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A special dispatch to the Philadelphia Press from Pittsburgh says: President Frank De Hass Robison of the Cleveland Base Ball Club came here this afternoon and met President W. L. Kerr of the Pittsburgh club at the Union depot. Mr. Robison said: "Mr. Kerr, I have stopped over here to offer you \$10,000 and two players for Pitcher Hawley. What have you to say about it?" Mr. Kerr lost his breath for a while and sank to a seat. Then he thought that Mr. Robison was joking, and a smile began to dawn on the Pittsburgher's face. But the Cleveland magnate maintained his stern look at Mr. Kerr and resumed: "Well, what have you to say? I mean it, I'm not joking."  
 "Why, \$10,000 is a great amount of money, but what would we do if we sold Hawley? Oh, no; we cannot under any circumstances part with Hawley, and we will not let him go for any amount of money."  
 In an interview Robison said: "I want Hawley at any cost, simply because I believe that if we had Hawley, his pitching, with that of Young, Cuddy and Ehret, would win the pennant of 1896, and then I would be satisfied."  
 "I offered Von der Ahe \$3,000 in cold cash for Breitenstein only a few weeks ago, and the offer was declined. I have not repeated it, because of the trouble between that pitcher and Von der Ahe. I am prepared to give more for Hawley, and my offer will hold for a week. The team will be in the Springs. I have six young players, and Mr. Kerr can select any two of them and get in addition \$10,000 for Pitcher Emerson Hawley."

**IRWIN'S PLANS.**  
 New York's Manager is Preparing for an Active Southern Trip.

William Clark, whom the Scranton club of the Eastern League secured from the New Yorks the latter part of last season, has sent his signed contract to Manager Irwin of the New Yorks. Clark made a favorable impression with the Polo Ground patrons in the few games he played at first base. While with the Scranton club he had quite a reputation as a batter.

Manager Irwin means to have the New York players in the best possible condition when the season opens. He has arranged to have two diamonds marked out at the club's training quarters in Jacksonville. This plan was decided upon owing to the large number of players he intends taking south, and he has secured the extra diamond so that the men will be at practice and there will be no loafing. Several players are yet to send signed contracts to Manager Irwin, including Rustie and Meekin.

**Farrell Hopes to Go to Boston.**  
 Charley Farrell was in Boston last week and he had received a contract from the New York club calling for \$2,400 salary, but had not signed it, and might not, unless the ante was raised. Farrell is looking splendid and was in hopes of getting to Boston.

**Pitcher Clarkson Safe.**  
 The party which was supposed to have perished on an ice yacht in Saginaw bay, including Arthur Clarkson, pitcher of the Baltimore Base Ball Club, John Whitney and Allice Mallory, are now reported safe. They went out last Thursday upon the bay, and as they did not return it was supposed they had gone through the ice. The yacht fell into a calm in the middle of the bay and they took to their boats, and the telegraph wires had been thrown down by a previous storm, the party could not telegraph home.

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 Henry H. Diddlebock of Philadelphia has been signed by President Von der Ahe as manager of the St. Louis base ball team. Mr. Diddlebock was tendered the position last November, but did not accept until last night.

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 The first heat of the sixth and final round in the chess masters' tournament was played at St. Petersburg yesterday, the results being as follows:  
 Lasker beat Tschigorin in a P-Q4 opening after fifty-four moves.  
 Pillsbury and Steinitz adjourned their game.

The score up to date:  
 Won. Lost. Won. Lost.  
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**To Discuss the Maupin Bill.**  
 The committee on counties, cities and towns of the Virginia house of representatives has fixed upon next Monday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock in the hall of the house for the consideration of the Maupin anti-gambling act and the Reddy bill.

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 One of the salient features of the big bicycle show at New York is that almost without exception the machines shown—those of the newest type, that is—are evidently produced for the every day, ordinary rider. The leading firms have seemingly given up catering to the "soorcher," and instead of the tendency being in the direction of lighter wheels, the makers are looking after the interests of the greater number. The wheelman who places comfort before speed, pleasure ahead of excitement, will find in the new models a most satisfactory one.

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**Accused of Gambling.**  
 Samuel Jones, a colored man who is said to be a local politician, was given a hearing in the Police Court yesterday on a charge of violating the gambling laws. It was charged that he conducted a game of "21" in the house of a man named Hunter, in Essex court, and witnesses called by the prosecution told of having participated in the game. Jones was charged with being the agent of the game, and did the "cutting." Judge Miller held him for the grand jury, and fixed the bond at \$300. Col. Carson is his bondsman.

**To Alter the Texas.**  
 Orders have been sent to the commandant of the Norfolk navy yard to put the Texas out of commission on the 23d instant or as soon thereafter as possible, preparatory to making the alterations in the ship recommended by the inspection board, at a cost of \$40,000.

**Marriage and Divorce Laws of States and Territories.**  
 There are six solidly printed pages relative to the marriage and divorce laws of the various states and territories in The Star's Almanac for 1896. Also 410 solidly printed pages of other statistical facts and information. On sale at all news stands and at Star office. 25c per copy.

**Target Firing in the Army.**  
 The annual report of the target firing of the United States army during the last year shows that the troops in the Department of the Columbia easily led all their competitors in other departments, at all ranges, with the Department of the Colorado a good second. Of the individual regiments of infantry, the fourteenth infantry led with an average score of 50.4 per cent.

**District National Guard.**  
 Under the law the National Guard of the District of Columbia is subject to be called into the service of the United States, or to aid the civil authorities in the execution of the laws or support suppression of riots. This is but one short sentence of the two pages of interesting information contained in The Star's Almanac and Hand Book for 1896. 25c per copy. For sale by all news stands or at Star office.