressed in Watteau fashion to-night, so if you see any one skipping around, looking as though she had just stepped from the Embarkation For the Island of Venus, set her down for the minister's pretty wife."

"And the minister?" asked Saint-Prosper mechanically.

"He brought her. He compromised on a Roundhead costume himself. But we must be off. Au revoir. Don't be backward. The ladies are all military mad. It may be a field of arms—casting his glance over the assemblage of fashionably dressed ladies with a quizzical smile—"but not hostile arms. Come, Celestina—Nydia, I mean!"

And Straws' arm stole about the waist of his companion as Saint-Prosper watched them disappearing in the throng of dancers. It was Celestina's first ball, and after her long training at the Castiglione Institute she danced divinely. Something like a pang shot through the soldier's breast as he followed the pair with his gaze. He seemed looking backward into a world of youth and pleasure, passed beyond recall.

"It is useless to deny it! I knew you when I first saw you!" exclaimed a familiar voice near by, and, turning around sharply, the officer observed approaching a masked lady, graceful of figure and lacking nothing in the numerical strength of her escort. It was to her that these words were addressed by an agile man of medium stature who had apparently penetrated her disguise. The lady, who would have attracted attention anywhere by her bearing, wore a pardessus of white gauze, fitting close, and bordered with a silver band, the sleeves short, the skirt of white gauze and very ample, as the fashion of the day required; the feet shod in small white silk bottines, the hair in bands, ornamented with wild poppies. Altogether this costume was described by Phazma as "ravishing, the gown adorning the lady and the lady

the gown, her graces set forth against the sheen of voluminous satin folds, like those of some portrait by Sir Joshua or Gainsborough."

"How could you expect any one not to know you?" continued the speaker as this little coterie drew near, their masks a pretext for mystery. "You may impersonate, but you cannot deceive."

"That is a poor compliment, since you take me for an actress," laughed the lady. A hilarious outburst from an ill assorted cluster of maskers behind them drowned his reply, and the lady and her attendants passed on.

Saint-Prosper drew his breath sharply. "She is here, after all," he said to himself.

"A nostrum for jilted beaux!" called out a mountebank, seeing him standing there preoccupied, alone, at the same time tendering a pill as large as a plum. A punchinello jarred against him with, "Par-donnez moi, pardie!" On the perfumed air the music swelled rapturously. A waltz, warm with the national life of Vienna—the swan song of Lanner! Softly, sweetly breathed "Die Schonbrunner," faster whirled the moving forms. Eyes flashed more brightly, little feet seemed born for dancing; cheeks, pale at midday, were flushed with excitement. Why doesn't he dance? wondered the lady with the white lamb. Carnival comes but once a year—a mad, merry time, when gayety should sweep all cares out of doors!

"Said Strepheon to Chloe, 'For a kiss I'll give thee the choice of my flock.'"

Said Chloe to Strepheon, 'What bliss, if you'll add to the gift a new smock,'"

hummed the lively nymph as she tripped by.

"Said Chloe to Strepheon, 'For a kiss I'll return thee the choice of your flock.'"

Said Strepheon to Chloe, 'What bliss; With it I'll buy Phyllis a new frock,'"

she concluded, throwing a glance over her shoulder.

A sudden distaste for the festal ferment, the laughter and merriment, a desire to escape from the very exuberance of high spirits and cheer led the soldier to make his way slowly from the ballroom to the balcony, where, although not removed from the echoes of liveliness within, he looked out upon the quietude of the night. Overhead stretched the sky, a measureless ocean, with here and there a silvery star like the light on a distant ship; an unfathomable sea of ether that beat down upon him. Radiant and serene in the boundless calm of the heavens the splendid lanterns seemed suspended on stationary craft peacefully rocked at anchor. Longings, suppressed through months of absence, once more found full sway. Susan's words were recalled by the presence of the count.

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CREAHAN'S LETTER.

ABOUT MEN AND AFFAIRS IN THE WORLD OF BILLIARDS.

By John Creahan.

It is very much to be doubted if there is a professional in the country who will not be glad to learn that the Baltimore branch of the Brunswick B. Collender Co. was not destroyed or even imperiled in the recent fire which practically wiped out the entire business section of one of the greatest cities in this country. That manufacturers in the same business rejoice at the good fortune of a friendly rival house in trade in having escaped from what might have been a very serious loss there is but little if any doubt in our mind, for while friendly and rival houses are keen in doing business as competitors, they are also generous in time of distress and calamity and are ever among the first to congratulate their honorable competitors on their good fortune in having escaped a loss which has caused the entire country to more than sympathize for those whose business of a lifetime was practically wiped out in a day.

It was probably a miracle, or "by a mere scratch," as J. G. Taylor, of Baltimore, the representative there of the B. B. Collender Co., has informed us, that this house was saved. Located, as it was, in the business and destroyed section of that city, it was one of the few houses saved. Most of us in time of success and prosperity have so many imaginary faults to find with each other that it is a sense of relief when an opportunity presents itself to show that there is still a human element left, and that the best or finer elements of nature have not been entirely destroyed or blotted out of our nature in our mad scramble to make a dollar.

Other billiard firms, rooms or houses in Baltimore, as far as we have been able to learn, have been less fortunate, as all of the public rooms in the business section of that ill-fated city were entirely destroyed. That in the aggregate there could not have been many public billiard rooms destroyed we are strongly inclined to believe, as Baltimore is probably solitary and alone as the one great city in this country which has never been remarkable for having many first-class billiard rooms. In many respects, indeed, that city has in this way at least greatly suggested Trenton and Camden, N. J., for while the latter city has probably no first-class billiard rooms at the present day, it is very much to be doubted if Trenton has, and for probably thirty-five years, or since the days of Charles Geke, first-class billiard rooms in Baltimore have been conspicuous there by their absence.

It is difficult to think or imagine that a

city like Baltimore, where there is confessedly such an aristocratic element, should not support or encourage public billiard rooms. Were billiards not the ideal game for gentlemen the matter might explain itself. Even in club houses it is a question if there are many such resorts there for so large a city. And yet there must be a billiard element in Baltimore, as from time almost immemorial there has been a manufacturing firm in that city, while the amateurs from Baltimore practically play billiards quite as well as the average amateurs in other cities. We are strongly inclined to suspect that most of the billiard playing there is done in private houses. Were such not the case there would be more public rooms or more clubs. Otherwise it could not pay any manufacturing firm to be in business there, or to depend on the trade of Baltimore to continue there in this branch of business.

Writing of billiardists for the revised issue on "Modern Billiards," soon to be published by the B. B. C. Co., Albert Garnier says that Sutton, Vignaux and Cure are the three great masters. Sutton, he says, is the strongest of the American players in Paris; can make 200 points on the balk-line nurse, and has learned much of the open-style French play by academy study. Vignaux is the great executor and classifier, but falling health and age bar a longer game for him than 600 points. Cure is the most brilliant player and is strong when behind. He plays very fast and can supplement the open French play with the American nurse.

Albert G. Cutler, of Boston, recently averaged 12½ in a 300-point game of eighteen-inch balk line, no shot in which equals Schaefer's record when playing with Barutel. Cutler made runs of 84, 42, 38 and 30. He is anxious to arrange a home and home series of games with Edward McLaughlin, of New York, for a side stake.

George Schaefer, of St. Louis, is arranging an international billiard tourney for the World's Fair period. Schaefer, Vignaux, Cure, Sutton, Slosson and Fournell have been invited to compete for the trophy and the cash prizes to be offered.

With Colton, Gallagher, Day, Ellison, Maggioli, De Oro, Noland, Horgan, Weston, Clearwater, Eby, DeMun, Smith and other cueists in the city, St. Louis has become a rival of Paris.

My old friend, Col. John I. Rodgers, owns a property on Walnut street, between Eighth and Ninth, which has a sign in the window, "To rent for a bowling alley." Had Mr. Rodgers put that sign there about a year ago, when local promoters were adding to the revenue of the State of New Jersey by getting out charters for "companies" to be engaged in Philadelphia "gold mines," there can be no doubt that his property might have been rented from all the way from five to ten thousand dollars a year, as cash figures seem to play no part in the record or history of the promoters of such plants. What was then required was locations in which to locate the "gold mines;" not the mere question or issue of rent. During the past nine months, but notably so during the past five or six, the locations have been secured, and probably to such an extent that it is a question if there is not to-day in this city a bowling alley for every man who wishes to engage in such a pastime. If Mr. Rodgers has any doubt on this subject he has but to see Mr. Gehman, who owned such a place at Ninth and Walnut streets, or Harry Kline, who subsequently became the "owner" of the place, but who was more than relieved when he "rented" it to a bowling alley club. Bowling at the present day in this city is very much like the billiard business. Just what both shall be a year hence remains to be seen.

The committees appointed by the billiard associations of this city to consolidate both organizations into one did practically the best work in the interest of these organizations on the afternoon of Feb. 21, when it was practically decided that one organization of this character was enough in any one city. The history of these associations is more than well known to all professionals in this country, who are professionals pure and simple; the men who are actively and legitimately engaged in the billiard business. Originally intended for not only benevolent purposes, but "in the best interest of the game of billiards," the former has been strictly lived up to for more than a quarter of a century, while the latter, through causes not necessary to refer to now, resulted in the creation of a second organization, or one which wished to carry out the original intention and mission of the first. What should have been known to many local professionals nearly 15 years—that men will fight for a principle when they will not fight for money—is being learned at the present day, but at a very serious cost to more than those who are engaged in the business as room keepers. From the present outlook it is more than probable that the two associations will be consolidated into one body; after which, it will then be in order to look after the local end of the business, or to work in the interest of all.

There is a good deal of the comic or ludicrous element in life, after all, no matter how seriously we may regard it, and at times it seems rather consoling to know that professional billiard men are not the only "critters" in the world with a grievance, whether fancied, imaginary or real. Even that staunch friend, "crack" female billiard player and admirer of the game, who has in the past been known to have two billiard tables—carom and pool—put in her hotel rooms during her engagement here, has, we regret to say, like most of us, her own trouble with the newspapers. "These stories are all false. It is not true that my tour will be abandoned." Such was the comment of Mme. Patti

when seen at the Hotel Walton with regard to her future plans.

"You may say," she went on, "that a great deal is being said for which there is no foundation. My husband, the Baron Cedarstrom, is not in the city, but he did not, as was reported, go to New York for the purpose of saying unpleasant things to my manager, Mr. Robert Grau.

"I know nothing at all about these business matters. They are something with which I have absolutely nothing to do. I never was in better health than at present, and I am enjoying my trip very much."

The date of the diva's departure from this city is still a question for speculation, as is also the continued absence of the Baron and the treasurer of the company, Ferdinand McKiege.

The "Patti Notice" to ticket holders informing them that their money is in the hands of the Sheriff and cannot be refunded until released by him is still posted at the Academy ticket office, 1115 Chestnut street. The situation there was much quieter than on the preceding day.

QUESTIONS ANSWERED.

Bell, Middletown, Conn.—(1) The National League official averages were printed in "Sporting Life" November 4 and 5 of the present volume. (2) See editorial on the subject in this issue. (3) Victor G. Willis was born in Wilmington, Del., May 27, 1876; made his professional debut with Harrisburg in 1895. Played with Lynchburg and Syracuse until 1897, when he was drafted by Boston, with which club he has been ever since.

Farnan, Baltimore, Md.—Childs, .335.290; Brouters, .335.000; Hamilton, .330; Ewing, .319.

INDEPENDENT DATES WANTED.

The All-Collegiate have organized for the coming season with a strong semi-professional team, composed of ex-college players from Manhattan, Fordham, Lafayette and University of Pennsylvania. Manager Nolan has also secured to play second base, Fred Burns, who made quite a record in the California League last season, and Fred Harley, who captained the Utica, of New York State League. The team will be the strongest the club has ever turned out. Manager Nolan is now trying to arrange a game with the New York Nationals and the Highlanders, of the American League. During the month of August the team will take a trip through Pennsylvania, stopping at all the principal towns. Out-of-town teams wishing a good attraction should address Thomas J. Nolan, 229 West 142d street, New York City.

The Wanderer Base Ball Club would like to hear from first-class semi-professional teams, within 200 miles, with a view of arranging games. Address E. P. Brennan, manager, 134 E. 94th st., New York.

One of the most promising semi-professional clubs in the vicinity of New York for 1904 will be the New York Field Club. Leidner, Gilbert, Groom, Clarke and Kelly, of last year's well-known Jaspers, have been secured, along with Wagner, Wallum, Shelley, Wehrum, Jones and Anthony, all well known. New uniforms have been secured, which consist of a pearl-gray, with blue trimmings. Games will be played on Wednesdays, Sundays, Saturdays and holidays. All out-of-town teams desiring a first-class attraction, by offering a suitable guarantee, can do well by communicating with the manager, Harry Wallum, 630 E. 11th st., New York City.

The Ansonia and Cuban Base Ball Clubs have united for next season, and would like to hear from clubs for dates. Address Moses Corbin, manager, 52 West One Hundred and Thirty-fifth street, New York City.

A Wrong Diagnosis.

The Officious Passenger—Excuse me, sir, but we have a little bet up which you may be able to settle for us. Now, I appeal to you, as a married man—

The Party Addressed—But I am not married. I am a darned fool of an automobilist who tried to run over an oxcart loaded with jagged rocks and covered with a thin spreading of hay, fixed up by an honest and long-suffering agriculturist for the express purpose of fooling just such fools as I am—that's what makes me look so bad.

Scientific Relief.

The famous old woman who lived in a shoe, And had so many children she didn't know what to do, Attended, along with quite a few others Similarly troubled, a congress of mothers, And heard such a number of papers there read, That when she got home her children were dead.

Letter List.

The following letters, in care of "Sporting Life," will be immediately forwarded upon receipt of address:

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MANY GUN CLUBS HELD REGULAR WEEKLY MEET.

Keystone League Use Live Birds and Targets—Highland Gun Club and S. S. White Gun Club Meet at Gorgas—Florists' Regular Event, Etc.

Philadelphia, Pa., Feb. 29.—Several gun clubs held regular contests at the traps in various parts of the city last week. On Tuesday the Florists held their regular club shoot at Wissinoming. On Saturday the Highland Gun Club and the S. S. White Gun Club had an unusually large crowd at Gorgas. The Keystone Shooting League had several events at live birds and targets, and the third series of open sweeps took place at Point Breeze. Besides, several other clubs around the city held their Saturday afternoon contests at the traps.

KEYSTONE SHOOTING LEAGUE.

In the first event, at Holmesburg Junction, on Saturday afternoon, at the Keystone Shooting League, a gun was offered as a prize. Two chances were taken by each man, and Fred Coleman and F. M. Eames tied on 10 kills; Coleman made ten on his first chance, miss and out, and Eames killed 10 on his second chance, before he had the others shot out.

In a 10-bird sweep P. Coleman and I. W. Budd killed ten straight and divided. J. Morris won a 7-bird sweep, and Eames and Coleman divided a 5-bird race. In two 25 target events Coleman broke 49 out of the 50.

The scores follow:

	Hdcp.	1st.	2d.
Coleman	31	10	5
Eames	30	9	10
Budd	30	9	0
Smith	27	4	2
Harrison	28	1	8
Jenkins	27	3	6
Roberts	26	3	0
Morris	27	1	0

Ten live birds, handicap rise, \$5.00 entrance; three moneys.

Coleman (31)	22222	22222	-10
Budd (30)	11111	12212	-10
Jones (28)	22122	20222	-9
Harrison (28)	10122	12112	-9
Morris (27)	21222	22110	-9
Eames (30)	21222	22222	-8
Smith (27)	21111	11202	-8
Morris, Jr. (26)	20201	01222	-7
Campbell (27)	00002	01120	-7

Seven live birds, handicap rise, \$3 entrance; three moneys. Morris 7, Smith 6, Budd 6, John C. Coleman 5, Campbell 5, Eames 4, Jenkins 4.

Five birds, handicap rise, one barrel; \$2 entrance, three moneys. Eames 5, Coleman 5, Norris 4, John 3, Smith 2, Muncer 2, Budd 1, Meyers 0.

Twenty-five targets, Sergeant system; 50 cents entrance; three moneys. Coleman 25, Eames 22, Budd 21, Smith 19, Jones 19, Harrison 18, Morris 18, Campbell 13, Morris, Jr., 12.

Twenty-five targets, Sergeant system; 50 cents entrance; three moneys. Coleman 24, Jones 22, Eames 22, Harrison 21, Budd 19, Smith 19, Morris 18.

THE HOLIDAY SHOOT.

The holiday shoot on February 22 brought out a good attendance. The birds were strong and were aided by the wind, consequently no great scores were made. The main event was a miss-and-out, for a gun. Shooters were limited to three chances each, and 24 chances were sold for the gun. At the end of the eighth round Shew and Adams were the only contestants with straight scores. They divided the price of the gun and then shot off for the sweepstake money, Adams taking first and Shew second.

The second event was a miss-and-out, and Fred Coleman and Luther divided the money with three kills. The final event at live birds had 10 entries, and of this lot seven killed five birds straight and then divided the money, as the supply of birds ran out. Scores:

Prize shoot, miss-and-out, live birds—Adams, 8; Shew, 8; Harrison, S. J. C., 7; Adams, Jenkins, 5; F. Coleman, E. Coleman, 4; Morris, McCoy, F. Coleman, Landis, 3; Felix, Frank, Landis, Harrison, E. Coleman, Morris, S. J. C., 2; S. J. C., Luther, Felix, Adams, Shew, 1.

Miss-and-out, live birds, \$2 entrance—F. Coleman, 3; Luther, 3; Frank, 2; Adams, 2; McCoy, 2; Morris, 1; Budd, 1; E. Coleman, 0; Landis, 0; Felix, 0.

Miss-and-out, live birds, \$2 entrance—McCoy, 5; Landis, 5; F. Coleman, 5; Frank, 5; Budd, 5; Luther, 5; Felix, 5; Shew, 1; Landis, 0.

Twenty-five targets, \$1 entrance—Shew, 21; Luther, 21; Adams, 20; Eames, 19; Morris, 10; Landis, 18; S. J. C., 17; Morris, Jr., 12.

Twenty-five targets, \$1 entrance—Coleman, 22; Luther, 20; Frank, 20; Landis, 19; Shew, 18; Harrison, 18; Budd, 17.

TRAP AT GORGAS STATION.

An all-day shoot was held by the S. S. White and Highland Gun Clubs, at Gorgas Station, on February 22. There were several valuable prizes offered and the events in the afternoon were well contested. In a team match seventeen men shot on each side, Drakeley's team winning. A handicap was given to the members of the White and Highland clubs, the others shooting from scratch.

In the prize contests Harper and Reade tied in the first race for the prizes with nine targets apiece, but on a toss of a coin Harper won the event. He also won the second event by breaking straight, with Hinkson second. Harper again stepped to the front in the third event by running a straight score, while Redifer finished second. Witherden won the miss-and-out event with seven breaks. Wayne, Pfelegar, Harper and Cantrell all tied for first in the fourth event, and on the shoot-off Wayne won. The 25-target event, for a silver cup, ended in a tie between Dalton and Thomas, and on the shoot-off Thomas won. Pfelegar landed event No. 8 with 23 targets out of 25.

There were also offered several prizes for individual scores in the team shoot, one for the scratch men and another for the handicap shooters. Cantrell won the handicap prize with a total of 23 targets, his actual score being 20 and his handicap 3. Lutz carried off the scratch men's trophy with 22 breaks.

The scores follow:

COTTING'S TEAM.		DRAKELEY'S TEAM.	
B. H. T.		B. H. T.	
Cottling	12	1	13
Harper	12	0	21
B. Bisbing	20	0	21
Wayne	17	2	19
Butz	22	0	22
Everett	16	0	16
Myers	17	0	17
Hinkson	11	2	13
Barry	19	3	22
Dunlevy	7	2	9
George	9	0	9
Witherden	13	3	16
Nelson	11	4	15
Casey	13	3	17
P. Shaffer	11	3	14
Hall	13	0	13
Sidney	5	0	5
Total	262	Total	309

Event No. 1, 10 targets, one prize—Reade, 9; Harper, 9; Stahr, 8; Dalton, 8; Wentz, 8; Wayne, 8; Pfelegar, 7; Brenzen, 7; Cotting, 5; Helte, 5; Hinkson, 5; George, 4; Redifer, 4; Witherden, 4; Himes, 3.

Event No. 2, 10 targets, two prizes—Harper, 10; Hinkson, 9; Stahr, 8; Redifer, 8; Wentz, 7; Wayne, 7; Reade, 6; Nelson, 5; Witherden, 5; George, 5; Cotting, 4; Helte, 2.

Event No. 3, 10 targets, two prizes—Harper, 10; Redifer, 9; Helte, 9; Cotting, 8; Wayne, 8; Wentz, 8; Dalton, 8; Pfelegar, 7; Helte, 7; Brenzen, 7; Stahr, 7; Shaffer, 7; Witherden, 6; Reade, 5; Nelson, 3; George, 1.

Event No. 4, 10 targets, two prizes—Pfelegar, 8; Harper, 8; Wayne, 8; Dalton, 8; Brenzen, 7; Stahr, 7; Shaffer, 7; Redifer, 6; Cotting, 6; Nelson, 6; Wentz, 6; Witherden, 6; George, 4; Helte, 3.

Event No. 5, miss and out, one prize—Dalton, 7; Wayne, 4; Myers, 3; Cotting, 3; C. Drakeley, 3; Wentz, 2; Cantrell, 2; Dunlevy, 1; George, 0; Reade, 0; Pfelegar, 0; Redifer, 0; Harper, 0; Thomas, 0; Hall, 0; Nelson, 0; Helte, 0.

Event No. 6, 25 targets, three prizes—Thomas, 22; Dalton, 22; Denham, 20; Reade, 18; Cotting, 18; Harper, 18; Wayne, 18; Pfelegar, 17; Hinkson, 17; Wentz, 17; Cantrell, 17; Myers, 17; Redifer, 16; Everett, 16; Helte, 14; Brenzen, 14; Helte, 13; Beyer, 13; Casey, 13; George, 11; Nelson, 11; Sidney, 3.

Event No. 7, 25 targets, three prizes—Pfelegar, 23; Hall, 22; Beyer, 21; Dalton, 21; Brenzen, 21; Lutz, 20; Harper, 20; Wayne, 20; Cotting, 19; Wentz, 19; Myers, 19; C. Drakeley, 18; Thomas, 17; Everett, 16; Nelson, 16; Helte, 15; Dunlevy, 14; Reade, 13; George, 6.

THE SATURDAY SHOOT.

Three events were decided on Saturday at the Gorgas grounds between the Highland and S. S. White Gun Clubs. In the first event Wentz and Stahr broke 10 straight. In the 20-target race Harper and Fontain tied on 19 breaks, the former winning the shoot-off.

In the third event, in which a handicap was given, Dedier, Cotting, Stahr, M. Bisbing and Cantrell tied on 19. In the shoot-off Cantrell won first and Bisbing second.

The Highland Gun Club also held its regular semi-monthly shoot. Harper, R. Bisbing and Dedier scored 35. The day was pleasant and the large number of shooters present attest to the popularity of these shooting grounds.

The scores follow:

Event No. 1, ten targets, over Sergeant system; two prizes—Wentz 10, Stahr 10, Fontain 9, Dunlevy 9, R. Bisbing 9, Hinkson 9, Hammill 9, Harper 8, Huber 8, Ringgold 8, Parry 8, Reade 7, Denham 7, Cotting 6, Dedier 6, Lutz 6, Helte 6, Cantrell 6, Casey 5, Semper 5, Ballentine 4, Ewing 3, Valle 3, Nelson 2, Meehan 1.
Event No. 2, 20 targets, over Magauntray; three prizes—Fontain 19, Harper 19, Cotting 18, Ringgold 17, Hinkson 17, Harper 17, R. Bisbing 17, Rise 16, Reade 16, Huber 16, Meehan 15, Stahr 15, Cantrell 15, Wentz 15, Hammill 15, Wayne 15, Dedier 14, H. Bisbing 14, Helte 13, Lutz 13, Nelson 12, Semper 11, Valle 10, Parry 10, Dunlevy 9, Green 9, Casey 8, Ewing 7, Ballentine 6.
Shoot-off—Harper 9, Fontain 6.
Event No. 3, 20 targets, over Sergeant; handicaps added to scores of White and Highland shooters.

B. H. T.		B. H. T.	
Dedier	19	0	19
Cotting	18	1	19
Stahr	18	1	19
M. Bisbing	17	2	19
Cantrell	16	3	19
Harper	18	0	18
Wentz	17	1	18
R. Bisbing	18	0	18
Hinkson	15	2	17
Helte	14	3	17
Reade	14	3	17
Meehan	14	2	16
Fontain	14	2	16
Ringgold	12	4	16
Denham	14	2	16

Highland Club shoot, 50 targets, handicaps added.

B. H. T.		B. H. T.	
Harper	17	18	0
R. Bisbing	17	18	0
Dedier	14	19	2
Hinkson	17	15	2
Wentz	15	17	2
Meehan	15	14	2
Hammill	15	14	2
M. Bisbing	14	17	2
Wayne	15	13	2
Lutz	13	13	1

Dehman	10	14	2	26
Dunlevy	9	14	3	26
Green	9	11	3	21
Ballentine	8	11	0	20
Casey	8	10	0	18
Ewing	8	6	3	13

MEADOW SPRINGS CLUB.

The Meadow Springs Gun Club had a large attendance on Saturday at its grounds in West Philadelphia. The main event was a team match with the Narberth Gun Club, fifteen men to each side. The home club won by a target.

The scores follow:

Team match, 25 targets per man.	Meadow Spring.	Narberth.	
Taney	13	Barker	21
G. Smith	19	Hatterstadt	14
Harvey	17	Sharp	15
Roberts	17	Fryer	17
Hansell	14	Duffield	17
Garrett	14	Meigs	17
Lee	15	H. Davis	17
Gohara	18	Flake	14
Jones	14	Alker	9
Parsans	16	Gunnbrides	20
Pepper	14	Prentiss	11
Mardin	13	Heist	16
Alexander	10	Sayre	11
Gibson	19	Hammel	13
Martin	10	Foster	12
Total	223	Total	222

RED DRAGON CANOE CLUB.

The first shoot of a series for the Murray trophy took place among members of the Red Dragon Canoe Club at Wissinoming on Saturday. An allowance of extra targets made the contest interesting and the shooting was good. Fenimore made the best score of his life by smashing 25 straight. The handicap will be changed for each shoot and is governed by previous records.

The scores follow:

25 targets, extra allowance to shoot at.	Hd.	Bk.	Total.
Fenimore	25	(8)	6
Pr. Francis	19	(8)	6
Park	22	(3)	3
Mrs. Park	21	(5)	4
MacIster	15	(20)	9
W. H. W.	22	(1)	1
Edtingham	13	(10)	7

AT POINT BREEZE.

The third match of the series of open sweeps at Point Breeze was shot on Saturday. There was a good entry list, but no one graced ten straight. E. C. Coleman stood high with 9 kills. In a miss and out Edwards and Adams divided on four kills in a field of twenty-one entries.

The scores follow:

Handicap prize event, 10 live birds.		
*Coleman (29)	12220	2222-9
*F. Muller (29)	02222	222-8
*Schenfeldt (26)	10221	222-8
*Felix (26)	22220	2222-8
W. Charlton (27)	02222	12220-8
*Murphy (27)	02220	11122-7
T. Hoy (23)	00221	21122-7
R. Hoy (26)	22102	12*02-7
D. Charlton (27)	10220	02122-6
Oliver (27)	22220	22200-5
Metzger (27)	02222	12*2-5
Aimen (26)	00220	01101-4
Watson (28)	02000	10222-5
Williams (26)	01012	00001-4

*In the optional sweep.

FLORISTS' GUN CLUB.

The Florists' Gun Club held their regular shoot at Wissinoming on February 23. Some good scores were made, State Champion Fred Coleman showing his last season's form by making a total of 94 out of 100 blue rocks from the magauntray.

The day was pleasant, but a stiff breeze made the targets rather uncertain in flight. In the club shoot at 50 targets Coleman led with a total of 49 breaks, running his second 25 straight. Shew scored 43 for second honors and Harrison had 40. The others broke from 38 down to 31.

Two extra events were shot, Hutt, Westcott and Harrison breaking 22 out of 25 in the first, Coleman leading with 24 out of 25 in the second. Hutt broke 23 in his second series, giving him a total of 45, which equaled Coleman's score in the two extras.

The members were divided into three classes, Sanford being high in A class, Shew in B class and Massey in C class. The Florists expect to change the day of their regular shoot to Saturday, which will make it a popular shooting grounds during the summer months.

The scores follow:

Club shoot, 50 blue rock targets.	25	25	Total.
Sanford, Class A	20	18	38
Shew, Class B	22	21	43
Hutt, Class B	21	18	39
Westcott, Class B	19	19	38
Bell, Class B	19	15	34
Pechin, Class B	12	19	31
Massey, Class C	13	20	33
Thomas, Class C	11	11	22
Coleman, visitor	24	25	49
Harrison, visitor	20	20	40

Two events at 25 targets each.	25	25	Total.
Coleman	21	24	45
Hutt	22	23	45
Westcott	22	22	44
Harrison	22	18	40
Shew	18	18	36
Thomas	19	15	34
Sanford	18	15	33
Bell	19	*	19
Massey	14	*	14

Trap at Norris own.

Norristown, Pa., Feb. 25.—With the wind blowing a gale, good scores were made at Oakview Park this afternoon in the live-bird shoot for a \$50 gun and \$20 second money. It was three birds to a man, and these killed straight: Dudley, J. Parks, Dawson, Knipe, Dull, Bean, Jackson, Weidman and Mack.

On the shoot-off after the fifth round only three remained—Dudley, J. Parks and Dawson. The latter missed his seventh and Parks his eighth bird. Dudley also defeated Parks for second money.

NEW ENGLAND NEWS.

DOINGS OF THE TRAP SHOOTERS AROUND BOSTON.

Boston Gun Club's Weekly Contest—

Birch Brook Gunners Hold Holiday

Meet—Team Match at Wellington

Traps—Personal Mention, Etc.

Wellington, Mass., Feb. 29.—Editor "Sporting Life":—The B. G. C.'s fourth Wednesday prize shoot, Feb. 24, struck a snag in the weather line, following up the hard luck of other Massachusetts clubs with their rainy holiday meetings two days previous. The other days of the week, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, when nobody wanted to shoot, were fair and smiling. Thus it has ever been and ever will be.

Snow, accompanied by a strong wind, tended to make the shooting conditions anything but easy and pleasant. Owing to the northeast breeze the left quarters from Magauntray were "towerers," and the right-handers were "dumpers." Skill and experience enabled Griffiths to land a fine percentage for the day, including high score in prize match. Bartlett, of Harvard, made a very respectable second as to total, pulling up toward the close of the afternoon, in the seventh event breaking straight.

Frank, of the Birch Brooks, was second in match with 20 broken out of 25. Griffiths and Bartlett bore off the team honors. The scores follow:

Events	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Pct.
Targets	10	10	10	5p	15	10	15	10	15	15	-

Griffiths (19)	10	9	9	8	12	9	14	6	14	14	.850
Frank (18)	6	7	7	8	12	8	12	6	10	11	.724
Bell (18)	7	6	7	7	10	6	9	12	11	11	.765
Woodruff (17)	9	9	6	5	13	4	10	6	9	11	.648
Williams (16)	9	9	4	4	11	3	11	3	11	11	.710
Bartlett (17)	8	7	9	9	15	7	11	11	11	11	.786
Federick (16)	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	.640

Merchandise match, 25 unknown, distance handicap.

Griffiths (19)	11111	11101	11001	11111	11110	-21
Frank (18)	11111	11101	11100	101		

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IN DETROIT.

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snappy and positive kind, made necessary by the exceptionally good lot of birds, assisted by a strong wind. Mr. Tolmsa has tied for this trophy several times before, but lost out in the shoot-offs.

In this race the winner, Mr. Tolmsa, used Winchester factory loaded "Leader" shells. Mr. Weise used a Winchester shotgun. Following are the scores:

FIRST DAY, FEB. 17.

Events	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Targets	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	25	175
*Trimble	14	15	15	14	13	13	13	14	14	14	23-162
*Boa	14	12	13	13	12	15	11	14	14	15	20-153
Keefe	13	12	11	15	13	9	12	14	13	10	22-144
Renick	12	13	15	11	13	10	14	9	14	11	23-144
Vermylla	13	15	8	15	11	13	13	10	13	11	21-143
Scane	9	12	10	12	13	11	14	11	14	22-140	
Hantz, F.	9	13	11	13	13	10	14	13	11	12	12-140
Woods	8	10	15	10	15	10	13	11	12	18-137	
*Parker	11	11	11	12	10	11	10	12	12	11	19-130
Weber	6	13	10	9	10	12	7	9	8	10	11-135
Rivard	12	13	11	12	11	12	11	12	15	11	109
Hawthorn	9	9	10	11	8	11	11	13	12	7	101
McCauley	14	11	10	12	10	12	9	8	9	11	95
Hantz, C.	12	13	9	12	13	20	79				
Carson	11	13	10	8	7	9	11	9			79
Osmun	10	6	11	12	10	17	66				
Wilson	12	9	9	11	10		51				
Cox	12	14	10	12			48				
Scane, C.	9	11	13				48				
Merrill	13	13					38				
Roach	15	13					38				
Tristell	10	11					21				
Shaw	9						15				
Brown	9						9				

SECOND DAY, FEB. 18.

No. 1 and 2, 7 birds, handicap rise.

Woods (30)	2220121-6	2210012-5
Bates (32)	021211-6	2211211-7
Merrill (28)	2222100-5	2222201-6
Jarvis (27)	2121112-7	1201112-6
Boa (30)	2222222-7	2222222-7
Scane, H. (30)	0222111-6	1121112-7
Payson (29)	2211212-7	2101022-5
Reume (27)	2202211-6	
Scane, C. (30)	2221122-7	1210112-5
Parker (30)	1111122-7	1110112-6
Trimble (28)	2222222-7	
Keefe (30)	1212222-7	0201000-2
Smith (27)	10*1222-5	2102111-6

NOTES OF THE SHOOT.

The Messrs. Scane, of Canada, are splendid shots, and made many friends.

"Alec" Tolmsa demonstrated the fact that he is more than a good one when it comes to shooting.

The trade was represented by Jack Parker, for Peters Cartridge Co.; John S. Cole, Jr., Union Metallic Cartridge Co., and Messrs. R. L. Trimble, John S. Boa and Fred Foster, Winchester Repeating Arms Co.

It was comical to see the boys retrieving the live birds, owing to the ground being covered with ice.

The meals served at the Rusch House were of the usual high-class order.

Mr. Jake Klein makes a very efficient manager and certainly did all in his power to make everyone have a good time.

The Union Metallic Cartridge Co. had a booth in the automobile exhibit. The popular John S. Cole, Jr., had charge, and made a number of friends for his company.

The Winchester booth at the automobile exhibit was headquarters for visiting sportsmen, who admired the great array of Winchester rifles and shotguns, rapid-fire ammunition of the 3-, 4-, 5- and 6-inch sizes, etc. This booth was in charge of S. G. Lewis and Fred S. Foster, assisted by R. L. Trimble.

The most interesting feature of the exhibit was the demonstrations given with the Winchester automatic rifle in the shooting gallery on the second floor. A number of perfect scores were made in the contest for the prizes.

"LESTER."

Trap at Fort Washington.
 Fort Washington, Pa., Feb. 25.—At the regular monthly live-bird shooting match held this afternoon by the Fortside Gun

Club, on their grounds at this place, several well-known marksmen participated. Three sweepstake events were shot off. The birds, being a good strong lot, aided by the wind, furnished plenty of sport, and each event found a different winner. The events were all decided on the miss-and-out plan. Best scores:

First Sweepstake—George Minkle, 9; Lapworth, 7; Morris, 6; Gorham, 5; Jenkins, 5; Koplter, 4, and Mehaffey, 4.
 Second Sweepstake—Dr. White, 7; Jamison, 6; Hamlin, 5; Jockett, 5; Nelson, 4, and Hostler, 4.
 Third Sweepstake—Lapworth, 6; Knoll, 5; Graham, 5; Norris, 4; Hamer, 4, and Kerron, 4.

TRAP AT COLORADO SPRINGS.

Holiday Shoot and Regular Club Affairs Well Attended.

Colorado Springs, Col., Feb. 24.—The regular club shoot on Saturday was won by A. J. Lawton after a shoot-off with MacNeill, Williamson, Bouday and Harrison. Mr. Lawton's shooting was of a high order, as he lost but two targets in 104 shot at in the club shoot.

The scores follow:

A. J. Lawton	26	25	25	26	25
C. M. MacNeill	27	25	34	27	37
B. Williamson	37	25	30	26	33
C. E. Bonday	31	26	28	25	40
J. Harrison	30	26	25	25	28
E. W. Genter	32	21			
C. L. Tutt, Jr.	40	19			
S. Penrose	40	20			

In the Lawton broke 27 straight and won.

PRACTICE EVENTS.

Targets	15	10	25	25	15	15	S.A.	B.
B. Williamson	9	4	16	22			75	51
E. W. Genter	10	7	12	13			75	42
G. Kissel	5	3	4	10			75	22
J. J. Key	2	6	9	12			75	29
F. H. Brooke	8	7	15	15			90	61
W. G. Barnawall	21	19	23	11			90	74
C. A. Baldwin	23	19	20	12			90	74
C. M. Potter	21	15					50	34
A. J. Lawton	14	9					14	55
A. Merideth	11	9					12	55
C. E. Bonday	12	5					11	55
C. L. Tutt, Jr.							6	15
C. M. MacNeill							12	15
S. Penrose							8	15
A. L. Emerson							7	15

SCORES OF FEB. 22.

Targets	25	25	25	25	25	25	Sh	A	B
John W. Garrett	25	23	23	24	21	17	20	250	223
G. Wilson								75	34
F. H. Brooke	16	17	16					75	49
D. Chisholm	9	12						50	21
H. Money	21	23	20	10	24			150	130
J. J. Key	13	10						75	52
E. W. Genter	13	10						75	28
G. B. Schley	21	15						75	34
W. C. Barnawall	18	14						75	49
R. W. Hill	21	22	19	23	22	23		175	152
D. C. Sanderson	21	20	20	15				125	97
T. L. Reason	17	16						100	64
A. Merideth	23	23						75	69
G. G. Pickett	22	22	24	25	23	21		250	218
D. W. King	15	20	19	17				125	91
F. McCormick	23	21						75	61
B. H. Smith	20	25	22	14				200	153
T. H. Rich	18	19	21					100	70
R. C. Thayer								25	8
S. Penrose								50	15
C. M. MacNeill								50	35
F. M. P. Taylor								18	15
A. A. Jones								12	25

Events 9 and 10 not given in above, but are figured in the total.

SHOT A TEAM MATCH.

Foord and Squier Defeated Hawkins and German.

Wilmington, Del., Feb. 25.—A team match took place on the Wawaset Gun Club grounds yesterday between J. M. Hawkins and Lester German, of Baltimore, against W. M. Foord and L. J. Squier, of this city.

So confident were the Baltimore shots of their ability to defeat the two Wawasetists that they gave them five targets each to be added to their score. The grounds were still in a flooded condition and the shooting was rather difficult, so that none of the men made their average scores. With the allowance given to Foord and Squier they won by the score of 176 to 172. A return match under the same conditions will likely be held here soon.

The Wawaset Gun Club has ordered a Leggett trap and it will be in position this week.

The scores of the team match follow:

Team match, 100 targets, 5 handicap added to Foord's and Squier's score.

W. M. Foord	(5)	22	20	21	21	89
L. J. Squier	(5)	21	17	19	25	82
J. M. Hawkins		18	22	23	21	84
L. S. German		24	20	21	23	88

Refused a Charter.

Stroudsburg, Pa., Feb. 26.—The application for a charter for the Blooming Grove Hunting and Fishing Club, composed of prominent Philadelphians, has been refused by Judge Charles B. Staples. There is a strong feeling against the granting of any new charters, local sportsmen claiming that there are already too many fishing streams and hunting grounds owned by private parties.

NEW ENGLAND NEWS.

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Scores in 50-target prize match, handicap of added targets given in parenthesis, as follows: Frank (0)46-46 Straw (2)44-46 Kirkwood (0)43-43 Hebbard (4)39-43 Rand (4)37-41 Healey (10)29-39 Everett (0)38-38

TRIANGULAR TEAM MATCH.

Although given adverse weather the first shoot of the Inter-Club Triangular team contest was a success on the Boston Gun Club grounds on Saturday, Feb. 27.

In addition to the team match eight open events took place, Baldwin, of Watertown, winning first prize, a fine silver-mounted umbrella suitably engraved. His score was 84, an excellent one under the hard conditions. Burbank, of Whitinsville, Mass., broke 83, Frank 82, Everett and Bell 79.

The team match was exciting, but not productive of high scores. A difference of ten targets between high and low scores show evenly matched teams and entitled none to the leather position.

Boston Gun Club team took first with a total of 175. Watertown Independent second with 170. Frank, of the first named club, made highest individual score, 45 out of 50, a very fine performance. A new Leggett trap has been installed and worked to perfection, not a "skip or balk" occurred, and the new trap received plenty of praise from all present.

The scores follow:

Events	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8		
Targets	10	15	10	15	10	15	15	Sh.at. Bke.		
Baldwin	10	12	8	11	9	10	9	15	100	84
Burbank	8	14	8	11	8	14	9	11	100	83
Frank	9	9	6	13	8	13	9	15	100	82
Bell	9	14	7	12	7	10	10	10	100	79
Everett	7	13	8	10	8	12	7	14	100	79
Hodsdon	8	13	9	11	7	14	7	9	100	78
Johnson	9	12	8	12	9	12	6	10	100	77
Arnold	10	13	7	12	9	10	4	12	100	77
Bartlett	9	10	13	6	12	9	9	10	100	75
Baker	4	14	6	14	7	10	7	11	100	73
Barry	6	10	9	5	8	14	7	14	100	73
Gokey	7	12	8	11	6	9	7	12	100	72
Coffin	6	11	6	11	7	14	8	8	100	71
Train	6	10	7	8	5	13	8	10	100	67
Hambin	7	14	7	11	6	9	3	9	100	66
Straw	5	10	6	12	6	9	7	9	100	64
Morse	9	9	7	8	6	10	7	6	100	62
Philbrooke	7	3	8	10	7	13	9	7	100	62
Bancroft										75
Marshall										57
Foster	6	10	6	7	5	9	2	11	100	56
Woodruff	4	11	5	11	4	7	8	3	100	53
Sprague	7	10	4	5	4	6	8	9	100	53
Wright										50
Root	6	13	6	12	6					49
Ward										49
Edwards										49
Arnold	7	8	11	7	8					48
Diekey	8	12	9	11	7					47
Rule										45
Footo	2	5	7	7	3	7	5	8	100	44
Worthing	10	9	5	6	6					43
Mend										42
Kirkwood	10	13	8							39
Marsalis										36
Merrill	4	8	3	7	2	11				35
Koller, Jr.	5	6	3	6	7					34
Damon	3	5	4	7	3	6				30
Lawler	2	6	2	6						27
Collins										24
Fisher										22
Harrison										19
Allison										11

Team match; 5 men per team; 60 targets per man, 16yds. rise.

BOSTON GUN CLUB.

Frank	8	13	9	15	45

Current Comment

By Gun Editor Will K. Park

A GUN CLUB'S OFFICERS.

The success of any organization depends upon the men at the head; those who direct the operations can make or break it. In a gun club the officers should be chosen with a view of fitness to their respective positions. The president may be a popular member but a poor leader. The treasurer may be an honest man but a poor collector of monthly dues. The secretary may write a beautiful hand but fail to notify members of the shooting day or extend invitations to other clubs to join in friendly team contests. Unless the secretary be an active shooter and alive to the welfare of the club he can soon sink the organization into oblivion. Although a club may have a regular shooting day, a card a few days before may create an extra interest for some shooter and induce him to attend. The club secretary should arrange through correspondence any number of team matches with neighboring gun clubs for the captain to act upon. He should also notify the members when a team match will take place and request their presence. There is always plenty of work for the secretary to do if the gun club prospectus and one of his duties is to send promptly after each day's shooting a legible copy of the scores to the local papers and the sportsmen's journals.

TRAP AT WILMINGTON.

Large Attendance at the Wawaset Gun Club Tournament.

Wilmington, Del., Feb. 29.—One of the best shoots of the season was held on the Wawaset Gun Club grounds to-day. In the merchandise event a handicap of distance was given. There were 22 prizes distributed among the winners. High average for the day was won by L. J. Squier, representing the E. I. duPont Co., with 67 out of 75 from 18 and 22 yards; second high average, W. M. Poord, Wilmington, with 63 out of 75 from 18 and 20 yards; third high average, J. Mowell Hawkins, with 62 out of 75 from 18 and 22 yards.

The visitors were J. Mowell Hawkins, of Baltimore, representing Winchester Repeater Arms Co.; L. S. German, Aberdeen, Md.; A. B. Richardson, Dover; R. King, Newport; W. Bird, Claymont; John Evans, Wyoming; J. A. McKelvey, Hockessin, and Edmundson, of Newport.

The scores follow:

Events	1	2	3	4	5	Shat.	Bke.
Targets	10	15	10	15	25	25	200
Squier	10	13	9	14	21	75	67
Poord	8	12	10	13	20	75	63
Hawkins	8	11	9	14	20	75	62
McKelvey	9	9	9	13	21	75	61
German	10	11	7	12	21	75	61
Richardson	7	12	10	13	18	75	60
Mason	7	12	9	10	22	75	60
Graham	9	11	10	9	20	75	59
S. D. Townsend	8	11	9	12	18	75	58
Burroughs	8	12	6	14	15	75	57
Springer	6	10	7	11	18	75	51
Martin	6	9	7	11	18	75	51
Leynam	6	10	8	9	17	75	50
Ryan	6	7	3	12	19	75	47
Du Pont	6	7	8	8	18	75	47
C. Buck	9	7	8	12	19	65	47
Dr. Buck	11	6	9	20	65	46	44
Kindall	7	12	8	17	65	44	44
Comog	8	12	8	15	50	42	42
Miller	8	11	6	15	50	42	42
King	6	10	8	17	60	41	41
Evans	4	8	6	12	11	75	41
Roberson	6	9	5	10	10	75	40
W. S. Townsend	7	4	4	9	16	75	40
W. Bird	7	11	7	15	60	40	40
Tuehton	4	11	24	50	39	39	39
McColley	5	10	22	50	37	37	37
Ball	8	7	20	45	35	35	35
W. Potter	12	7	21	40	32	32	32
Simon	12	10	20	40	32	32	32
Hauley	5	8	18	50	31	31	31
Young	11	11	18	40	29	29	29
Holt	11	11	16	40	27	27	27
Melchior	5	21	35	26	26	26	26
McCardell	24	25	24	22	22	22	22
Jefferson	6	16	35	22	22	22	22
Massey	22	25	22	22	22	22	22
Hendrix	4	18	35	22	22	22	22
Edmundson	21	25	21	25	21	21	21
Beady	20	25	20	25	20	20	20
C. Potter	18	25	18	25	18	18	18
Ogden	17	25	17	25	17	17	17
Donaldson	17	25	17	25	17	17	17
Godwin	14	25	14	25	14	14	14
Garrett	13	25	13	25	13	13	13
McKendrick	10	25	10	25	10	10	10
Storrs	9	25	9	25	9	9	9
Bird	8	15	8	15	8	8	8
Lindsay	5	15	5	15	5	5	5

Event No. 5 was merchandise event.

YORK CITY GUN CLUB.

McSherry Made High Score For the Day's Shooting.

York, Pa., Feb. 29.—The following scores were made on Feb. 22 at the York City Gun Club. The morning was rainy and the afternoon was very windy, which helped to make low scores. Mr. D. S. Daudt, of the Philadelphia Arms Co., and also manager of the State shoot to be held in York, Pa., May 16 to 21, was with us, and also attended the State Shoot Committee meeting. McSherry was high gun with 175 out of 200; Humer, 168; Davy Deardorff, 157. Mr. Deardorff is the oldest member of the club, and Davy said if his eyesight was as good as the other young

ducks that were shooting he would lay them all in the shade. The scores follow:

Events	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Targets	15	15	20	20	20	20	25	25	20	200
McSherry	14	13	20	19	17	16	20	23	16	175
C. Humer	14	15	17	19	14	14	20	20	18	168
Deardorff	11	10	19	18	14	19	20	19	13	157
Grove	12	9	17	13	14	18	20	18	16	155
Miller	12	13	13	16	13	17	16	19	15	150
Daudt	9	10	14	13	14	21	26	11	15	143
Jackson	10	12	18	10	14	17	16	15	11	140
Seitz	8	6	8	14	12	11	17	13	16	127
Ben Bolt	6	8	8	7	8	11	7	10	13	95
Rutledge	11	13	16	17	16	14	22	19	...	...
Nelson	10	13	14	14	16	16	...	...	...	...
Henry	8	11	13	15	...	11	20	17	...	...
Blessing	3	5	12	...	11	...	...	...	...	...
Somers	13	14	17	19	16	17	18	18	...	...
Nevin	11	11	18	13	14	13	14	...	...	...
Stahl	13	16	9	...	12	19	14	...	...	...
Stoner	...	...	9	7	12	13	...	...	...	...
Metzger	...	...	13	14	20	20	...	...	...	...
Patrick	...	...	14	7	18	16	...	...	...	...
Phine	...	...	13	15	...	...	...	...	...	...
Pennsy	...	...	12	17	15	12	...	...	...	...
McGuigan	...	...	15	15	16	18	...	...	...	...
Bob White	...	...	17	18	18	14	...	...	...	...
Moul	...	...	14	13	...	...	...	...	...	...

TRAP AT LANSDALE.

Large List of Entries at the Holiday Target Shoot.

Lansdale, Pa., Feb. 27.—The Lansdale Gun Club held a most successful shoot here on Washington's Birthday, it being the best attended affair of the kind ever held in this neighborhood. Shooters were here from far and near. Sixty-one shooters took part in the merchandise event—25 Blue Rocks from magautraps, \$1 entrance fee, everybody to have a prize. W. Henry shot the high gun, and received first choice of the prizes, F. Henry and J. De Houpt taking second and third prizes. All three of the above are members of the home club. Twelve sweeps at ten targets each were also shot. Two sets of traps were kept on the move from 10 o'clock A. M. until dark. The club served free lunch to all—roast pig, sour kroun, bean soup, sandwiches and coffee. The following are the scores in the merchandise event:

W. Henry, 22; F. Henry, 21; De Houpt, 21; L. Swartz, 20; Huber, 20; J. J. Kaulf, 19; L. Hall, 18; W. Metz, 18; Graff, 18; W. Quintrell, 17; Pamp, 16; H. Zearfoss, 16; H. B. Hartzell, 16; J. Hoffman, 16; C. Kline, 16; C. Lynch, 16; J. Schultz, 16; J. White, 16; Ritter, 16; J. W. Moore, 15; W. Zearfoss, 15; Headman, 15; J. Lynch, 14; D. Schultz, 14; C. Swartz, 14; J. Bright, 14; Vosselman, 14; Hiltbeith, 13; J. Henry, 13; J. Rodgers, 13; W. O. Carver, 13; W. Bright, 13; W. Clark, 12; D. Hoffman, 12; A. C. Mott, 12; Jackson, 12; Lamboon, 11; Brown, 11; H. Schieler, 11; J. Hackman, 11; F. Lewis, 11; M. Jones, 11; W. White, 11; H. Krouse, 11; Cook, 10; I. Sommers, 10; W. Heavenor, 10; F. Bender, 10; G. Boyer, 9; J. Freed, 9; R. White, 9; M. B. Nace, 8; W. Rosenberg, 8; Swartley, 7; Walters, 7; H. Longnecker, 7; Frederick, 6; L. Erb, 4; E. H. Heist, 3; Cox, 3; D. Koch, 1.

HEARD AT THE SHOW.

Amusing Mistakes of Some of the Visitors to the Garden.

A great deal of amusement can be had at the New York Sportsmen's Show by standing near some of the exhibits and listening to the comments of the visitors. There was always an interested crowd around the game bird display, where the prairie chickens, quail and English pheasants were shown. One gentleman explained to his lady companion, as he pointed out the prairie chickens, that "those guinea hens are related to the grouse family." His companion looked as though she fully understood it, and replied: "Yes, they appear to be; they have the same kind of foliage."

The two Maine log-rollers started on a race around the lake, each standing on a round pine log, balancing and propelling themselves with a long pole. Their weight was sufficient to keep the logs almost entirely submerged. At first the crowd could hardly make out what the men were doing. They appeared as though moving on the surface without any means of support. One wise visitor explained to a friend that the men in the lake were using a new kind of water shoe which enabled them to walk on the water the same as a man walked on the snow with snow shoes.

A display of mounted deer heads was very handsomely arranged, but none were record-breakers in size. "Oh, see what fine beautiful moose heads," said one lady, as she stopped to gaze at the work of the taxidermist.

Steven Van Allen's performance with the Winchester automatic rifle always drew the crowd. He did all sorts of fancy shooting, and to make it more nerve-racking, broke one-inch balls held between the teeth of a colored boy. The management of the show stopped this act, as they thought that if it was allowed to continue the irrepressible Steven Tell would want to clean the colored boy's teeth or trim the mustache of his older assistant by means of a rifle bullet fired by his steady hand. Van Allen and his assistants, too, had unbounded belief in the perfect work of the rifles and the accuracy of the cartridges.

Trap at Merchantville.

Merchantville, N. J., Feb. 22.—The Hilltop Club, of Blackwood, and the Pensauken Club met in a team shoot on the latter's grounds near here this afternoon. The home team was short several men and made a poor showing, handicapped by several substitutes. Each man shot at 25 targets.

Scores: Pensauken—Warren, 13; Pedgeon, 7; J. Stow, 7; W. Thomas, 9; J. Thomas, 8; M. Stow, 5; Morgan, 16; W. Horner, 10; Walton, 11; Paul, S. Total, 94. Hilltop—Wilcox, 14; Williams, 7; Cummings, 19; Price, 18; Warwick, 13; Stelcher, 13; Marple, 18; Hunt, 15; Godfrey, 16; Severns, 14. Total, 147.

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CHICAGO TRAP SHOOTERS.

Fred Lord Made High Average For Three Days.

Chicago, Ill., Feb. 26.—The first shoot of the Chicago Trap Shooters' Association was given at Watson's grounds, Burnside, on Feb. 20, 21 and 22. The weather was disagreeable, with a cold, strong wind. The shoot was a success, many from outside places being present. The shooting was from two new Leggett traps, which worked to perfection. The shooters agreed that they were "the best ever" for throwing targets.

The Chicago handicap on the third day was won by Alec. Vance, of Capron, Ill., on a score of 46 out of 50 targets. D. A. Hanagan broke 44, Kit Shepardson 42, Geo. Roll 41, Graham and J. B. Barto 40. There were nineteen entries in this event. The cold wind kept the scores down. Over forty shooters took part in the three days' shooting. The high averages for the three days, showing the four high guns daily, are given below:

Targets	150	150	150	450
F. Lord	136	129	114	379
J. R. Graham	122	132	120	374
K. Shepardson	134	129	103	366
L. Willard	128	125	105	358
George Roll	116	127	111	354
D. A. Hanagan	118	133	97	348
H. W. Vietmeyer	115	117	97	329
M. Weber	130	...	...	...
Alec. Vance	124	113	...	...
Ben Eich	112	...	...	...

Mexia Gun Club.

Mexia, Tex., Feb. 25.—The shoot of the Mexia Gun Club was held on Wednesday with 14 shooters present. Six events were shot at 10 targets, R. Caldwell, G. Beckham and N. Story doing the best shooting. The scores:

Targets	10	10	10	10	10	10
Alf. Mills	7	7	7	...	...	...
Dr. Watson	8	8	7	7	9	9
J. Karner	5	...	...	...	...	...
Dr. Bugz	2	...	...	...	6	...
J. Bennett	5	8	8	8	...	...
R. Caldwell	8	7	9	10	10	8
B. Williams	8	8	...	...	8	...
Dr. Cook	7	7	...	...	...	...
R. Driver	9	8	9	8	9	9
G. Beckham	7	7	...	...	...	...
W. Murphy	5	...	...	...	...	...
H. Storey	5	10	9	10	8	...
Wood	5	...	...	...	...	...
A. Foreman	...	...	...	...	9	...

The U. M. C.'s New Book.

The Union Metallic Cartridge Co., 313 Broadway, New York City, has issued a new book containing trap shooting rules, different methods of dividing money in a trap shoot, how to organize a gun club, how to manage a tournament, comparative measures of smokeless powders, records made with U. M. C. ammunition and a full description of the loads for live birds and targets used by the famous Southern squad of professional shots. The book is a vest-pocket size and will be valuable to trap shooters for reference. A copy of this new book will be mailed free of cost to anyone mentioning this paper and addressing Department B, The Union Metallic Cartridge Co., 313 Broadway, New York City.

Trap at Media.

Media, Pa., Feb. 25.—A largely-attended shoot, with a repeating shotgun offered as a prize by George H. Powell, was held over the magautrap at the Media Gun Club grounds to-day. A high, cold wind be-

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numbered the hands of the shooters and caused the targets to take some fantastic flights. As a consequence low scores were made. There were about seventy-five chances taken. F. E. Pennington won the trophy, after carrying two chances with nine straight each. All but six shot out on the second round of three up.

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C. F. Kramlich writes "Sporting Life" that he will manage a two-days' shoot for Alfred Griesemer at the Duck Farm Hotel ground, Allentown, Pa., March 23-24. All events will be at targets and the amateurs will be provided for.

The game birds have suffered great losses from the extreme severity of the past winter. The sportsmen, however, are already making efforts to restock depleted covers with quail and other game birds. We wonder how many birds the good, kind, anti-everything people will buy and release in the country.

The Indians have claimed the week of August 15-20 for their annual tournament. No place has yet been named, but a committee has been appointed to consider suitable grounds. Their tournament is one of the greatest of the year.

P. J. Trego, the crack amateur shot of Tyrone, Pa., has been confined to his bed with pneumonia for several weeks. He is now getting around again, but is badly crippled with rheumatism. He hopes by the return of warm weather to handle the gun again and be in good form when he meets the boys at the State shoot.

Dan Bradley, of New York, won the amateur live bird championship at the annual meet Feb. 22, 23. His score was 92 out of 100 in a 30-yard boundary. Geo McAlpin was second and J. L. D. Morrison third. The score was a great one under the conditions, the birds being the finest lot ever seen in these contests and the shooting was really remarkable.

Dr. Green, of Germantown, won a gun in a live-bird shoot at King of Prussia, February 22. He killed 18 straight in a miss-and-out. J. Parks, of Hatboro, was second on 17 kills. Knipe scored 14, Dull 12 and Geise 12.

The Bound Brook Gun Club will hold a shoot at targets on Saturday, March 12, at Bound Brook, N. J., beginning at 10 A. M. Fifteen events have been arranged, with sweepstakes and merchandise prizes. The entrance in the merchandise events is from 30 cents to \$1.50. These contests are open only to amateurs. Five dollars will be given for two high guns among the amateurs. Ship shells care of Dr. Pardoe.

At the Decatur (Ill.) shoot, held February 17-18, Peter Keister was high on the first day, with 108 out of 115 targets. Frank Keister broke 107, Jewsbury and Charles Nebo 104, E. Van Gundy 103. On the second day George C. Rupert, Charles Nebo, Frank Keister and Funk broke 64 out of 70 targets; Peter Keister 63, Herman and McCurdy 58. For the two days McCurdy broke 176 out of 185, P. Keister and P. Keister 171, Charles Nebo 168, George Rupert 166.

T. W. Morphey has accepted the challenge of W. C. Dausser, of Freehold, to shoot for the live-bird championship of New Jersey. Morphey has named Friday, March 4, as the date, and Frank Class' grounds at Lake Denmark, N. J., as the place.

The Mt. Sterling Gun Club will mail programme of its shoot May 24-25 to anyone sending address to P. O. Box 495, Mt. Sterling, Ky. This shoot will be given by the Kentucky Trap Shooters' League.

Frank Butler says its so; a fact, by gosh! He writes "Sporting Life" from Americus, Ga., that since the U. M. C. squad has

been touring the South the Bridgeport brand of ammunition has become so well known and popular that when an American colored woman presented her husband with twins, he (the husband, not Butler), named them U. M. C. Arrow and Nitro Club Johnson.

At the Orange County Gun Club, Middletown, N. J., Feb. 19, J. S. Fanning broke 88 out of 100 targets, which was first average. He made one run of 60 straight. Sim Glover broke 78, Neaf Apgar 72 and D. D. Stever 69.

Edward Banks will soon be located at Wilmington, Del., to which the office of the "E. C." and "Schultze" powder has been moved. He will be missed by the New York trap shooters, but will be gladly welcomed by the Wilmington sportsmen.

A. D. Mermod announces a tournament at St. Louis, Mo., May 23-28.

The trap shooters of Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska and Iowa will meet in a tournament given at Seneca, Kan., March 8, 9 and 10. Leggett traps will be used for throwing Blue Rock targets. The live birds will be the best quality. Cups and trophies will be offered to the winners. Team matches will be a feature, and an open 25-bird handicap will draw outsiders.

Isaac Emerson won the cup at Palm Beach, Fla., Feb. 25, killing 25 straight live birds. J. S. S. Remsen, of Brooklyn, scored 23 birds.

Elmer Shaner, secretary-manager of the Interstate Association, writes us from Pittsburg, Pa., February 27, as follows: "Kindly announce to the readers of "Sporting Life" that the Interstate Association has made arrangements to give a tournament at Grand Forks, North Dakota, July 27 and 28, under the auspices of the Grand Forks Gun Club. Place same in your list of 'forthcoming events,' and oblige."

At the annual roof garden shoot, given by Ned Radbone, at his hotel, on Summit street, Toledo, Ohio, February 22, Dr. D. A. Allen was high with 93 out of 100 targets and won a cup. Billy Kelly second on 91, George Volk third on 89, A Heitzman fourth on 83.

H. D. Jackson, of Perryville, amateur champion shot of Maryland, was a caller on "Sporting Life" Monday last. Mr. Jackson has done but little shooting since last June, but expects to get in form for some of the trap events this summer.

The West Branch Rod and Gun Club, of Williamsport, Pa., is making early efforts to get the Pennsylvania State shoot for 1905.

F. L. Keef, secretary of the Kalamazoo Trap Shooters' Association, claims April 26, 27, 28 for a tournament. Added money and valuable prizes will be offered.

A shoot for merchandise prizes will be given at North Branch, N. J., March 19. The program will consist of fifteen events at ten targets each; entrance, cost of targets. Three prizes will be given in each event. Free lunch will be served. H. B. Ten Eyck, secretary.

TRADE NEWS.

At Memphis, Tenn., Feb. 9, Fred Gilbert broke 110 targets straight, using Winchester factory loaded "Leader" shells. This is the first time 100 straight has been made on the grounds of the Memphis Gun Club. At the Shrewsbury, Pa., shoot, Feb. 12, J. M. Hawkins won high professional average, breaking 138 out of 145 targets shot at. E. B. Coe tied for high amateur average, breaking 122 targets. Both Mr. Hawkins and Mr. Coe used Winchester factory loaded shells, the former also using a Winchester repeating shotgun. At Long Lake, Ill., Feb. 10, J. R. Graham won first and Messrs. Lord, Neal, Roll and Willard tied for second average on live birds, all using Winchester factory loaded shells. The match between W. R. Crosby and W. H. Heer for the Schmelzer cup, emblematic of the American target championship at reversed angles, was held at Vicksburg, Miss., Feb. 18, and resulted in a victory for Mr. Crosby, who broke 44 out of 50 targets, using Winchester factory loaded "Leader" shells. Every trophy for the world's championship, both at live birds and targets, is now held by shooters who use Winchester factory loaded shells. At the shoot held in Decatur, Ill., Feb. 16, the first three averages were won by P. Keister, C. J. Herman and W. J. Bryden, respectively, all of whom used Winchester factory loaded shells.

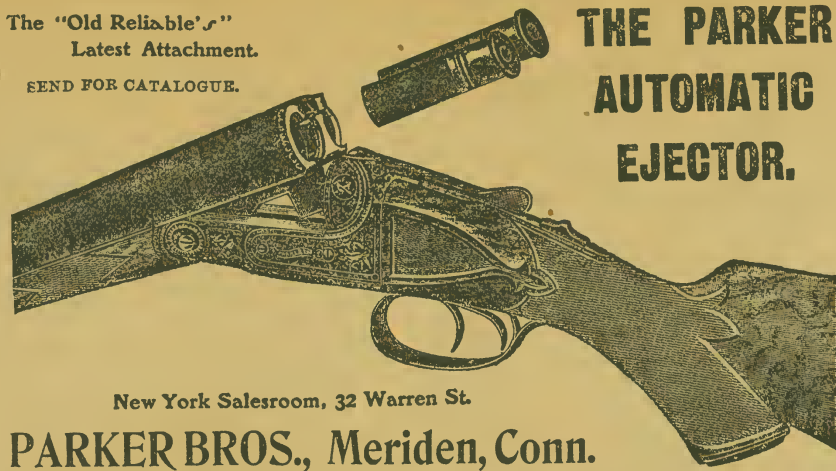
"Billy" Crosby has been making some great records at the traps this season with his L. C. Smith gun. At Vicksburg, Miss., he won the Schmelzer trophy, emblematic of the reversed angle championship. The Smith guns never get loose. Send for latest catalogue to Hunter Arms Co., Fulton, N. Y., or ask your dealer to show you a sample.

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A. Tolsma won the international live bird championship medal at Detroit, Mich., Feb. 19, killing 15 straight birds in the match and 12 more in the tie. He used Ballistite powder. At Ossining, N. Y., Feb. 12, Sim Glover won the loving cup with 25 grains Ballistite powder, 1 1/4 ounces of No. 7 1/2 shot in Peters' Premier shells. At Schenectady, N. Y., Feb. 22, Ballistite powder won the high expert average. Ballistite powder is always the same, always the quickest, cleanest and best. Write for circulars of Ballistite powder and Reblé guns. J. H. Lau & Co., 75 Chambers street, New York, N. Y.

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The Gilman & Barnes International live bird trophy was won by A. Talsma, of Detroit, with a score of 23, at the Detroit Sportsmen's midwinter tournament, Feb. 18, using Winchester factory-loaded "Leader" shells. Mr. Talsma had formerly tied for this trophy on three other occasions. Shooting at targets Feb. 18 at the Vicksburg Gun Club grounds Mr. J. J. Bradford broke 92 out of 100 with a Winchester repeating shotgun and Winchester factory-loaded "Leader" shells. Mr. Bradford is an amateur and had not shot at the traps since last summer. This is a good performance under the circumstances and speaks a loud word for the gun and shells used. At the Milwaukee, Wis., shoot, Feb. 21, J. M. Hughes won expert and J. E. Bush won amateur average, both shooting Winchester factory-loaded "Leader" shells. At Schenectady, N. Y., Feb. 22, Ike Tallman, H. H. Valentine, and S. K. Warnick and H. E. Green won respectively first, second and third amateur averages, all shooting Winchester factory-loaded "Leader" shells, the scores being 138, 136 and 131 out of 150 targets. The tournament of the Chicago Trap Shooters' Association, Feb. 20-22, resulted in high average for entire three days being won by F. H. Lord, second J. R. Graham, third Kit Shephardson, fourth Lem Willard, fifth Geo. Roll, all using Winchester factory-loaded shells.

At Middletown, N. Y., on Feb. 19, Mr. J. S. Fanning, shooting "Infallible," won first general average by breaking 89 out of 100 targets. Conditions were very hard, as

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the tournament was held during a snow storm. D. D. Stever and C. H. Smith were first and second amateurs, both using "Infallible."

At Omaha, Neb., Feb. 25, Mr. J. H. Severson won the Interstate cup that the Nebraska State offered, using 3/4 drams of "New Schultze" powder.

The Peters Cartridge Co., Cincinnati, O., has secured an important Southern agency in the well-known firm Gray & Dudley Hardware Co., Nashville, Tenn. This firm is the largest in the South, and they will carry a stock of Peters ammunition at Nashville, Birmingham and Memphis.

Ossining Gun Club. Ossining, N. Y., Feb. 28.—The following scores were made at a practice shoot of the Ossining Gun Club, held on Washington's Birthday, Feb. 22. The attendance was good considering the fact that the shoot was not announced. The feature of the day was the performance of Abe Aitchison, the club's caretaker, a man 76 years old, who broke 7 Blue Rocks out of 10, gun below elbow. Abe has been a good one in his time, and can still "trim" most of the young fellows at "gun-below-elbow" shooting. A gusty wind made hard shooting. The next cup shoot will be on Saturday, March 5. The scores follow:

Events.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Targets.	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
G. Hubbell	6	9	6	7	8	5	7	...	...	...
F. Becker	9	4	9	6	7	6	7	8	...	...
W. Coleman	8	9	6	7	7	8	9	9	5	6
A. Reitzenstein	4	5	4	5	5	5	5	...	...	...
A. Harris	9	5	9	7	8	6	9	7	5	...
W. Smith	6	7	5	4	...	...	...	...	...	...
C. Blandford	9	7	7	9	8	...	...	...	...	...
G. Anderson	4	6	6	3	...	...	...	...	...	...
Colonel Fiske	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Dr. Snow	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
A. Aitchison	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
M. Vail	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
H. Carpenter, Jr.	4	8	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...

HOWEVER—

The five-men squads world's record was broken at Palestine, Texas, February 8th by the

U. M. C. SOUTHERN SQUAD

with a score of 488 out of 500, breaking the last 125 straight.

U. M. C. shells have won eight out of thirteen Grand American Handicaps including the last, also a list of other matches so long as to prove tiresome in the telling.

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IN THE SOUTH.

The U. M. C. Squad Still Doing Excellent Work at the Traps—Interest in Trap Shooting Being Revived.

Baton Rouge, La., Feb. 16.—Editor "Sporting Life."—The Southern squad shot here to-day. The boys in this thriving Mississippi town have not been shooting at the traps in recent years, but are war- ed up to a lively interest in this excel- lent sport, and have undertaken the or- ganization of a club that will be a credit to their State. They turned out by hun- dreds, the afternoon classes of the State University being dismissed in honor of the occasion, and it was altogether a very pleasant day. The temporary range at the base ball park is hampered by a bad background, and the boys found the tar- gets rather a difficult proposition. Heikes and Riehl tied with the high score of 94 in the regular event. Marshall broke 91 and Budd and Anthony each 89. In an ex- tra string of 25 the result was: Marshall, 22; Heikes, 24; Anthony, 23; Budd, 22, and Riehl, 25.

Table with 5 columns: Targets, 25, 25, 25, 25 Totals. Rows for Marshall, Heikes, Anthony, Bradd, Riehl.

HARD SHOOTING AT NATCHEZ.

Natchez, Miss., Feb. 17.—The Southern squad shot here to-day. The boys here have no regular ground at present, but are equipping a new range. They arranged a temporary ground for the visitors and turned out to the number of 15 home shoot- ers and over a hundred spectators. The day, however, was dark and the traps very fast, so that no high scores were made. Heikes and Riehl were at the top with 91; Marshall scored 89, and Anthony and Budd each 88.

The scores follow:

Table with 5 columns: Targets, 25, 25, 25, 25 Tot. Rows for Marshall, Heikes, Anthony, Budd, Riehl, Walton, Miller, Baker, Turpin, Clinton, McDonnal, R: tchford, Dotcoms, Arngbi, Forman, Wilson, Sanford, Whitney, Handy, Moses.

TOURNAMENT AT VICKSBURG.

Vicksburg, Miss., Feb. 18.—The local gun club gave a tournament here to-day with eighteen entries. The weather was cloudy and rain at times made the shooting un- pleasant. The U. M. C. squad was billed for an exhibition, but Captain Marshall made a speech, withdrawing his right on the time and invited the Winchester rep- resentatives present to join in the tourna- ment. The program had been arranged with five events, a total of 100 shots. The entrance was \$1.50 in the 15 and \$2 in the 20-target events. For the 100 shots C. W. Budd was high with 97 per cent. Hirschy scored 96, Crosby and Heikes 95. Bradfield led the amateurs with 92.

In the match for the Schmelzer trophy, emblematic of the reversed angle champion- ship at targets, Crosby, challenger, de- feated Heer, the holder, by the score of 44 to 40 out of a possible 50 targets.

The scores follow:

Table with 5 columns: Targets, 15, 20, 20, 20, 25 T'tal. Rows for Marshall, Faurote, Hager, Heer, Fletcher, Heikes, Shanahan, Budd, Pinkston, Crosby, Miller, Bradfield, Anthony, Elliott.

Table with 5 columns: Targets, 10, 18, 15, 21, 96. Rows for Baggett, Hirschy, Dinkens, Riehl.

BAD WEATHER AT JACKSON.

Jackson, Miss., Feb. 19.—The exhibition of the U. M. C. squad was given here to-day in a storm of rain and sleet, which was blown directly in the shooters' faces. Heikes made high score with 92, which was a great performance. A number of spec- tators braved the storm and remained until the shooting was over.

The scores follow:

Table with 5 columns: Targets, 25, 25, 25, 25 Total. Rows for Marshall, Heikes, Budd, Heer, Anthony.

ANOTHER RAINY DAY.

Meridian, Miss., Feb. 20.—Another rainy day for the U. M. C. squad's exhibition here. Good scores, however, were made, the average being very high. Heer broke 98, Riehl 96, Marshall 95.

Among the visitors present was Maurice Kaufmann, of the Peters Cartridge Com- pany. He shot at 50 targets, with a 90 per cent. average. In making the opening address Captain Marshall referred to Mr. Kaufmann as an ideal Southern sports- man, which was loudly applauded by Mr. Kaufmann's many friends.

The sportsmen of Meridian are quite en- thusiastic over trap shooting and no doubt will have a strong club here in the near future.

The scores follow:

Table with 5 columns: Targets, 25, 25, 25, 25 Total. Rows for Marshall, Heikes, Budd, Heer, Anthony, Riehl, Titter, Cacke, Punthless, Williams, McQuines, Kauffman, Pistole.

DOWN IN MOBILE.

Mobile, Ala., Feb. 22.—The U. M. C. Southern squad gave their exhibition on the Mobile Yacht Club grounds this after- noon. Owing to night rides and loss of sleep they were not in the best of form. Mr. F. C. Riehl and C. B. Adams, of the U. M. C. Co., and J. A. R. Elliott, of the Winchester Co., took part in the shooting. Mr. Riehl was in fine form and scored 99 out of 100 targets. Adams and Elliott broke 96. The members of the gun club shot at a number of targets. Before the team match began the Mobile Yacht Club shot a team match at 60 live birds per team. The birds were a fair lot, and the winning team scored 48 out of a possible 60 to their opponents' 41.

The scores follow:

Table with 5 columns: Targets, 25, 25, 25, 25 Total. Rows for Marshall, Heikes, Budd, Heer, Anthony, Adams, Riehl, Elliott, Gerden, Chamberlin, Goodbrod, Mauzold, Vincent, Johnson, Sernion, Bangle, Goodbrod, Fowler, Webster, Sernan, Mangold, Johnson, Gerden, Ladd, Suttle, Marston, White, Vincent.

LARGE CROWD AT PENSACOLA.

Pensacola, Fla., Feb. 23.—Several hun-

dred spectators witnessed the shooting of the U. M. C. squad here to-day, and con- siderable interest was taken in the exhibit of Remington guns and U. M. C. shells.

W. H. Heer again shot the top score, breaking 96 out of 100 targets. Tom Mar- shall was second with 93, the others of the squad standing even in 89 breaks.

The scores follow:

Table with 5 columns: Targets, 25, 25, 25, 25 Total. Rows for Marshall, Heikes, Budd, Heer, Anthony.

AT THE CAPITAL CITY.

Montgomery, Ala., Feb. 24.—The U. M. C. squad gave an exhibition of trap shoot- ing before a crowd of 500 spectators here to-day. Heikes was high with 96 out of 100 targets. Adams broke 95, but did not shoot with the squad.

A number of the local club took part and some very good scores were made. There was a number of ladies present and the pretty club house evidenced the growing popularity of this club.

In the evening the Capital City Gun Club entertained the visiting shooters at a dinner, which was a delightful affair.

The scores follow:

Table with 5 columns: Targets, 25, 25, 25, 25 Tl. Rows for Marshall, Heikes, Budd, Heer, Anthony.

LOCAL SHOOTERS.

Table with 5 columns: Targets, 25, 25, 25, 25 Tl. Rows for Adams, Francisco, Martin, Moore, Haigler, Chambers, Winters, Walker, Westcott, Foster, Robinson, Ross, Stallings, Hall, Lockwood, Smithers, Simpson, Meadows.

WILLIAMS.

TRAP AT PALM BEACH.

Dr. Karsner Won First Prize in the Officers' Shoot.

Palm Beach, Fla., Feb. 26.—A 25 live- bird private match between the executive officers of the club, J. S. S. Remsen, of Brooklyn (president); William B. Dowd, New York (secretary), and Dr. Daniel Kar- ser, of Philadelphia (treasurer), excited in- terest in the shoot of the Florida Gun Club yesterday. Dr. Karsner won with 23 kills. Remsen had 22 and Dowd 21 kills. The prize was a toy automobile of silver fil- gree, valued at \$100. The second event was a five-bird handicap, which was won by J. S. S. Remsen with five straight.

John W. Gates won the third event with five straight kills. Arthur T. Kemp made four. All shot from 30 yards. John W. Gates also won the fourth event, five live birds from the box, at 34 yards.

Seventeen cups, worth over \$2000, have been presented, to be shot for within the next two weeks. This is the most re- markable showing of cups which has ever been made here for any sport.

Springfield Gun Club.

Springfield, O., Feb. 23.—The Springfield Gun Club at its annual meeting last evening elected these officers: President, Wil- liam Poole; vice president, Daniel Snyder; recording secretary, George Morgan; cor- responding secretary, Charles A. Young; treasurer, Charles Stout; field captain, Ben- jamin Downs; ground keeper, Chid Rice; directors, Thomas Corwin, J. J. Miller, John Strong, Charles Henderson and John A. Reid. The club decided to hold a shoot in May, open to the world. Young, Downs and Reid were appointed to make arrange- ments for the two days' tourney. A medal shoot will be held at the South Side range every Saturday afternoon.

SPORT IN FLORIDA.

Harry Thurman Writes of His Experience With Rod and Gun.

Kissimmee, Fla., Feb. 22.—Editor "Sport- ing Life."—A party of sportsmen left the Hotel Kissimmee on Feb. 15 for a trip down the Kissimmee River to Fort Bas- singer, a short distance from Lake Ocko- chobe. We could not get below Bassinger, as the river was too full of water hyacinth for a boat to get through.

The party consisted of Dr. L. M. Taylor, of Washington, D. C.; H. C. Trigg, of Glasgow, Ky.; O. F. Belcher, of Winthrop, Mass.; M. A. Blakeman, of Bridgeport, Conn.; N. R. S. Yewdall, R. G. Rankin, Joseph Thurman and Harry Thurman, of Philadelphia.

We chartered the steamer Nawinla No. 3 for the trip, and Capt. B. F. Hall certainly did all he could to make our journey an enjoyable one. The first part of the trip was through Lake Tohopeoliga and South- port canal to Cypress Lake in the north- east corner of which is Canoe Creek, where we made our first stop and laid up for the night. We got enough fish here to last us several days.

Early Tuesday morning we steamed through Cypress Lake and Cypress canal to Lake Hatchameeha, through this lake to Gardiner River and came to Lake Kis- simmee, which is 20 miles long and 12 wide. In one corner of this lake is a small creek called Tiger, where we tied up about 2 o'clock on the second day.

Hardly had we touched the shore when Bob Rankin, who had been here before, threw a spinner over into the creek and had three bass, weighing about two pounds each, in about three minutes. This had all of us out fishing or gunning, and from this time we had quail or jack snipe for meals, with ducks, curlew, lymken and coots thrown in for variety.

The bird life in this country is certainly a wonder—cranes, water turkeys, black birds, jackdaws, and, in fact, almost every kind of bird one could think of, not for- getting the ever-present buzzard and car- rion crow, with a few alligators and snakes thrown in to keep you guessing what was coming next.

We passed through Lake Kissimmee to the Kissimmee River, which, I think, is the crookedest river in the world—in one place it actually runs over itself. The river passes through prairie and swamp for over eighty miles.

Wednesday night we spent at Lone Cabbage, which takes its name from one lone palmetto tree which can be seen for about 15 miles either way on the river. We left here early the next morning and tied up Thursday night at Morris Land- forth's, where we took on wood. On the following morning we had a quail hunt over three as good pointers as can be found in the South. They were Mr. Belcher's "Goldey," Mr. Blakeman's "Spot" and R. G. Rankin's "Zeb." Four of us in less than two hours returned with 26 birds.

We left here and went down to Fort Bassinger and were shown through one of the largest orange and grape fruit groves in the State, and were told to help ourselves, which we did. This is a fine place and is owned by Mrs. Pierce. Leav- ing here we started on our return trip, and tied up for the night at Mitco. The next morning two of the boys went quail shooting, the rest of us loafing around the boat. The writer went about 50 yards from the boat and started up nearly 50 jack snipe, and this brought Nate Yewdall and Jos. Thurman with their guns, and some very good shooting was done for the next half hour.

Leaving Mitco about noon we went to Fort Kissimmee, where we passed the night. On the way up from Fort Bas- singer five alligators were shot, N. R. S. Yewdall getting most of them, and Dr. Taylor got some leather-back turtles and catfish.

The Hotel Kissimmee is a very pretty house, and a fine place to spend a few weeks during the winter. Next winter, Mr. Chapman tells me, he will have a house boat in one of the lakes, and his guests can go and return at almost any time, as he will either have a naphtha boat or make arrangements with Captain R. F. Hall to accommodate anyone stop- ping with him.

Yours truly, HARRY THURMAN.

BILLY DID AND BILLY DIDN'T—

"Billy" Crosby and "Billy" Heer, the King Williams of the shooting world, shot a match at Vicksburg, Miss., February 18th, for the possession of the Schmelzer Cup, emblematic of the World's Flying Target Championship at Reversed Angles. Crosby won by a score of 44 out of 50 to Heer's 40. "Billy" Crosby had a better "load." He shot, as he always does, Winchester Factory Loaded "Leader" Shells, and "Billy" Heer didn't. Winchester Factory Loaded Shells are the shells the champions shoot; they are the shells that hold every World and American championship trophy at live birds and targets, namely: Schmelzer Cup, "E. C." Cup, DuPont Cup, Hazard Cup and Cast Iron Medal; they are the shells that were used by the members of the American Team who did the best shooting; they are the shells that won the last two and biggest Grand American Handicaps at Live Birds; they are the shells that won practically every important event at the traps in 1900, 1901, 1902 and 1903; they are the shells that stand first in the hearts of Americans, because they shoot where the gun is pointed and when the trigger is pulled. Get in line for 1904 and adopt for your regular load

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TRAP AT WILMINGTON.

Shooters Keeping Busy Smashing Targets For Prizes.

Wilmington, Del., Feb. 25.—The traps have been busy on the Wawaset Gun Club grounds this month, and the interest in the sport is at a fever heat.

On Saturday the club had as guests Wenona, the woman expert shot, and her husband, Frank, who have been appearing at the Garrick Theatre. Although it was late when they reached the grounds and the light poor for shooting, she broke 20 out of 25 targets with a shotgun. She then used a rifle, giving an exhibition of fancy shooting which was very clever.

In the club shoot W. M. Foord, Eugene DuPont, J. T. Skelly and Luther Squier did the best work.

The scores follow:

Targets.	25	25	25	25	15	20	10	S. at.	B. K.
Foord	23	23	21	22	21			125	110
Squier	21	19	21	22	19	13		140	115
Skelly	19	19	18	18	20			125	94
Tuchton	10	15	19			13		95	57
Martin	18	17				5		60	40
Melchior	12		19			13		70	44
Townsend	12	16				8		65	36
Ryan								25	11
McColey								50	42
Ready								50	28
Kay								50	25
DuPont	22	20	23	23				100	88
Ryan								50	34
Robinson								25	19
McGill						3		15	3

THE HOLIDAY SHOOT.

On Feb. 22 an all-day shoot was scheduled, but the weather did not allow of the full program to be carried out. Owing to an over-abundance of water, the club house could only be approached by boats. This made cramped quarters, as water surrounded the club house, leaving but a small piece of land for the shooters and spectators.

It was found impossible to carry out the program, but as several visitors and members were anxious to try their guns a few events were pulled off.

From out of town were J. M. Hawkins, of the Winchester R. A. Co., Baltimore, and L. German, of Aberdeen.

The scores follow:

Shot at. Bk.	Shot at. Bk.
Graham 50	James 20
Burroughs 100	E. Simon 30
G. H. Simon 55	Kimball 45
McKelvey 155	Martin 50
Foord 100	W. S. Townsend 40
Roser 25	W. Potter 20
Skelly 100	H. W. Ewing 27
Mason 35	Melchior 50
Holt 70	C. P. Ewing 40
S. D. Townsend 95	Jefferson 20
German 50	GoGwin 10
Ryan 75	

TRAP AT MIDDLETOWN.

Dr. Barnard Successfully Defended the Gold Medal.

Middletown, Del., Feb. 23.—The Middletown Shooting Association experienced no trouble from freshets yesterday and held an interesting shoot at its grounds, resulting in some warmly-contested shooting, in which Dr. W. E. Barnard successfully defended the gold challenge medal against Ed Massey by a score of 18 to 14 at 25 targets. Enlin Massey won the club handicap medal by a score of 13 out of a possible 15. The fifth event out of a series of eight for a prize of a Parker gun was shot off, and the scores follow:

Shot at. Br.	Shot at. Br.
Enlin Massey 80	Duryea 78
Dr. Barnard 88	Steele 78
Gilpin Massey 84	W. B. Kates 68
M. B. Burris 83	Howard Pool 61
Ed. Massey 81	

Trap at Pottsville.

Pottsville, Pa., Feb. 24.—A high wind interfered with the live bird shoot held at Gratersford to-day, although some very creditable scores were made. A. P. Geist, of Fagleyville, carried off the honors in three of the four events in which he entered. H. Trumbauer and E. Emmers, of Royersford, also shot in good form. Scores:

First event, five birds—Trumbauer, 3; Geist, 5; Christman, 1; Emmers, 4; H. Ziegler, 3.
Second event, seven birds—Geist, 6; H. Ziegler, 5; Trumbauer, 6; Emmers, 6; Miller, 3; Brandt, 2.
Third event, five birds—Geist, 5; Trumbauer, 4; Emmers, 4; Brunner, 3; H. Ziegler, 4;

Crossman, 4; Christman, 3; Espenship, 1; Brandt, 3; Miller, 1; Grieger, 5.
Fourth event, five birds—Geist, 4; Trumbauer, 5; Emmers, 5; Brunner, 3; H. Ziegler, 4; Brandt, 3; Grieger, 4; F. Ziegler, 5; Christman, 4; Crossman, 3; Espenship, 4; Umstead, 4.
Fifth event, ten targets—F. Ziegler, 10; Emmers, 6; Trumbauer, 8; H. Ziegler, 8; Grieger, 7; Christman, 5.

GILBERT DEFENDS TROPHY.

He Beats Felt in a Match at One Hundred Live Birds.

St. Joseph, Mo., Feb. 25.—Fred Gilbert did not relinquish his grasp on the Wyeth cup, as he defeated J. H. Felt, "Zim," at Lake Contrary, on February 17.

Gilbert won the cup in the midwinter shoot held in January, and was challenged by Felt.

The match was at 100 live birds, Gilbert winning by the score of 96 to 90. A high wind made the birds very fast.

Gilbert was handicapped to 33 yards and Felt stood at 28 yards. After the match was over a challenge was offered Gilbert to shoot against a Kansas City man, to be selected within thirty days, the match to be shot at Lake Contrary. Gilbert accepted the challenge. The scores follow:

Match, 100 live birds.
Fred Gilbert, 33 yards.
22292 22222 12222 22122 12111—23
22221 21222 12121 21212 22222—25
22222 22222 22222 22222 22222—24
11*21 22222 22221 20222 22222—23
21222 22212 22221 22222 21212—25—96
J. H. Felt, 28 yards.
22222 22222 20222 22222 22222—22
22222 22222 22222 22222 22222—24
22222 22222 22222 20222 22222—24
22222 20*22 22222 22220 00222—20—90

GLENSIDE GUN CLUB.

The Monthly Shoot at Targets Won by Mitchell.

Skaneateles Junction, N. Y., Feb. 25.—The Glenside Gun Club held its monthly shoot on Saturday last. The day was pleasant, and the members turned out in goodly numbers. In the medal shoot Miller and Tibbetts tied on 8 out of 10 targets. In the shoot-off Mitchell broke 8 to Tibbetts' 7. Several events followed at 25 Blue Rocks, in which good scores resulted, Cottle breaking 92 out of 100. Joe Knapp, of Auburn, 90, and C. W. Tuttle, 88. The scores:

Targets 25 25 25 25
C. S. Cottle 23 24 22 23
J. N. Knapp 24 21 22 23
C. W. Tuttle 20 19 19 19
J. Spencer 16 18 19 20
J. Cottle 11 12 22 20
Mitchell 15 16 18
M. B. Carpenter 20 21
O. Leader 18 19
Geo. Doman 20 18
Tibbetts 16 17
Weirerth 20

Ossining Gun Club.

Ossining, N. Y., Feb. 25.—Editor "Sporting Life"—Inclosed are scores of the Ossining Gun Club, made at the regular bi-monthly shoot, February 20. We have installed a Leggett trap on 30 days' trial, and, as it works to perfection, it will probably be a fixture. We have tried all sorts of traps, but have never had one that broke as few targets as the "Leggett." The Chamberlin Cartridge Company has got a winner. The combined Democratic and Republican primaries cut up our attendance to-day, but five of the boys from Holbrooks Military Academy came over and saved the day.

Events: 1 2 3 4 5 6 7
Targets: 10 10 10 10 10 10 10
C. G. Blandford 8 8 9
W. S. Smith 6
S. Lyon 6
F. Earnest 6
H. Bettley 7 7 3 8 5
H. Wickes 3 3 4 4
M. Slocum 2 2 4
H. Bradley 5 8 6 7

Cold Weather Kills Trout.

Pittsfield, Mass., Feb. 25.—Western Massachusetts sportsmen are alarmed at the effect of the severe winter on the trout in Berkshire County brooks. Farmers and hunters have found, on opening holes in the mountain streams, that the ice has killed thousands of trout. The cold has formed ice to a depth of over two feet in some of the little brooks, and the trout have been frozen in and killed in large numbers.

CINCINNATI GUN CLUB.

The Regular Shoot and Series of Team Matches Held.

Cincinnati, O., Feb. 23.—The regular shoot of the Cincinnati Gun Club on Saturday had seven scores of a possible 100 for the Parker prize. The added handicap is a great help to the 60 to 75 per cent. men, and draws out this class of shooters. The best scratch score was 90 out of 100, broken by Medico. Don Minto scored 85.

The series of matches between Gambell and Barker against Medico and Davies began on Saturday. The first-named pair won the first and second matches. There will be ten matches, each at 100 targets per man, total score in the ten matches to count.

The scores follow:

Club shoot, Parker gun, added handicap.
Hdcp. Broke. Total.
Medico 12 90 100
Linn 25 78 100
Dennison 28 74 100
Bullerdick 30 74 100
Boch 40 60 100
Willie Green 40 68 100
Cottingham 58 42 100
Osterfeld, H. 20 79 99
Don Minto 12 85 97
Norris 30 66 96
Maynard 18 77 95
Jack 30 64 94
Block 18 75 93
Kramer 40 53 93
Faran 18 70 88
Ackley 35 45 80
Hoosier 66 66 66

Team match, 100 targets per man.

FIRST MATCH.

Targets. 20 20 20 20 20 100
Barker 17 19 20 17 18—91
Gambell 16 17 17 17 18—85

SECOND MATCH.

Targets. 20 20 20 20 20 100
Barker 16 19 19 16 20—90
Gambell 16 17 17 18 17—85
Medico 15 19 14 17 17—82
Davies 19 13 18 12 15—77

GAME IN CANADA.

Quail Said to be Exterminated in That Section.

Leamington, Ont., Feb. 25.—Editor "Sporting Life"—I note in your issue of "Sporting Life," February 20, an article, under the head of "Duck Hunters Complaining," against the present close season beginning January 1, 1904, that they were deprived of the opportunity of their usual old-time sport, and that the present restrictions were disastrous to ammunition and other dealers. It is really to be regretted that this feeling prevails in sections where ducks are wintering. It would appear proper to suggest that the close season stand, in order to maintain and foster larger quantities for the Northern spring flight, where they may breed unmolested in greater numbers. The time is coming fast when our present duck family will only be seen in the large marshes of well-protected clubs.
Spring shooting in Ontario is not allowed. This has been a boon to the duck family, and sportsmen in this country consider this violation as criminal. I trust the duck shooters of the South may recall their regrets of the present, and maintain the protective situation in order to lengthen the years of this grand sport, that our young sons may have a taste of the good sport and realize the pleasures of their fathers in bygone days.

The past cold winter, with heavy snowfalls and crusts has about exterminated all the quail in the country. Essex and Kent Counties being the banner counties, it is generally conceded that east of these there will be none left for another year. The Game Commissioners are about amending the game laws which will admit of still better protection another season.

FOREST H. CONOVER.

Schenectady Gun Club.

Schenectady, N. Y., Feb. 23.—The regular Saturday shoot of the Schenectady Gun Club was well contested. Levengston and

Warnick broke 94 out of 100 targets. The weather was pleasant, but a strong wind prevailed.

The scores follow:

	Shot at.	Broke.	P. C.
Levengston	100	94	.940
Warnick	100	94	.940
Ferguson	50	45	.900
H. E. Greene	100	88	.880
Sanders	150	131	.873
Valentine	125	107	.856
Warring	100	85	.850
Adams	156	132	.846
Wallburg	65	55	.846
Underhill	100	80	.800
Earle	75	59	.786
De Land	50	35	.700
Cole	109	74	.673

TRAP AT ROCHESTER.

The First Two Shoots of a New Series Held at Targets.

Rochester, N. Y., Feb. 25.—The first of a series of contests, which will constitute the club's spring handicap event, drew a large number of shooters out to the traps of the Rochester Rod and Gun Club, at Cobb's Hill, Feb. 22. Snow flurries and the high wind that prevailed badly handicapped the experts at the traps, but several good scores were made nevertheless. Fraley made high score with handicap allowance, but from scratch he and H. Stewart tied on 22 breaks out of 25 targets shot at.

The scores follow:

	Broke.	Hdcp.	Total
Clarke	20	4	24
Fraley	22	4	26
J. C. Powers	18	5	23
Stebold	18	5	23
Stewart	22	0	22
Adkin	19	2	21
Kersner	20	2	22
Snow	19	4	23
Bonbright	20	2	22
Watson	16	4	20

On Feb. 24 the second shoot of the series was held, and Watson carried off the honors on a total of 26. Adkin and Clark made best scratch score on 21 out of 25, but Watson's allowance of six targets enabled him to win out.

Several of the Canandaigua Sportsmen's Club were present, but no special program was prepared. They will visit the Rochester Rod and Gun Club later for a team match.

The scores follow:

	Broke	Hdcp.	Total
Watson	20	6	26
Adkin	21	4	25
Clark	21	4	25
George	19	6	25
Fraley	20	3	23
Stebold	16	6	22
Bonbright	18	3	21
Stewart	19	1	20
Norton	15	4	19

Forthcoming Events.

- March 22, 23, 24 25—Crawfordsville, Ind.
- March 23-24—Allentown (Pa.) duck farm grounds. C. F. Kramlich, manager.
- April 6, 7, Bristol, Tenn.—The Interstate Association's tournament, under the auspices of the Bristol Gun Club. S. W. Rhea, secretary.
- April 12, 13, 14, Paducah, Ky., live birds and targets.
- April 18, 19, 20, 21, 22—Fourth Interstate mid-winter tournament. Targets and live birds. Kansas City Shooting Park, Kansas City, Mo. J. F. Schmelzer & Sons.
- April 19, Patriots' Day—Spring tournament of Springfield Shooting Club, Springfield, Mass. C. L. Kites, secretary, 493 Main street.
- April 20, 21, Reusselan, Ind., Everett Brown, manager, Pleasant Grove, Ind.
- April 21—Independent Gun Club, Easton, Pa. Edw. F. Makley, secretary.
- April 26, 27—Pittsburg, Pa. Herron Hill Gun Club's tournament; \$100 added. Louis Lautenslager, Manager.
- April 26, 27, 28, 29—Blue River Shooting Park, Kansas City, Mo. Targets and live birds, added money. R. S. Elliott, 807 Delaware street, manager.
- April 27, 28—The Interstate Association's tournament, at Americus, Ga., under the auspices of the Americus Gun Club. H. S. McCleskey, secretary.
- May 3, 4, Wabash, Ind.
- May 3, 4, 5—The Kansas State Sportsmen's Association annual shoot, Junction City, Kan. E. L. Wetzig, secretary.
- May 4, 5, Nashville, Tenn.—The Interstate Association's tournament, under the auspices of the Cumberland Park Driving Club. Charles Eastman, secretary.
- May 11, 12, 13—Iowa State Sportsmen's Association, Spirit Lake, Ia. Jno. Burmister secretary.
- May 12, 13—Wawaset Gun Club annual spring tournament, Wilmington, Del. W. W. Foord, secretary, 213 West Sixth street.

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