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Easter Cards—2c. up.

Preparations for Easter.

—Easter calls for an indulgence in something gayer than the other seasons—something in keeping with the advent of spring, to welcome spring. The sentiment that stimulates you to extra preparations—stimulates us to preparations for you.

$5.00 Trimmed Hats.

—That peerless collection that is turning the thoughts of every woman in one direction—some with ideas of saving money on Easter Millinery—some with an assurance of getting something finer and on a higher plane of style than their money has bought heretofore.

—They're not straw hats trimmed—but "made" hats—some with straw crowns and chiffon brims—some all chiffon and some those dainty Ribbon Hats.

—TRIMMED HATS. The Easter stock has been filled to the fullest completeness—more new models have just arrived and been put on show. It's a collection that invites admiration and compels your preferences. It shows the cares that have been expended in its getting.

Untrimmed Hats at $1.98 & $2.98.

The Chiffon Hat is the leader of the Untrimmed Hats—full, fluffy creations, airy and pretty—in shapes distinctly new and stylish. All colors—of course.

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You'd pay 75c. for them if you did not know these. Handsome bunches of Roses—American Beauties, in all colors—bunches of 6 Flat Roses—Silk Ragged Robbins—Apple Blossoms—Poppies—Daisies—Violets, &c.

Ribbons at 19c.

5-inch Soft-finish Lustrous Taffeta Ribbons, in black, white, pink, blue, red, rose, turquoise, gray, violet—and also plaids, stripes and fancies of various kinds and combinations—particularly suitable for millinery and children's hats Ribbons that stand for 29c. and 39c. qualities—for 19c.

Black Velvet Ribbons, Satin Back.

No. 9. Worth 25c.	No. 12 Worth 29c.	No. 16. Worth 39c.
For 15c. yd.	For 19c. yd.	For 25c. yd.

Trimmings For Hats.

They're shown at the Flower Department this season—more convenient for making millinery purchases. Straw Braids, in white, blue, pink, cardinal, yellow, rose, navy and gray. Pieces of 10 yards for..... 25c.

Chiffons, in plain and striped effects; 18 inches wide—all colors. Worth 39c. yard..... 19c.

Silk Skirts, for $9.98.

They'll compare with $15 values. Two styles—one taffeta tucked all over, with wide flounce and taffeta quilling—another in taffeta tucked all over, with flare flounce, trimmed with 5 rows of velvet ribbon.

Silk Etons At $7.98.

They'll compare with any $10 and many $12 ones. Made of taffeta and lined in taffeta in black and white—with flare sleeves and heavily stitched taffeta bands.

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An Exceptional Silk Waist Offering.

For One Day Only - $6.50

We shall offer for Thursday only a small but exceptionally choice lot of plain and fancy taffeta silk waists at the above price, which is so inviting that they should disappear long before the day's done.

Newest styles and very rich effects, each differing from the other. You may consider this rare good fortune to secure such fine waists for so low a figure.

Owing to the littleness of the price we will have to charge extra for alterations. None will be sent on approval.

Spring Overcoats for Men.

Which sort will you have?

Yoke, Raglan or regular cut. Can't go wrong, no matter which you pick.

The yoked overcoats are considered "the thing" for spring. A princely garment; long, graceful, full-draped skirt; broad, manly shoulders, wide sleeves. Mostly of rough cloths; some smooth plaids, too. $18 to $30.

You know the beauty and virtue of the Raglan, so we won't dwell on it. $15 to $30. Very short or medium length, regulation cut, $10 to $30; of every favorite material; silk lined begin at $15. There's no questioning the size, variety and value-greatness of our stock of Spring Overcoats.

We devote one entire floor to the display of them.

Not one in a hundred cannot find just exactly what they want; ours is sort of a cosmopolitan stock.

Every other right and stylish thing to dress you well.

Parker, Bridget & Co.,

Head-to-Foot Outfitters, Pa. Ave. and 9th St.

A New Japanese Steamship.

The Japanese have just launched an 11,800-ton steamship at Nagasaki. The new ship, christened Kaga Maru, was built under the subsidy act, of English materials.

Patents to Local Investors.

Patents were granted today to William N. Moore of this city for a photographic roll holder, and to Charles S. Tainter, also of Washington, for a graphophone record duplicating machine.

King Expresses His Thanks.

Albert H. Van Deusen, secretary of the Masonic Veteran Association of the District, has received a letter from Lord Lansdowne thanking him in the name of the King of England for the printed copy of a sermon delivered by Rev. Frank M. Bristol, pastor of the Metropolitan M. E. Church, on the death of Queen Victoria.

Special train to Benning race track leaves 6th street station at 2:15 daily.—Advt.

Sufferers From Piles and Rectal Diseases

HAVE NOW A SIMPLE BUT EFFECTIVE CURE.

Modern medical science and skill has at last succeeded in producing a remedy which effectually cures that common, but extremely annoying trouble, piles.

The Pyramid Pile Cure is the remedy referred to, and repeated and thorough trials of the remedy during the past three years have demonstrated that it is the long sought for remedy which can be depended upon as a genuine cure. There are many remedies which give relief, but such relief is only temporary and the trouble soon returns, as bad, or worse than ever. But the Pyramid Pile Cure stands practically alone as a lasting cure. It not only gives immediate relief but the relief is there to stay.

Mr. J. W. Rollins writes briefly and to the point regarding his experience with Piles; he says: "I consider the Pyramid Pile Cure without an equal. It cured me in less than thirty days. I waited fifteen days or more to be sure the remedy had fully cured me before writing you. I can now say I am cured and I shall recommend the Pyramid Pile Cure at every possible opportunity because it deserves it."

We quote from this gentleman's letter to show our readers how promptly the remedy acts and also that there is no return of the trouble.

The Pyramid Pile Cure is simple and harmless, containing purely vegetable ingredients, and can be used in all cases with perfect safety and with the assurance that a cure will follow. Physicians prescribe it and use it in all cases of piles in preference to the danger and uncertainty of a surgical operation. It cures without pain or inconvenience of any kind.

The Pyramid Pile Cure is prepared by the Pyramid Drug Co. of Marshall, Mich., and sold by druggists everywhere at 50c. per package, making it the safest, surest, cheapest pile cure before the public and one you can try with almost certain success. mh27&30

SOCIAL NOTES.

A Pretty Noon Wedding Today—Secretary and Mrs. Root's Dinner.

A quiet but beautiful wedding took place today at noon at the residence of Senator and Mrs. William M. Stewart, 1800 F street. Miss Lila Sherard of California, a niece of Mrs. Stewart, was married to Mr. Charles Walker of Salt Lake City. The ceremony took place in the gold parlors of the Stewart home, which had been elaborately draped with rare oriental tapestries for the occasion. Rev. Dr. McKim officiated, and only the family and a few very intimate friends were present. After the wedding the bridal party was entertained at luncheon. This afternoon Mr. and Mrs. Walker will leave for Salt Lake City, where they will make their future home. Mr. Walker is a prominent business man of the Utah capital. Miss Sherard is the stepdaughter of Judge and Mrs. H. S. Foote of California. Mrs. Foote and Miss Foote, who are in the city, will accompany Mr. and Mrs. Walker to their destination, and will then continue to their own home on the Pacific coast.

The bride was gowned in a magnificent Doucet Paris creation of lace and delicately tinted embroidery. The bodice was high-neck, closely fitting the graceful figure of its wearer. Miss Sherard carried a shower bouquet of La France roses. The bride was given away by Senator Stewart. The wedding party was restricted in numbers on account of recent deaths in the family. In addition to Senator and Mrs. Stewart, Mrs. Foote and Miss Foote, there were present Mr. and Mrs. Kapler, Dr. Lattimer, Mr. Rodgers, Mrs. R. W. French of Alexandria, a niece of Mrs. Stewart; Gen. and Mrs. Lomax, Gen. Wm. H. Payne, Mrs. Lucy Scott Payne and Miss Payne.

THE NEW ARMY RATIONS.

Changes Recommended Approved by the President.

President McKinley has approved the new army ration prepared under the direction of General Weston, commissary general. The principal change is in the increase of the sugar component, being 20 pounds to each 100 rations, instead of 15 pounds as heretofore. The vinegar component, which was 8-25 of a gill, is changed by allowing half of that amount in cucumber pickles when desired. In the fruit component 1 2-5 ounces of jam is allowed for the field ration in place of 1 3-5 ounces of dried or evaporated fruit, which is the allowance for the garrison ration. A change is made in the travel ration by allowing canned tomatoes to be served on the first day instead of the fourth, as heretofore.

For the use of troops on emergency occasions in active campaign an emergency ration will be issued. Fresh meats will ordinarily be issued seven days in ten and salt meats three days in ten. If fish other than fresh fish is issued it will be in substitution for salt meat.

Whenever the issue of both the fresh meats and vegetable components is impracticable there may be issued in lieu of them a stew composed of fresh beef and vegetables. For troops in Alaska the bacon ration is increased four ounces and the allowance of fresh vegetables increased to 24 ounces instead of 16 ounces.

The travel ration is composed of bread, canned corned beef, baked beans, canned tomatoes, coffee and sugar.

Post Offices Raised in Rank.

The announcement was made at the Post Office Department yesterday afternoon that the following fourth-class post offices would, April 1, be advanced to the presidential class: Russellville, Ala.; Riovista, Cal.; Sebastopol, Cal.; Crested Butte, Col.; Dahlonega, Ga.; Senoia, Ga.; Coeur d'Alene, Idaho; Manteno, Ill.; Plainfield, Ill.; Checotah, Indian territory; Hubbard, Iowa; Winfield, Iowa; Republic, Mich.; Thompsonville, Mich.; Cass Lake, Minn.; Booneville, Miss.; Poplarville, Miss.; Wausa, Neb.; Port Oram, N. J.; Hastings-upon-Hudson, N. Y.; Clinton, N. C.; Maxton, N. C.; Williamston, N. C.; Fort Recovery, Ohio; Mulhall, Okla.; Yukon, Okla.; Silverton, Ore.; Woodburn, Ore.; Roaring Spring, Pa.; Arctic, R. I.; Glennallen, Va.; Graham, Va.; Cameron, W. Va.; Pennsboro', W. Va.; Glenwood, Wis.; Kiel, Wis.

New Counties in Montana.

James White, superintendent of the railway mail service, has issued a notice to postmasters acquainting them with the fact that two new counties have been created in the state of Montana.

A new county, named Daly, in memory of Marcus Daly, has been formed from Deerlodge county, including post offices as follows: Anaconda, Cable, Carroll, Stuart and Warmsprings.

Deerlodge is the county seat of Deerlodge county as now constituted.

A new county, named Rosebud, has been formed from parts of Custer county and the Crow Indian reservation, the new county including the following post offices: Antelope, Ashland, Birney, Crow Agency, Decker, Fort Custer, Forsyth, Hathaway, Howard, Kirby, Lamedeer, Lee, Lock, Lodgegrass, Muddy, Otis, Rancher, Rosebud, St. Xavier, Sabra and Wayne.

The county seat of Daly county is Anaconda and that of Rosebud is Forsyth.

To Be Opened to Settlers.

About twenty-four whole and fractional townships embraced in what is known as the Methow Valley, Wash., and within the Washington forest reserve, probably will be detached from the reserve and opened to settlement in a few months. The commissioner of the general land office has recommended to the Secretary of the Interior the elimination of this area of about 167,840 acres from the reserve. These lands have been carefully examined by government forestry officials and found to be more suitable for agriculture than for forestry reserve purposes.

What Shall We Have for Dessert?

This question arises in the family every day. Let us answer it today. Try

Jell-O,

a delicious and healthful dessert. Prepared in two minutes. No boiling! No baking! Add boiling water and set to cool. Flavors: Lemon, Orange, Raspberry and Strawberry. Get a package at your grocer's today. 10 cts.

TO BEGIN TOMORROW

Racing Season in the East Will Open at Benning.

MORE HORSES HERE THAN EVER

Meeting Promises to Be the Best in the Club's History.

CURRENT SPORTING NEWS

The Washington Jockey Club throws open the gates of its Benning track tomorrow for a meeting of fifteen days, inaugurating the racing season in the east. The course has been greatly improved and bears a handsome appearance. Every stall on the grounds is filled, and hundreds of horses are quartered at the old Ivy City course and in stables adjacent to the Benning track, the number of horses here for the meeting being larger than ever before. These horses have come not only from the south and east, but also many from the west have put in an appearance, and the meeting promises to be the very best ever held here, as the fields will be large and the racing of the highest character.

The sport afforded by the Washington Jockey Club has from the very first been noted for its clean, honest character, and President S. S. Howland and his associates have spared neither time nor money in their efforts to place the Washington meeting on an equality with those held on the big New York courses. Jobbery and crookedness, whenever detected, have been promptly and severely punished, and last year the spring and fall meetings of the club established records for the number of winning favorites, thereby demonstrating beyond question that the best horse in the great majority of cases wins at Benning.

Comfort of Spectators.

Not only has the club management provided clean and honest sport, but it has taken a most pronounced step to raise the character of the attendance, rigidly excluding from its grounds disreputable persons, and affording its patrons every protection. The result of these efforts has been an increasing attendance of ladies and of people prominent in social and official circles. Everything possible is done for the convenience and comfort of racegoers, and for this meeting Haley's orchestra has been engaged, and each afternoon previous to and between races will render selected programs of music.

The racing will begin daily at 3 p.m., and the last race will be over in time to permit race-goers to return to the city for an early dinner. A special train will leave the 6th street station each day at 2:15 o'clock p.m., running direct to the track and returning immediately after the last race. The Columbia Railway Company will run its electric street cars to the track every two minutes, connecting with, and transferring from and to all lines but those of the Capital Traction Company. The company has ample sidings at the track, and cars will be waiting there after the races in sufficient numbers to return people to the city.

Tomorrow's Card.

Tomorrow's card will be one of the best of the meeting, there being six races, including the Arlington purse for two-year-olds, at half a mile, a maiden steeplechase at two miles and the first half of the Benning spring handicap. The last mentioned race will be of unusual interest, as among the horses entered in it are such good ones as Intrusive, Sidney Lucas, Charentus, First Whip, Knight of Rhodes, Decanter, Prince of Verona, Speedmas, Gold Fox, Brisk, Robert Waddell, Fake, Moor, Obliged and Death. This race is at six furlongs, and is the first, of course, of the handicap events this season in the east. Shaw will probably ride Charentus, Mitchell will be on Speedmas, Michaels on Intrusive, Tommy Burns on Knight of Rhodes, and the others will have competent jocks, so that it will be a race from start to finish.

Six Races Daily.

The other four races will be hardly less interesting, and as the track promises to be in fair condition, despite the recent heavy rains, the opening day's sport should be excellent in every way. There will be six races every day, and the club, respecting the desire of Washington racegoers for races over the jumps, has provided a number of hurdle and steeplechase events.

INTERNATIONAL 'VARSITY GAMES.

The Englishmen Are Opposed to the Four Extra Events.

LONDON, March 27.—The challenge of Harvard and Yale universities to Oxford and Cambridge for a regular set of track games suggests the usual Oxford-Cambridge program, including weight-throwing, with two added events, which the challengers propose shall be selected from the 220-yard sprint, 220-yard hurdle race, pole jump and weight throwing.

In the opinion of Oxford athletes, none of the four extra events is desirable, partly because they are quite unaccustomed to two of them, while they consider weight-throwing unattractive, and the 220-yard sprint dangerous on a round course with corners.

The main difficulty, however, according to officials of the Oxford University Athletic Club, who were seen by a representative of the Associated Press, are the July date and financial considerations. With regard to the date, the Oxonians point out that sad experience has taught Englishmen that, while the English July air refreshes American athletes on their arrival, American July air absolutely incapacitates English athelets. With the meeting fixed for the end of September, the climatic objections vanish, and the Oxonians understand that Harvard and Yale would be disposed to accept an autumn date if July were voted impossible.

"The financial difficulty is serious," said an officer of the Oxford University Athletic Club. "Our clubs are poor, and the English, who are so wasteful of money in many ways, do not waste much on athletics, and a subscription list, so readily raised for American sports, might well be a flat failure here. Then, the Dons, who are the governing body of our young athletes, have developed the curious doctrine that all sports ought to be conducted without any financial support, and they taboo as professional any praiseworthy attempts to give the public the best show at the best possible price. As, however, Harvard and Yale and Oxford and Cambridge appear to fully mean business, we must all do our best to arrange the difficulties and bring off the meeting somehow."

GOLF ON SOUTHERN LINKS.

Harban and McKinley of This City Playing Finely at St. Augustine.

Match play in the golf tournament at St. Augustine was continued yesterday. In the first division some of the players who have done excellent work at Palm Beach were defeated. Among them were C. F. Watson, sr., and C. F. Watson, jr., who were defeated in the first round. The elder Watson was beaten by C. E. Travelli, who plays from the Oakley Club this year, and his son succumbed to Dr. H. H. Harban of the Columbia Club of this city. There were no other surprises, except, possibly, the defeat of C. L. Tappin of Westbrook at the hands of F. E. Webber of Toledo in the second sixteen.

The most exciting match of the afternoon was between Charles B. Cory of Ardsley and T. T. Reid of Montclair, the latter winning by 3 up and 1 to play. Several men defaulted in the second sixteen, but only those who would have flunked anyway in the first division. Some of the men who have done excellent work at Palm Beach went under.

Yesterday's results were:

Morning round—first sixteen—C. Dixon defeated C. Livingston, jr., 5 and 4; H. H. Harban defeated C. F. Watson, jr., 6 and 4; C. I. Travelli defeated C. F. Watson, sr., 2 and 1; W. B. Cheney defeated Sidney Carpenter, 4 and 3; C. B. Cory defeated A. F. Knight, 4 and 3; T. T. Reid defeated Mr. Grover, 2 up; Paul Waterman defeated Mr. Rainey, 1 up, 19 holes; A. J. Wellington defeated T. E. Rumbough, 4 and 3.

Second sixteen—F. E. Webber defeated C. L. Tappen, 3 and 2; F. M. Freeman defeated D. B. Martin by default; J. William McKinley defeated William Watson, 5 and 4; Mr. Saltus defeated Irving Brokaw by default; Mr. Climo defeated Harry Diston, 4 and 3; F. Parks defeated C. W. Harkness by default; R. L. Titus defeated Mr. Lynds, 5 and 3; H. P. Dixon defeated R. Cresswell, 3 and 2.

In the afternoon first division Harban defeated Clayton Dixon, 3 and 2; Cheney defeated Travelli, 4 up; Reid defeated Cory, 3 and 1; Wellington defeated Waterman, 7 and 6.

Second division—Freeman defeated Webber, 3 and 2; McKinley defeated Saltus by default; Climo defeated Parks, 4 up; H. P. Dixon defeated Titus, 2 and 1.

DONOVAN'S SENSIBLE TALK.

Admits American League is Strong and Has Hurt the National.

Patsy Donovan, manager of the St. Louis team, with Left Fielder Jesse Burkett, spent Monday in Pittsburg, en route to St. Louis, where Donovan hopes Frank De Haas Robison will be able to induce Burkett to sign a contract. Donovan met Rhody Wallace and Emmett Heidrick in the smoky city, who have lately resigned with St. Louis. Donovan, who has always been known as a most fair manager, giving every one his due, gave an interesting talk on the new American League. He admits the new organization to be strong, and gives great credit to those back of it for getting so many good men in line. Donovan said:

"It would be foolish for any man to say that the American League isn't in shape to make good. It shows up strong, and what's the use of saying it ain't good? It is most unfortunate for the National League. Johnson's league has weakened every team in the league save Brooklyn and Pittsburg. These people were the strongest last year. I know what they held out to some of our people. Burkett was offered a fabulous sum for playing in the new league, as was Wallace and Heidrick. Burkett has not yet signed with us, but I hope he will on reaching St. Louis.

"With regard to Young, I will say that I have yet hopes of reclaiming him. I won't lie by saying that I don't want Young. The blow will be heavy if Young is lost to us. Cyrus Young is a wonderful pitcher. He is an awfully good man to have in the spring. He is also a good man to have in the fall, and in midsummer he has them all beaten. That's what I think of Young.

"In regard to Ban Johnson's plea that Wallace and Heidrick signed with the American League, I will say that the boys might have, on being asked for terms, named a price. I suppose there was some correspondence between them, but nothing was closed. Under old terms, if a player asked his terms and named a figure, that closed the deal, but not so now. The player has the refusal. One must have his signature and have it locked up in the safe, too."

WESTERN ASSOCIATION LAUNCHED.

Indianapolis and Louisville Placed in a Compact Circuit.

FORT WAYNE, Ind., March 27.—The Interstate Base Ball League disbanded last night, a new organization to be called the Western Association was launched and it was announced that the new association would be protected by the National League. Franchises were awarded to Louisville, Indianapolis, Toledo, Grand Rapids, Dayton, Fort Wayne, Marion and Columbus, Ohio.

Gleason Wanted in Philadelphia.

A deal is on between the Philadelphia and New York clubs of the National League. Manager Shettsline of the Phillies held a conference with President Freedman of the New York club yesterday in the latter city.

The object of the conference is said to be for Philadelphia to get Second Baseman "Kid" Gleason in a deal wherby the Phillies will give up one or more pitchers. There is a good chance of the negotiations being successful.

Philadelphia needs a second baseman since Lajoie has "jumped" to the American League, and New York has a good man in that position in Murphy, while Manager Davis recently announced that Gleason would be traded. New York, however, is shy on pitchers, as Carrick, Mercer, Sparks and Garvin have signed with the American League clubs and Hawley has not yet come to terms.

Philadelphia, on the other hand, has seven twirlers, already signed, with another to be heard from. What pitchers New York wants for Gleason could not be learned.

Dineen's Desertion Surprises Boston.

Great surprise was caused in Boston yesterday by the announcement that Director J. B. Billings had succeeded in inducing Pitcher Dineen to go back on his personal contract to play ball for Charles W. Somers the coming season. The plan of the National Leaguers proved successful in the case of Dineen, and yesterday Director Billings left for the west to land Chick Stahl. Money is not to be spared in the endeavor to bring back the players who have strayed away from the fold.

After all the Philadelphia American Leaguers did not succeed in landing Gammons, the Brown coach, but the Boston National League team secured him. Last week Gammons announced that he would not play professional ball, but it seems he thought better of the proposition and accepted the liberal offer of the Bostons and signed a contract.

The players of the Boston National League club near that city will leave for Norfolk Saturday evening at 6 o'clock. They will reach New York the following morning and leave at 10 a.m. for Washington, leaving that night for Norfolk and arriving there the next morning. Manager Duffy left Boston for the west last night. He will stop off at Buffalo and confer with Collins, talk with Somers at Cleveland and go to Milwaukee to collect his clans and proceed to St. Louis for practice.

Pittsburg Sustains Hard Blow.

Confirmation of the report that Third Baseman Jimmy Williams had signed with the Baltimore club of the American League reached Pittsburg yesterday afternoon. Jack O'Connor wired from St. Louis and Mrs. Williams, wife of the tosser, also exhibited a telegram from her husband. President Dreyfus is wild. He said:

"Williams will play in Pittsburg or not at all. He accepted terms, contract and all and reported to the springs at our expense."

Base Ball Notes.

Connie Mack is making big preparations for the opening game with Washington, April 24.

If McGraw has landed Williams and Donlin there will be weeping and wailing in Pittsburg over the loss of the great third baseman.

The Cincinnati management is now reported to be after "Dummy" Hoy, the ex-Senator, who did so well with Comiskey last season.

All the northeast end of Washington is happy over the building of the new ball park. The games will certainly brighten matters up considerably in that direction this summer.

There will be about seventy-five private boxes in the new stands, the seats in which will be sold at 75 cents and will be reserved at a downtown office yet to be selected by Manager Manning.

Pitcher Carrick was offered a $500 increase to remain with the New York team, but he prefers to play in Washington.

John Montgomery Ward has given an opinion upon the option clause, which he considers valid, but does not believe the rest of the National League contract equitable; hence no court would enforce it by granting an injunction against a player.

The report that Hanlon offered Lange $7,000 to play with the Brooklyn club seems incredible. It is hardly likely that either Keeler or Kelley is getting that much money. Hanlon is not quite a fool, and he would not discriminate to that extent among his players and thus arouse jealousy.

The friends of Pitcher Breitenstein are resorting to a novel method to get him a berth with the St. Louis club, though he is under contract with Cincinnati. A petition to President Robison asking him to buy "Breit's" release has already 2,000 signatures, and 10,000 more are expected to be secured.

The fact that President Johnson did not issue the official list of players is no great loss to the base ball enthusiast. The list, when given out, will not contain three names of players who are not now known to have cast their fortunes with the expanding league.

Tim Donahue is about to shake the dust or mud of Chicago from his feet. He hopes to become manager of the Colorado Springs team. This would be much better than going to Duluth. Ted Sullivan's Northwestern League club but one loyal follower, and that was "T."

"In Boston," said Comiskey, "they have about $40,000 worth of steel and stone on the grounds, and I understand that Soden and Conant are going out there every morning to see how things progress. Why, talk about the American League breaking. Just watch them next summer. Those who are unable to get through the turnstiles will throw their money over the fence."

Let the American pay up and finish the season in good shape, and they would have no trouble in signing all the league players they want next season. It's the first season that is bound to be the hard one on the young organization, as far as the players go, and the players are pretty wise and always play the cards close to their breasts. The backers of base ball clubs are all aware of this fact by this time, for the players have worked every one for the last nickel in sight.

Charles Zimmer, the famous catcher of the Pittsburg team, has reconsidered his recently announced retirement from the ball field and has announced that he will play with Pittsburg again this year.

"Pink" Hawley, pitcher for the New York club last season, is in demand by both leagues. Pink expects to meet Manager Davis at Beaver Dam tomorrow, but Andrew Freedman will have to go over $3,000 to get Hawley, as he has that offer from the American League. Pink says he will sign with the highest bidder.

Vice President Somers of the American League, discussing the recent statement of President Robison of the St. Louis National League club, in which it was charged that the American League people had deliberately attempted to break up the St. Louis club, says: "Robison's statement is absurd. We never contemplated taking any of the National League players until the magnates of that organization started, or attempted to start, the American Association, which was to be used, as every one knows, solely for the purpose of crushing the American League." Mr. Somers added that the American League would have a fair proportion of the base ball stars in the various teams.

Big Shooting Tournament.

The executive committee in charge of the Pan-American trap shooting tournament at inanimate targets and live birds, which is to be held in the stadium at the exposition grounds, Buffalo, from July 15 to 20, inclusive, held a meeting at the Astor House, New York, Monday. Harry Kirkover of Fredonia, N. Y., presided, and other members of the committee were Elmer E. Shaner of Pittsburg, Edward Banks and Bernard Waters of New York, George W. Loomis of Omaha, Col. J. T. Anthony, Charlotte, N. C., and Thomas A. Marshall, Keithboro, Ill.

Messrs. Shaner, Banks and Waters were appointed a committee for the arrangement of an elaborate program, which will include handicaps and sweepstakes at targets and live birds. Added money to the amount of $2,000 will be awarded in the several events, in addition to numerous trophies and merchandise prizes. The "E. C. trophy," now held by W. R. Crosby of O'Fallon, Ill., will be shot for during the week, the conditions for this event being targets at unknown angles, expert rule and pairs. The committee adjourned to meet again in Buffalo after the grand American handicap shall have been decided at Interstate Park, Long Island, next week.

Amateur Pool Tourney.

The pool tournament for the championship of the District, at the Maryland pool parlors, 1008 Pennsylvania avenue, is attracting a great deal of attention, large crowds being in attendance to witness the games. Last night Maynard defeated Spinner, 100 to 72, although the latter had been picked as a sure winner. Tonight Campbell and Moran will be the contestants. Two additional prizes, a gold medal and a box of cigars, have been added to the trophy list, making five in all. A certified check for $50, covering the first three prizes, has been deposited with a responsible party.

LAST OF THE SERIES.

Lenten Lecture Under Auspices of Churchmen's League.

The last of the series of Lenten lectures given under the auspices of the Churchmen's League of the District of Columbia was delivered last evening at the Church of the Epiphany. The speaker was Rev. Percy Grant of New York.

Mr. Grant's theme was "The Sacredness of the National Spirit." It had not, he said, until recently been supposed that at the beginning of the twentieth century there would be found in America a large number of persons who desire a return of the papacy to temporal power. Such a thing, he said, if brought about, would, in his judgment, be productive of bad results, and he thought it the duty of every member of the Churchmen's League to talk with his Catholic friends and point out to them that the true welfare, and perhaps the future of the Catholic Church depends on the latter looking after religious matters and collateral subjects and letting the affairs of state alone.

The great mass of Catholic citizens of the United States, he said, are not aware of the dangers attending the dual government of church and state, and he believed that but few have reasoned the matter out to its logical conclusion. But he also believed that while there are a great many American Catholics who practically own allegiance to the papacy, if there should ever be an occasion demanding it they would rally as one man to the support of the flag which has given them so many privileges.

He was not opposed to the Roman Catholic Church, he said, whose doctrines every citizen has a right to accept. What he complained of was the wish on the part of many, especially in Rome, to make the church play the part of a great diplomatic power.

Diplomacy and politics, he declared, are not parts of church work. The business of the church is to teach of the higher life and to look after the spiritual well-being of its members. It cannot, however, arbitrarily make a man good.

Mr. Grant quoted a number of instances from history to show that in various countries where the papacy had once had control it had been found necessary by the government to bring about a separation and maintain secular law as the one superior power in matters of state.

There is, he thought, a great work for the members of the league to do in disseminating correct information on the subject of the "Sacredness of the National Spirit."

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Granted Sick Leave.

Captain J. C. Breckinridge of the Marine Corps has been granted five months' sick leave.

Racing at Benning tomorrow. First race at 3 o'clock.—Advt.