HEAVY-WEIGHT BOXERS SCARCE NOWADAYS

Few Men of Class Are Being Developed in the Heavier Ring Divisions.

GENERAL PUGILISTIC NOTES.

McPadden and Sullivan Should Furnish a Good Bout Next Thursday—Rice in the City.

Although boxing is probably a higher science to-day than ever before, it is a noteworthy fact that one or two men seem to have things pretty much their own way in all the heavier divisions, and as a result it is doubtful whether the general average of the heavy classes to-day is as good as it was in the middle nineties.

Nowadays one or two men hold the center of the stage in every class except the feather-weight division and are admittedly better than their would-be opponents; in the early part of the last decade several men of championship caliber could be found in each division.

In the heavy-weight class, for instance, Sullivan was still considered a possible factor as late as 1894. It will be remembered that he entered the ring at Carson City on St. Patrick's Day, 1897, and challenged the winner of the Corbett-Fitzsimmons fight, stating that he believed he had one fight left in him still. Peter Jackson, Peter Maher, Sharkey and Fitzsimmons were all heavy-weight candidates in those days, any one of whom was considered able to give Corbett or Sullivan a run for his money, while Charley Mitchell, before his crushing defeat by Corbett, was another strong factor. Joe Choynski, on the strength of his battles with Corbett, was also to be considered among the leading men of that time, although both he and Fitz were lighter than the rest of the front-rank candidates.

Nowadays Jeffries seems to have all the heavy weights whipped except Jim Corbett, and he can admittedly defeat the former champion in a finish fight without incurring any danger himself. That he dreads Corbett's speed and boxing skill in a limited round bout, however, is evidenced by the fact that he refuses to give Corbett a chance in a twenty-round contest. This seems to show that he recognizes that the blow with which he stowed the former champion away in the twenty-third round at Coney Island was a lucky punch indeed. In a finish fight, however, no one seems able to give Jeffries even a mild argument. Munroe need not be considered as yet.

In the middle-weight division but two men can be even remotely considered as having a claim on the championship. Tommy Ryan is clearly entitled to the title in that division and seems to stand as much alone as Jeffries does among the heavy weights. Jack O'Brien, after his showing in one or two recent battles, cannot hope to have more than a fair chance of defeating Ryan if the men finally get together. Ryan, therefore, is the only championship bit of timber in the middle-weight division.

Who is there among the welter weights able to bother Joe Walcott when the negro wishes to box on his merits? He could probably batter any competitor of his own weight into submission very shortly. He stands alone in his division. In the light-weight class Joe Gans and Jimmy Britt stand alone. Young Corbett and McGovern could give either man a strong argument, but they persist in clinging to the feather-weight division, as the 127-pounders of to-day are classified. So Gans and Britt are the only bits of championship material in their division also.

It is in the feather-weight division that most candidates with a chance can be found. Here at least a dozen men of ability, ranging from 122 to 129 pounds, can be selected, all of whom seem to have a chance to secure the title some day or other. In the heavier divisions, however, one or at most two men have things entirely their own way. McClelland, Yanger, McGovern and Dave Sullivan would all have strong supporters were they to battle against Young Corbett. Where can even one man be found in the heavy-weight, middl-weight or welter-weight divisions who would have a particularly strong following against the champions in that class?

In the middle nineties George Dixon was the only man who seemed to have things altogether his own way in his class. Young Griffo was really a light-weight, so cannot be considered a real competitor of Dixon. Griffo was accustomed to make matches with feather weights, post a forfeit of a couple of hundred dollars for making, say, 122 or 124 pounds, then forfeit his money and enter the ring without weighing. He is said to have fought many of his feather-weight opponents at 125 pounds, and thus have the long end of the purse assured, although he lost his forfeit money.

Dan Creedon and Kid McCoy were welter weights in those days. Among the men, from light weight to heavy weight, who were all considered capable of meeting the best men in their classes eight years ago were Jack Dempsey, McAuliffe, George Dawson, Tom Tracy, Jim Hall, Billy Smith, Joe Goddard, Steve O'Donnell and Herbert Slade.

That number could not be found in all the classes, from light weight to heavy weight, to-day, who would be even remotely selected to win from the champions.

The fact that the average of heavy men is lowering does not necessarily mean that pugilism is in decay. It simply is a result of the steady occupation given smaller fighters, and the enforced idleness of the big men. A heavy-weight can hardly secure a match anywhere in the country to-day, while all the points where boxing is permitted are ready to welcome the little fellows.

Small men fight faster and batter each other less than the big men. As a result, less opposition to prize fighting is aroused when little men are engaged. This is the whole secret of the development of the feather and bantam classes and the decadence of the heavier men. In the middle nineties the big fellows were in demand, and good men were developed in consequence. To-day the smaller men are utilized, and the big fellows are being developed slowly through lack of opportunity.

Even light heavy weights like Root, Gardner and Carter arouse opposition when they meet in six-round bouts, while Yanger and men of his weight can fight without opposition. As a result, the heavy men have been temporarily relegated to the back seats and the average pugilistic merit is being best preserved in the lighter classes. Even light weights are considered a trifle too big by many club managers.

In this connection, however, it must be said there is a decided improvement in the light-weight division to-day, which is not caused by failure to employ the men; the best explanation is that legitimate light weights prefer to crowd into the so-called feather-weight division and battle at 122 pounds when their lawful weight should be 133.

Hugh McFadden and Brooklyn Tommy Sullivan should furnish a fast and interesting bout when they tie up at the West End Club Thursday, the men seeming more evenly matched than any pair which have met of late. McFadden is working daily for the contest and Sullivan has never let up on his training for a moment.

McFadden will probably be a slight favorite in what betting may be done on the contest, to judge from talk about town, although it is rather difficult to see how he can be given the edge over Sullivan. The fact that the men are so close together in the opinion of fight goers, however, should result in considerable interest in the bout itself.

Although Jeffries and Jack Munroe have issued directly conflicting statements concerning their bout in the West, Munroe claiming that he knocked the champion over, while Jeffries asserts he did not, the fact of a partial knockdown may be taken as authentic. Accounts of the battle, written in the Butte papers by the sporting writers, all prove that Jeffries went to his knees in one round, while the eyewitnesses to the contest who have passed through this city state that this was the result of a right lead by Munroe.

Munroe illustrated the punch after he reached New York, and posed for the blow. Munroe does not claim that he delivered a clean knockdown, but states that he caught Jeffries off his balance and half parried, half punched him to the floor with a right on the ribs. Jeffries was up in an instant and only went to his knees.

Austin Rice, who fought Young Corbett at Hot Springs last week, is in the city, and is anxious to get on at the West End Club. After his showing with the champion, it is not likely he will be accommodated unless he is willing to go on in a semi-windup.

In response to a challenge by Andy Stevenson stating that he was willing to meet any welter weight in the city, a representative of Charley Cornwall has announced that that welter weight would be glad to go up against Stevenson and to make a bet on the side. All that the latter wishes in particular is that Stevenson post a forfeit for making 145 pounds.

To-Day's Oakland Entries.

First race, six furlongs:

Lapidus	99	Rose of Hilo	107
Dora I	99	Master	86
Cathello	99	Derby Winner	100
Myrtle H	104	Fairbury	106
Pirate Maid	104	Senator Bruce	101
Frank Pearce	104	El Pilar	105
Harry Thatcher	104	Intrepido	102

Second race, one mile, selling, maiden 2-year-olds:

Tortulla	109	Brunnel	112
Young Marlow	109	Baby Bird	112
Merwan	109	Andrew Ring	112
Chemist	109		

Third race, seven-sixteenths mile, selling, 2-year-olds:

Knob Hampton	113	Selected	109
Easter Lady	112	Ravelena	109
Rocco	106	Rose Tarr	109
Floriana Belle	106		

Fourth race, mile and a sixteenth, selling:

Sweet Tooth	109	Hermencia	107
Frank Woods	110	Nigrette	99
Tufts	103	Bessie McCarthy	101
Dupont	93		

Fifth race, six furlongs, selling:

Lady Kent	102	Alice Carey	94
Dolly Welthoff	102	Mexicana	94
Botany	106	Light Ball	104
Haimault	105	Laura F. M	97
Shellmount	105	Divina	103
Rubus	110	Peaceful	108
J. H. Bennett	94	Barkleyite	110
Matt Hogan	108		

Sixth race, one mile, purse:

*Dainty	88	Searcher	106
*Proser	93	Cunard	101
Claude	89	Brass	101

*Jennings's entry. Clear; fast.

OAKLAND SELECTIONS

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

San Francisco, Jan. 18.—Selections:
First Race—Fairbury, Derby Winner, Harry Thatcher.
Second Race—Baby Bird, Andrew Ring, Brunnel.
Third Race—No selections.
Fourth Race—Tufts, Nigrette, Bessie McCarthy.
Fifth Race—J. H. Bennett, Dolly Withoff, Shellmount.
Sixth Race—Claude, Jennings entry, Cunard.

To-Day's Crescent City Entries.

First race, purse, six furlongs:

Jim King	107	Royal Deceiver	110
Poplar	107	Springstead	110
Kiwasa	107	Spec	112
Safeguard	107	Memphian	115
Martin Brady	107		

Second race, one mile, selling:

Insolence	128	Judge Magee	134
Russellton	131	El Rey	136
Doctor Funnie	134	Passaic	139
Benson Caldwell	136	Peter Duryea	139
The Black Scot	138	Aratoma	142
Peat	136	Gingsray	142

Third race, purse, six and a half furlongs:

Lady Alberta	98	Buccleuth	106
Our Jessie	98	Alnaca	107
Maltster	102	Aline S.	107
Balsleur	103	Ben Frost	109
John A. Clark	102	Bard of Avon	109
Belvino	106	Tom Kingsley	109

Fourth race, handicap, seven furlongs:

Miss Shanley	90	Major Tenny	100
Hankin	94	Kaloma	102
Lennep	100	Flintlock	106

Fifth race, purse, six furlongs:

Candareen	100	Paramount	106
Amusement	109	Helen Hay	112
Lady Mimmie	100	Dodona	112
Rosy Posy	100	Bloom	112
Fair Lass	100	Mamselle	112
Gold Bride	100		

Sixth race, selling, mile and one-eighth:

Pilaster	98	Potheen	99
Compass	96	The Way	99
Mary Moore	96	Alfred C	101
Chickadee	97	King Barleycorn	104
False Lead	96	Erne	104
Shut Up	96	Satin Coat	105

CRESCENT CITY SELECTIONS.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

New Orleans, Jan. 18.—Selections:
First Race—Royal Deceiver, Memphian, Springstead.
Second Race—Peat, El Rey, Russellton.
Third Race—Tom Kingsley, Bard of Avon, John A. Clarke.
Fourth Race—Kaloma, Miss Shanley, Lennep.
Fifth Race—Mamselle, Helen Hay, Fair Lass.
Sixth Race—Compass, Potheen, Satin Coat.

BOWLING.

PUESER LEAGUE.

Lismores 3, Woodwards 2.

Scores on the Pueser alleys last evening were:

WOODWARDS.

Name.	1	2	3	4	5	T'l.	Av.
Beekman	6	30	41	34	47	43	195	39
Buerkle	10	21	48	55	34	44	232	46 1-5
Loeker	4	28	34	47	40	56	245	49
Gallagher	5	19	44	46	62	46	218	43 1-5
Miller	6	15	40	43	68	58	230	46
Totals	31	113	207	225	251	257	1150	46

LISMORES.

Names.	C.	M.	1	2	3	4	5	T'l.	Av.
Springmeyer	5	33	32	44	45	47	59	256	51
Boyle	9	10	53	47	51	37	38	236	47 1-5
Lanigan	9	35	31	38	47	47	32	195	39
Holland	7	38	44	34	43	40	39	200	40
Clymer	12	13	49	51	34	46	58	240	48
Totals	42	119	209	243	240	219	226	1136	45 11-25

Regents 3, Hyde Parks 2.

REGENTS.

Name.	C.	M.	1	2	3	4	5	T'l.	Av.
G. Hidemann	3	40	40	43	36	31	35	225	45
Schildman	1	36	38	45	42	43	43	209	41 4-5
W. Hidemann	8	45	41	49	33	38	34	236	41 1-5
Dougherty	3	9	43	43	53	54	41	273	54 3-5
Soeder	4	31	41	40	40	47	43	211	42 1-5
Totals	21	151	223	219	203	214	215	1104	44 4-5

HYDE PARKS.

Name.	C.	M.	1	2	3	4	5	T'l.	Av.
Maxwell	3	16	49	54	41	48	51	243	53 4-5
Zimmermann	6	26	31	27	44	41	42	185	37 4-5
J. Pueser	8	27	43	41	38	39	55	214	42 4-5
Strattmann	4	18	40	46	54	41	18	259	51 4-5
J. Meyer	8	30	33	39	54	38	36	195	39
Total	30	127	212	207	231	209	246	1126	45 1-35

Crystals 3, Woodchoppers 2.

CRYSTALS.

Name.	C.	M.	1	2	3	4	5	T'l.	Av.
Harris	3	24	56	50	35	46	30	217	43 2-5
Brannan	10	19	50	50	42	34	44	224	44 4-5
O. Meyer	6	26	34	54	50	34	46	220	44
Roedel	4	23	43	54	43	53	57	248	49 2-5
Floerke	6	11	46	56	48	67	52	229	57 4-5
Totals	33	110	249	263	218	239	236	1138	47 22-35

WOODCHOPPERS.

Name.	C.	M.	1	2	3	4	5	T'l.	Av.
Hintz	9	29	38	60	36	43	35	212	42 4-5
Roehke	1	31	58	48	41	36	51	234	46 4-5
Logemann	6	25	40	36	41	49	46	212	47
Westenberger	6	32	27	56	43	43	46	215	43
Overman	4	13	38	53	57	44	59	250	54 4-5
Totals	26	130	251	253	218	215	234	1170	46 20-35

Pastimes 2, Eagles 2.

PASTIMES.

Name.	C.	M.	1	2	3	4	5	T'l.	Av.
Sailer	7	32	51	41	33	45	60	229	47 4-5
Freyer	4	17	45	47	50	49	56	247	49 2-5
Gibson	5	10	39	54	46	57	45	241	48 1-5
W. Koenemann	11	19	44	51	37	38	46	216	43 1-5
G. Pueser	7	22	40	42	47	38	41	208	41 3-5
Totals	34	97	220	235	213	227	257	1221	48 21-35

EAGLES.

Name.	C.	M.	1	2	3	4	5	T'l.	Av.
Morris	10	13	47	38	46	43	32	208	41 3-5
Hatfield	11	11	37	54	34	38	38	201	40 1-5
Henstette	9	22	40	44	29	42	58	253	50 1-5
Davies	4	15	54	65	46	58	43	261	52 1-5
F. Scholl	12	25	38	36	32	61	40	207	41 2-5
Totals	46	93	236	239	219	236	230	1160	46 10-35

St. Louis League.

Standing in the junior division of the St. Louis League follows:

Clubs.	W.	L.	Pct.	High.	Av.
Ideals	26	13	.667	821	759 17-35
Letter Carriers	25	14	.641	858	764 5-35
Palms	25	14	.641	866	742 18-35
M., K. & T.	19	20	.487	884	757 4-11
Federals	18	21	.462	856	736 4-11
Home Laundry	4	35	.103	795	677 23-35

TEAM RECORDS.

High average—Letter Carriers 764 5-35
High score—Palms and Letter Carriers....856
High average (three games)—M., K. & T. 848 2-3

INDIVIDUAL RECORDS.

High average—Thompson (M., K. & T.)..161 10-12
High score—Stueve (Palms) 236
High average (three games)—Torrens (Ideals) 190 1-3

SCHEDULE FOR THIS WEEK.

January 19—Palms vs. M., K. & T. at Jefferson alleys.
January 20—Federals vs. Home Laundry at Jefferson alleys.
January 21—Letter Carriers vs. Ideals at Palace alleys.

Blue Ribbons in Match Game.

Members of the Blue Ribbon tenpin team, which is to represent St. Louis in the national bowling tournament at Indianapolis next month, will meet the Post Office team of the St. Louis League in a special match this evening. The game will be bowled on the Palace alleys.

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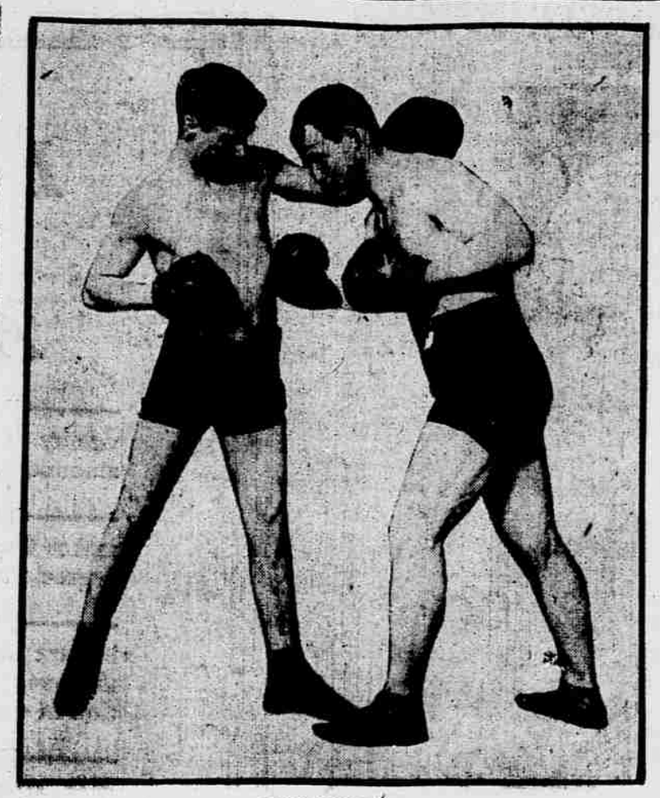

JACK MUNROE.

Illustrating the blow with which he knocked Jeffries over. This picture was taken immediately after Munroe's arrival in New York, and shows the miner landing a right to the ribs of his sparring partner. This punch sent Jeffries to his knees in the bout at Butte.

PEACE IN BASEBALL HANGS IN BALANCE

National League Is Split Into Two Factions on Eve of Important Meeting.

BRUSH'S DOMINEERING COURSE

New York Club Owner Revives Baseball Government by Injunction and Will Make a Fight.

Cincinnati, O., Jan. 18.—Harry C. Pulliam, president of the National Baseball League; Frank De Hass Robison and M. Stanley Robison of the St. Louis club, and Barney Dreyfuss, representing both the Pittsburg and the Philadelphia clubs, are the only ones here to-night for the adjourned meeting of the National League here to-morrow afternoon.

President August Hermann of the Cincinnati Club was with them to-night, and they stated that they had word from others on the way, so that they were assured that all of the eight clubs would be represented. At the annual meeting of the National League in New York last month a committee consisting of Herrmann, Robison and Hart was appointed to confer with a committee of the American League consisting of Somers, Comiskey and Killilea to consider terms of agreement. When this joint committee met in Cincinnati on January 9 Presidents Johnson and Pulliam were added to the committee.

The annual meeting of the National League in New York last month having adjourned subject to a call of the president to hear the report of its conference Committee, the meeting to-morrow is for the adoption or rejection of that report, which has already been published. At the annual meeting in New York last month the motion for the Committee of Conference was made by John T. Brush, president of the New York club, and the resolution afterwards framed by Colonel Rogers of the Philadelphia club.

HOPING AGAINST HOPE.

While these gentlemen have since expressed dissatisfaction with the agreement, those who are here to-night think that they will agree to it after their committee explains fully its work and how the results were reached. President Pulliam said to-night that he had advices indicating that there would undoubtedly be a full representation. It is understood that the New York injunction will not interfere with the meeting, as it lies against ratification only, and it may be some time before such action is reached.

While Dreyfuss has power of attorney to vote for the Philadelphia club, as well as for the Pittsburg club, of which he is president, he is enjoined from voting for either club, and this would leave Boston, New York, Brooklyn, Cincinnati, St. Louis and Chicago alone with the voting power in the meeting on the question of ratification. New York and Brooklyn are the only ones in doubt. Notwithstanding the resort to the courts by Brush and the comments of others, those who are here to-night are confident that the peace compact will finally be ratified

OFF FOR CINCINNATI.

Pat Donovan Will Attend National League Meeting.

J. Patrick Donovan, manager of the Cardinals, and dispenser of a $9,000 per annum salary, got away for Cincinnati last night at 8:30, whither he goes to attend the National League meeting to-day at the request of Frank deHass Robison.

John T. Brush and some eight other magnates whom Brush has consented to allow to remain in the National League will confer for the peace proposition, and what the result will be no man can tell. Mr. Brush is going to let the rest of the National League give him advice, which he very likely won't accept, and at this writing it looks very much like there will be an explosion in which the tail feathers of the dove of peace will be shot to pieces.

Mr. Donovan will do a little conferring with Mr. Robison. It is presupposed that he will refuse to confer degrees on several players who were gathered in Louis Hellbronner's dragnet last fall. Meanwhile the long-suffering baseball public will be afflicted with the details of another move in the game in baseball politics, but the public must stand for it.

About half the baseball magnates of to-day are in the game to see their names in print every day, and in this respect it must be admitted that the National League has the American beaten to a standstill.

BENEFIT FOR MERCER'S MOTHER.

Old-Time Stars Will Don Uniforms in Baseball Game.

San Francisco, Cal., Jan. 18.—The All-National and All-American baseball teams played a game here to-day for the benefit of Mrs. Margaret Mercer of East Liverpool, O., the mother of Winnie Mercer, the pitcher who committed suicide here last week. The game was the farewell appearance of the Eastern players, and the grounds were thronged. About $1,500 was netted for Mrs. Mercer.

Joe Corbett, formerly the star pitcher of the Baltimore champions, was in the box for the Nationals. He pitched a fine game, allowing only five hits, and he batted in three runs. Iberg of the Philadelphia Nationals pitched for the Americans, and outside of one inning did effective work. The umpires were Bill Lange, once a famous outfielder of Chicago, and Jim McDonald. Score: Americans 5; Nationals 4.

STRONG TEAM FOR EVANSVILLE.

Thomas News Is Appointed Captain and Manager.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Evansville, Ind., Jan. 18.—Thomas News of this city has been appointed field manager and captain of the Evansville baseball team of the new Central League. G. W. Bement, president of the League, has signed the following players:

Pitchers—Fred Burchell, Perth Amboy, Pa., Parker Treat, Philadelphia; A. S. Blough, Philadelphia; D. A. Willis, Newark; Chas. Perkins, Roscoe, Pa.; John W. Block, Corydon, Ind.; Arthur Carleuner, Greman, Ind.

Catchers—Frank Cross, Cleveland; Thos. C. McKinney, Bell Vernon, Pa.

Infielders—Thomas News, Evansville; J. P. Boner, Newark; James Murphy, Bethel, O.; Frank W. Quinn, Grand Rapids; Jas. H. Kuhn, Bell Vernon, Pa.; J. W. Talford, Louisville; George Markley, San Antonio, Tex.; Mike Lawrence, Indianapolis.

Outfielders—John Russel, Philadelphia; C. L. Robinson, Cornell, Ill.; O. S. Hartley, Philadelphia; Joseph Perseval, Newton, Ill.; Richard J. Knox, Montana; J. T. Richards, Cornell, Ill.

The team will begin practice games some time in March or April. The following are the cities in the new League: Evansville, Terre Haute, Marion, Anderson, Fort Wayne, South Bend, Ind.; Dayton, O., and Wheeling, W. Va. Last year Evansville and Terre Haute were in the Three-I. League.

WOULD MATCH JEFFRIES AGAINST JIM CORBETT.

J. H. Herman Offers a Purse of $25,000 for a Twenty-Round Contest.

Buffalo, N. Y., Jan. 18.—J. H. Herman, manager and matchmaker of the Fort Erie Athletic Club, announced to-night that he will offer a purse of $25,000 for a twenty-round boxing contest between Jeffries and Corbett. He has written to the champion and ex-champion, making the offer and if satisfactory answers are received he will, he says, at once post a forfeit of $5,000 as a guarantee that the contest will take place without interference.

"Do you anticipate any interference from the Canadian authorities?" he was asked.

"It is not certain that the match will be pulled off in the Fort Erie Clubhouse. It will be remembered, however, that three championship contests between light weights and middle weights have already taken place across the river and there has been no infraction of the Canadian law governing boxing contests."

The fight will be pulled off in June if possible.

TROLLEY LEAGUE PLANS.

Permanent Organization to Be Effected This Week.

Representatives of the five cities in the new Missouri-Illinois Baseball League, also known as the Trolley League, will meet next Saturday night at the St. Louis office of the A. G. Spalding Company, No. 709 Pine street, to perfect permanent organization.

At a meeting in East St. Louis yesterday, in which every club was represented, much of the preliminary work of organization was accomplished. Tom Cahill of St. Louis, temporary president of the League, was empowered to draw up a schedule which will provide for Sunday games in all the towns in the circuit. The East St. Louis club will be allotted some week-day dates, also, as the East Side promoters have gone to much extra expense in providing a new park and a strong team. It was announced that John Terry, the crack pitcher of the Diels last summer, has been signed by East St. Louis. Terry is the lad who was given a trial by the Detroit club of the American League.

A salary limit was fixed and a constitution drawn up for presentation to the permanent organization. The two St. Louis teams will be dated for games in other cities nearly every Sunday, as the league expects to draw big crowds in East St. Louis, Belleville, Alton and St. Charles, and for the reason that the opposition of the big League clubs in St. Louis on Sunday would prove too strong for the new league. The season will start the last Sunday in April and will close about September 15. Post-season games will be provided for.

A. L. Krebs, owner of the Belleville club, is regarded as a strong candidate for the presidency of the league.

JUST LIKE THE BIG LEAGUE.

Minor Organizations Will Try to Get Together.

Kansas City, Mo., Jan. 18.—Representatives of the American Association and the Western League will hold a conference in this city to-morrow, and it is believed that the differences between the two leagues will then be compromised. The principal question at issue is the existence of two clubs in each of the two cities, Kansas City and Milwaukee.

George Tebeau of Louisville, representing the American Association, and Thomas F. Burns of Colorado Springs, George F. Simmons of Peoria, and President M. H. Sexton, representing the Western League, are in the city to-night. The Western League meeting, which has been postponed from time to time, will be held here to-morrow with all the cities in the league represented. It is said that James Manning will not be connected with the Kansas City team next season.

In an interview to-night Manager Tebeau made the statement that the American Association would have a team in Chicago next year.

WALSH SEEKS MATCH.

New York Pool Expert Willing to Meet All Comers.

Patrick H. Walsh, a pool player of national reputation, is in St. Louis and is seeking a match with any of the local exponents of the fifteen-ball game. Walsh is a New Yorker and has participated in several championship tournaments. He was the only player to defeat Alfred d'Oro, the present champion of the world, in the tournament some three years ago. Last year he finished third in the tournament for the national championship, which was played at Brooklyn. Walsh makes his challenge a sweeping def.

A match between Walsh and "Kid" Hueston, the Missouri champion, would be a strong attraction, but Hueston is out of the city at present. Thus far none of the local experts have manifested a burning desire to cross cues with the New Yorker, but it is possible that a handicap match will be arranged. Walsh is playing at the Broadway, and Frank Benson is hunting for some one who will be willing to take a piece of the Easterner's game.

The annual French-pool tournament at the Broadway will enter the third week to-night, and as yet no one player has a mortgage on the champion flip. Jess Leon is out in front, with Sheppard only one game behind. Henry Jones is not making the showing that was expected of him, but cannot be figured out of it yet. Drew and Francis will play to-night. Following is the present standing of the players:

Player.	W.	L.	Player.	W.	L.
Leon	2	0	Jones	1	2
Sheppard	3	1	Hoffmeister	1	2
Green	2	1	Sherman	1	2
Drew	2	1	Francis	0	3

NATIONAL LEAGUE FIELDING RECORDS

St. Louis Players Grace No Head Lines in Belated Official Averages.

KRUGER DRAWS TWO PRIZES.

"Oom Paul's" Infield Record Not a Flattering Testimonial—Currie Best Fielding Pitcher.

The fielding averages of National League players for the season of 1903 have at last arrived. They were longer in coming than a Vandeventer avenue owl car, and now that they have put in appearance the much-afflicted fan will be allowed to polish up his memory and be transported back to the good old summer time when he broiled on the 25-cent bleacher to watch the great game of baseball as played by the Cardinals, with the assistance of the other seven clubs of the League.

St. Louis has no headliners, but the "dope" furnishes a few mild surprises. For instance, Roy Brashear, at whom many an anvil chorus was directed, stands fifth among second basemen. In twenty-one games he made but five errors out of a possible 110 chances.

It is perhaps of interest to the general public that "Burgomaster" Hartman was not the worst third baseman in the League. There are six third sackers below him—"Oom Paul" Kruger gracing the rear position. Johnny Farrell made a better shortstop than a second baseman, according to the figures. The work of Nichols and Brashear at first base was but passing fair.

OUTFIELD RECORDS.

It is to be hoped that no fear will befall $9,000 Donovan just because he happens to stand thirteenth as an outfielder. His record entitles him to a better place, as some of the men who outrank him participated in, but comparatively few games.

Brashear ranks next to Donovan among the Cardinals on the strength of his work in fifteen games in the suburbs. Homer Smoot's erratic performances make his record belittle his true value to the club. He had days when he couldn't see the ball, and at least half of his twenty-one errors were made in a dozen games in which he gave the ball the greased digit. George Barclay, whom that great baseball historian, B. Stewart Muckenfuss, holds to be very much Jesse Burkett's superior, roosts close to the bottom rung. All in all, however, the work of Donovan's outfield was very good, considering the raw material with which P. J. had to work.

Ryan was the best fielding catcher, and Clarence Currie made but three errors in twenty-three games. Following are the official fielding records, as compiled by former Secretary Nick Young:

First Basemen.

Name and Club.	G.	P. O.	A.	E.	To'l Ch'ces.	Pct.
Wagner, J., Pittsburg	31	316	14	4	334	.988
Brandsfield, Pittsburg	106	1074	41	16	1131	.985
McCreery, Brooklyn	107	1022	61	16	1099	.985
McGann, New York	41	431	36	10	477	.985
Tenney, Boston	134	1322	110	22	1454	.984
Douglas, Philadelphia	63	664	31	11	706	.984
NICHOLS, St. Louis	67	583	34	10	627	.984
Doyle, New York	50	506	39	9	554	.984
Farrell, C., Brooklyn	24	231	15	4	250	.981
Beckley, Cincinnati	129	1273	69	23	1365	.983
Jennings, Philadelphia	69	656	47	12	715	.983
BRASHEAR, St. Louis	67	751	34	15	800	.981
O'Hagan, C. and N. Y.	90	498	41	12	549	.978
Dexter, Chi. & Boston	22	217	10	5	232	.978
Chance, Chicago	98	787	17	11	815	.972
Menefee, Chicago	19	193	7	6	206	.971
Williams, A. Chicago	21	201	14	8	223	.964

Second Basemen.

Name and Club.	G.	P. O.	A.	E.	To'l Ch'ces.	Pct.
Evers, Chicago	18	38	56	3	97	.969
Ritchey, Pittsburg	114	275	339	22	636	.965
Lowe, Chicago	119	228	416	23	777	.959
Smith, G., New York	140	354	409	34	799	.957
CHAPMAN, St. Louis	21	38	58	4	100	.955
Flood, Brooklyn	131	29	371	35	435	.951
Childs, Philadelphia	120	270	348	34	652	.948
FARRELL, J., St. Louis	119	301	438	42	781	.943
Beck, Cincinnati	47	68	97	11	176	.937
Dexter, Chi. & Boston	18	278	281	43	602	.929
De Montreville, Boston	113	272	281	42	595	.929
Magoon, Cincinnati	41	94	141	18	243	.926
Peitz, Cincinnati	100	121	126	22	277	.921
Burke, Pittsburg	28	53	86	17	156	.892

Third Basemen.

Name and Club.	G.	P. O.	A.	E.	To'l Ch'ces.	Pct.
Greminger, Boston	140	222	319	24	565	.958
Wolverton, Phila.	24	44	98	8	144	.944
Irwin, Brooklyn	131	199	348	28	575	.951
Dunn, New York	18	27	19	4	50	.921
Leach, Pittsburg	145	172	321	40	533	.925
Steinfeldt, Cincinnati	143	221	315	45	581	.922
HARTMAN, St. Louis	105	138	232	33	403	.918
Hallman, Phila.	72	72	149	21	242	.913
Lauder, New York	121	192	250	45	487	.907
Green, Philadelphia	19	22	40	7	69	.899
Schaefer, Chicago	91	106	181	31	318	.864
Dexter, Chi.-Bost.	41	67	53	21	141	.851
KRUGER, St. Louis	18	20	35	13	67