

not gaining anything by publishing these interviews, but only proves that his actions need defending. Cut it out.

The amateur standing of Jim Thorpe, Carlisle athlete and Olympic champion, has been justified. According to reports, a letter was said to have been sent to the A. A. A. declaring Thorpe had once played professional ball with the Carolina association. The manager of the team he was alleged to have played with denied Thorpe was with his team. James E. Sullivan of the A. A. A. declared this letter closed the incident.

Spike Kelly has been matched to fight 10 rounds to a decision with Tommy Howell in Kansas City, Feb. 7. The men will weigh in at 145 pounds.

Charles Stewart, recently secured by the Cubs, has been turned over to Indianapolis of the American Association.

Bobby McLean, the Chicago ice flyer, covered a half mile in Cleveland in 1:16 1-5, clipping 12.5 seconds off the record.

Wikoff, member of the Olympic team, running under the colors of the Chicago A. A., won the five-mile race in the First Regiment games in 26:59. Qualifying and semi-final rounds in all events were staged last night, and finals will be run off tonight in the First Regiment armory.

Dick Cantwell, Hyde Park school pitcher, has signed with Oshkosh. He was offered a contract with the Cubs, but knew he would be turned over to some

minor league at the close of the spring trip and preferred to pick his own league.

INDEPENDENT ELECTORS

The movement to have aldermen elected as independents is a move in the right direction.

There is no more sense in electing an alderman because he is a Democrat or Republican than there is in electing him because he happens to be a Methodist, an Odd Fellow, an Elk or an A. P. A.

The main thing is that he be an honest man who will faithfully represent the people and not sell them out. Of course it will help some if he has some brains.

But the party thing is bunk. There's a great hullabaloo between Democrats and Republicans during the campaign, but you can't tell the difference between them after they are elected.

There are honest men in all parties, and there are crooks in all parties; and the real difference between aldermen is as to the kind of men they are. What party they belong to cuts no figure at all, so far as the people are concerned.

Conductor (to countryman)—

If you saw him picking the gentleman's pocket, why didn't you interfere? Countryman—I saw that sign up there, "Beware of Pickpockets," an' I was afraid to.

"Is your new maid particular with her work?" "Yes, indeed. She breaks nothing but the best china."