In the World of Sports.

NATIONAL LEAGUE SEASON'S FORECAST

Strength of the Major Base Ball Teams for 1897.

BALTIMORE IN SPLENDID SHAPE

Boston, Chicago, Cleveland and Washington Should Be in the First the men may elect. Division .- All the Clubs Seem to Have improved Their Pitching Departments and Gathered in Fast Lots of Pielders -- Notes About the Heroes of the Diamonds.

The Boston Berald in making a forecast of the strength of the national baseball teams for the season of 1897

The league baseball clubs are now made up for the season and some interesting comparisons are possible. The drying out process has begun in most of the clubs, and when the regular season begins players who fall to show sufficient ability will be dropped.

The champion Baltimores should be stronger if anything this season. The club is better fortified in pitchers. has McGraw back 'at third, which means an improvement in hitting and base running, and the batting strength of the team is improved by the accession of Stenzel. The latter is not the equal of Brodle as a fielder or as a base runner. In Quinn the club has a fine substitute infielder, and in O'Brien a finer substitute outfielder. No club is better provided for emergencies.

Boston carries a smaller roster than any other club, sixteen men. It has heavy pitchers, should be very fast in all departments, and keep down run getting on the part of its opponent to a minimum.

"BILLY" BARNIE'S TEAM.

"Manager Barnie of Brooklyn, has some excellent material and will be able to present a team that can keep its opponents guessing a good part of the time. It should make a good record in the field, being fairly strong at the bat, and a very uncertain quality in base

The Chicagos can be termed a team of giants and sure to show up very strongly. The club has secured a great pitcher in Callahan, a young man of the Griffith order, and Denzer is also spoken well of. Friend should be more effective than he was last season. Young Connor of the Western league, a Danvers boy, will try conclusions with the veteran Pfeiffer at second. Both outfield and infield will be taken care of in first-class style.

"Cincinnati made a ten strike in se curing Breitenstein, by all odds the best left-hand pitcher in the country. The catching department has been further strengthened by the signing of Shriver. Corcoran will doubtless be in line when the season opens, and his holding off is advertising him as well as the Hub.

"The Clevelands will make it hot running for the champions this year if any club does. The club has secured a hard-hitting, fast-running, and finefielding outfielder in Sockalexis. In the pitching department, too, the club is

"Louisville should be stronger this year than last, if the club is well sity of Vermont, L. handled. In Catcher Butler, the best backstop by far in New England league was secured. Young Magee should make a success as a league pitcher. The change in the infield, Werden going to first base and Rogers to second, should help the team a great deal. The outfield is one of the liveliest in the

NEW YORK NEEDS RUSIE.

"The New York catching department is not uncertain. The club needs Rusie be considered in the race at all. Meekin falls far short of being the every-day pitcher the big man is, Do-heny promises well and Gettig is said to have great speed and to be a very capable pitcher. The club has a full nine of pitchers, and ought to have three fast ones out of the whole number. Stafford may come up to Captain Joyce's expectations in left field, but up to the present time he has not set the world afire by his work in any position he has picked in the club.

'If past work of the players goes for Scranton, and another good man in 1, and Lezotte has failed to sign up to date. Fifield, of Delaware. It looks as if Harley would replace Cooley in the outfield. If Geir and Gillen succeed in showing up well at shortstop, as looks probale, the infield will be well bal-"Pit:sburg will be considerably strong-

er than was at first anticipated. Bier-bauer is one of the finest second basemen in the country and will greatly strengthen the infield. The club cannot be regarded as a first division team, and looks the weakest of the lot. "Washington has a lively lot of play-

ers that are likely to keep their opponents hustling all through the season. It should land well in the second

TODAY THEY REPORT.

Scranton's Base Ball Players Are Due for Practice--- Harper Is Coming to Time ... What Griffin Says,

This is the day when "Sandy" Griffin's batch of base ball players will drop into town. They may be expected singly and in pairs and with avoirdupois heavier than is according to the strict rules of diamond etiquette, but they will come and begin at once a two weeks' course of training preparatory to the grinding work of the regular season. Up to late last night there were no new arrivals, but it was anticipated that several might reach

here on the night trains. Manager "Sandy" has received good news regarding Harper, who has been holding out for a National league salary. The Californian has practically consented to play for a salary that is not over the limit, but stipulates on the side a consideration concerning advance money and transportation. Harper's proposition was received as Harper's proposition was received as American horse-owner, was released late as yesterday, but Griffin isn't go- from prison on Tuesday. Kneebs, on ing to fall over himself in an effort to accept the player's terms. It means, however, that Harper will be at the scratch when the flag falls.

where. Both are old at the business Kneebs.

selves in good condition whether they report for the practice season or not so there is on that account no reason for anxiety, as might be the case with young players or players of less temperate habits.

All this week the men will be practiding at Athletic park twice each day. The training will be not haphazard, but according to a regular programme which Griffin has outlined. There will be regular hours for eating, sleeping and work, and the latter will include jaunts afoot or awheel as

Scranton's manager believes as doe several National managers, that if a club is to open a season and continue it in the north, the men should b trained in the north. He said yesterday: "Base ball training has always been by contraries, but is improving. If I was to engage in a long series o athletic contests in Pennsylvania, par ticularly in the spring of the year, the place for me to train-if I have only two or three weeks to do it-is near the scene of the contests. Ther there is no sudden change of water, weather, diet and surroundings, any one of which would be a handicap This junketting about the country for two weeks with lame backs, arms and legs, sore hands and a lack of conveniences is all wrong. If I can't get my boys in shape at home, I couldn't do it anywhere."

Scranton's first game will be played Saturday with the Olyphant Browns The only games away from home are in Philadelphia with the Athletics on Easter Monday, April 19, and at Read ng on the two following days. From then until the opening games Syracuse the dates are pretty well arranged for games with local cracl semi-professional and amateur clubthe Cuban Giants and other good

THE LONGEST HIT.

Record Claimed by dig Dan Brou-

thers, of the Springfields. Dan Brouthers says: "I have always had the credit of making the longest alt on record, although it is a hard thing to compute. I think it was in '82 or '83, and in Philadelphia one day with Hardie Henderson in the box,'I lined one out which went over the fence and not content with that it also sailed over a small church standing next the

"It was commented upon at the time and many a story was written about

SATURDAY'S BASE BALL GAMES.

At New York-New York, 11; Yale, 3 At Elizabeth-Princeton, 14; Eliza-

beth, 5. At Cambridge-Harvard, 20; Tufts, 0 At New York-Cuban X Giants, 9; Manhattan college, 4. At South Bethlehem-Lehigh, 13

At Paterson-Paterson, 9; Toronto 4. At Norfolk-Baltimore, 3; Norfolk, 3, At Washington - Washington, 10; Athletics, 5.

At Providence-Brown, 27: Worces ter, 0. At New Haven-Edgwood A. C., 15; Yale Freshmen, 8. At Reading-Reading, 12; U. of P.

second, 4. At Philadelphia-U. of P., 15; Univer-At Washington-Georgetown, 7: La-

At Richmond-Boston 10; Richmond, 1. At Worcester-Holy Cross, 5; Wes-

DIAMOND DUST.

Sweeney, the Scranton shortstop of 1895 has signed to play that position this year for "Allentown" Smith at Pawtucket, R. I. He may be placed in charge of the team as captain.

John Gaffney, once the king of umpire will officiate at all home games at Holy Cross until the opening of the Eastern league season, when he will once more be nrolled in Pat Powers' corps of umpires. -Exchange.

"Jimmy" Dean, this city's ex-Young Men's Christian association pitcher, has been re-engaged by the Hamilton (Ont.) team and ordered to report on Thursday, He played second base for the Hamilton last season, being then a farmed Toronto

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> It is not at all improbable that Jack Doyle will captain and play first base for Brooklyn. Just before leaving for the S ith Byrne told Hanlon that he would o have Doyle. The Baltimore man-

asked the scrappy first baseman how would like the change. Doyle replied that it would suit him best to play in Brooklyn, provided he was appointed cap-tain. Upon this Hanlon made the proposition to exchange Doyle for Lechance and a bonus. Since then Hanlon has heard nothing from him, but negotiations will probably be resumed when he returns on Sunday.-Ex.

AMATEUR BALL NOTES.

The Olyphant Browns have a strong battery in McDermott and Garbett, A large number of leading amateur players may be found at Athletic park every

The base ball cranks of the Twentieth ward journeyed to Minooka yesterday and saw their newly-organized team, the Victors, defeat the Minookas by a score of 22 to 9. After the first inning all ambi-tion was driven out of players and spectators by the cold wind.

The Scranton Reds have organized for the season with the following players: Davis, Ferris, Burnett, Dolan, Lynn, Norton, Brewster, Kirkwood, McDonald and result in a great increase in attend-Ruane. The Reds challenge the Tribys ance. The "Pennsy" and its branches for next Sunday on the Sand Bank touch not only every section in this grounds at 2.30 sharp. Answer through The Tribune. T. Ryan, manager,

Turiman Kneebs Released.

Berlin, April 11 .- It was learned yesterday that Robert E. Kneebs, the Feb. 5, was sentenced to nine months' imprisonment and to pay a fine of 1000 marks, besides being deprived of his civil rights for two years, after Gunson is still holding off. He, too, having been convicted of trotting the will be allowed all the rope he wants. mare Bethel in races on the German Neither he nor Harper can play clse- tracks under the name of Nellie

NEWS AND GOSSIP OF BICYCLE WORLD

This Is a Very Frosty and Unprofitable City for Race Meets.

THERE IS A REVOLT IN THE WEST

Organization Formed with a View to Supplanting the League of Ameri-Training .- Preparations for the '97 National Meet in Philadelphia Now in Progress .- Notes Local and General of Interest to Wheelmen.

The outlook for a race meet this season is anything but "rosy." The covere Scranton Bleycle club seems to have miles. been permanently cured of the race meet fever in 1893. The Green Ridge Wheelmen caught it the following season and it took just three seasons and he same number of race-meets to cure To run a first-class meet is a lifficult task at best, but to actually pay for the privilege is rather hard, r as James Tooney says:: "It's generilly a 'frost' in the heat of the summer producing a peculiar chill among the romoters, until they fully recover from the necessary 'ante.' "
The fact of the matter is: our people

vill not, or at least have not patronzed this, the cleanest of all sports, as they should. In this respect Wilkes-Barre is way ahead of us. In that city three or four meets are conducted each season, and are invariably successful in every particular. The best class of riders have been here, and everything possible towards making a meet sucessful has been done, but the crowds come not, and the promoters have usu-ally had a big deficit to make up. In this connection it might not be amiss to say that the West End Wreelmen of Wilkes-Barre have received a sanction for a race meet to take place on May This organization is noted throughout the entire country for its successful race meets,

The California Associated Cycling lub's met at San Francisco last week and effected an organization which practically severs their connection with the League of American Wheelmen. A constitution and by-laws were adopted, officers were elected, and the clubs officially assumed control of track and road racing in the state of California.

The new organization differs in several important particulars from the national league. Professiona's are not excluded from membership, clubs are permitted to pay actual expenses of members participating in races for club trophies in which the rider has no personal interest, and the League of American Wheelmen rule suspending members pending investigations is not included. The constitution also provides for individual memberships, the fee for which will be \$1 per annum. ith no initiation fee, until after Jan 1, 1898, when \$1 will be charged. Club

memberships will cost \$10. "Any white person of good charac ter over the age of 18 years" is the constitutional description of eligibility. J. Coffey tried hard to have the word "male" Inserted. The fair members, owever, had numerous champions to fight their cause and Coffey's amendment was defeated. A. P. Swain was elected president of the new organizaion, J. Hancock, treasurer, and Stanley G. Scover, secretary.

From the accompanying cut, a good

condition as is necessary to profitably of taking even this small precaution. ride with the "pros." Fred is the last of the suspended Spaulding team to be reinstated. He expresses himself as being confident of getting back to his old time form. In 1895 Titus, Cabanne and Sanger were on the Spaulding team, and no doubt comprised the most formidable trio of riders that ever rode on the same team.

Titus' friends are not so confident that he will be able to regain his old position in the front rank under existing conditions. Cabanne tried it last eason, but was serely disappointed. However, Fred has the best wishes of the cyclists throughout the country, and may agreeably disappoint the doubtful ones.

An experiment of unusual interest, which will thoroughly test the bicycle as an adjunct to the military service. is about to be made by Major R. P. can Wheelmen .- Titus to Go Into Davidson, of Chicago. He proposes to send a company of young men, who are students in a western military ac-ademy, from Chicago to Washington awheel, attired in heavy riding order and under strict military discipline

No attempt at records will be made, but the corps will travel as fast as conditions will allow. The distance covered will be over one thousand

CYCLING NEWS BOILED DOWN. The pleasant weather of yesterday

brought out hundreds of bicycle riders The various unpaved streets about the city are drying up, and will scon be in fair condition.

The Scranton Hieyele club and the Green Ridge Wheelmen will conduct club runs over the famous Port Jervis-Stroudsburg route on Memorial day. Carroll B. Jack, of Philadelphia, a acing man well known in this city, won the one-mile professional, at Chattanooga, Tenn., last Saturday. Time,

The New Jersey legislature has passed a "bleycle bill" compelling the rail-road companys to accept and carry bicycles free of charge in lieu of other oaggage.

The West Side Wheelmen are a very contented lot since Robinson street was paved. From Main avenue to Lackawanna avenue, via Jackson, Robinson and Ninth is in first class condition A bill, introduced into the New York issembly, and now before the committee on general laws, provides that not

alone bicycles, but all vehicles used in the state shall carry lights at night. The high-gear craze is again with us. As may be supposed it is mostly if not entirely confined to new and inexperienced riders. The local dealers are having much trouble convincing buyers of the "error of their way" in this re

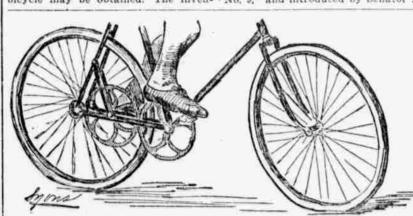
spect. The North End Wheelmen deserve the sympathy of all fellow cyclists hereabouts. North Main avenue, the main thoroughfare of that section is in such condition as to make it impossible to ride a bicycle thereon. This may sound like an exaggeration but its ab-solutely true nevertheless.

Walter C. Sanger has mailed a challenge to E. C. Bald, of Bu"alo, for a match race. Sanger asked for a match of three races, one mile each, the winner of two out of three to win the money. It is to be for \$1,000 a side and the largest purse offered. race is to decide which is the better man.

WORKING FOR GOOD ROADS.

trenuous Efforts at Harrisburg Mee with Scant Encouragement.

The committee on improvement of lighways of the Pennsylvania division, League of American Wheelmen, is still hard at work trying to secure the pas sage of the good roads bill through the legislature at Harrisburg. Although many prominent members of the legis cature have promised their support, and notwithstanding the fact that wheel nen throughout the state have urged From the accompanying cut, a good their representatives to support the idea of the latest thing in a chainless | Hamilton bill known as "Senate Bill bicycle may be obtained. The inven- No. 9," and introduced by Senator Mc-



THE CHAINLE S PICYCLE.

Thomas Carroll, of Philadelphia, | Quown, there is still much opposition claims great things for this wheel. It will be known as the "Carroll chainess" and placed upon the market immediately. The gearing of this cycle consists of three cog wheels. Two la ge ones and a small one, the latter about the size of an ordinary rear sprocket. The teeth are very small. The points of contact, it is claimed, are 40 per cent.

less than on a chain gearing. Starbuck, the great Philadelphia professional racing man, is said to have made some wonderful rides on this wheel in private, and is now in training in New Orleans. He has signed a contract with the "Carroll" people, and will therefore be seen this season on a chainless bicycle. The cycle fraternity will watch this wheel with much interest.

Preparations for the great annual round-up of the League of American tive lobby at the state capital. It is Wheelmen, which will be held in Philadelphia during the first week of August, are now going on apace. The executive committee recently appointed by President Hare has done considerable preliminary work, including the selection of suitable headquarters, the present A. C. C. office being entirely too small to accommodate the various committees which must neccessarily hold frequent meetings from

the present time until the meet.

The recent decision of the Pennsylvania railroad to carry free of charge bicycles accompanied by riders means much to the meet, for it must surely state, but a large portion also of the other middle and the western states, With the reduced rates (which the executive committee is already moving to secure) and the abolition of the bag-gage fee, the expense attending a visit to Philadelphia during the week of the meet will be so materially reduced that many wheelmen of the sections mentioned who might otherwise have remained at home will hasten to take advantage of the favorable conditions.

Fred Titus will soon go in training at Fountain Ferry track, Louisville, Ky. til he is thrown from his wheel. at which place he hopes to get in such

shown to its passage, and this the league's representatives are making very effort to overcome.

There seems to be opposition this year, just as in the past, to any road bill which will be of real use, but in view of the great number of wheelmen in the state and the influence they can wield politically, some favorable action is looked for at this session in spite of efforts which are being made to defeat the bill in question. Should it for any reason fail to pass, the wheelmen will doubtless remember the fact when the next election takes place.

L. A. W. FULL OF FIGHT.

At Work Aiding and Opposing Legis-

lation at Harrisburg. Harrisburg, April 11 .- A new element has come to the front in the legislathe bicyclist and he has become a po-tent factor for good in shaping legislation. His efforts are directed through the League of American Wheelmen, whose greatest aim is to secure better

The league is pushing the Hamilton coad bill and the indications are that it ing interests. The bill has gone through the senate and its most bitter fors concede it will pass the house. The league is fighting the Spatz and the Tipten bills taxing bicycles \$1 a year for road purposes. Both have been referred to a sub-committee of the way and means committee.

DON'T BE CARELESS.

Bicycle Riders Should Heed the Fire Sign of a Frenkdown.

Attention has often been called to the importance of carefully looking over the wheel before starting out on a ride of any distance. The jar and strain of riding is apt to loosen the tightest screwed nut, just as well as it is apt to tighten the same, though it seems as though the former is more often the case. The peculiar part of the trouble lies in the fact that the rider often does not discover the cause of a mishap un-

A well known local rider, whose name would be recognized by many hundred wheelmen if published, was recently out on the Dickson City boulevard. His wheel appeared to be running all right, and no one thought of harm or danger was entering his mind. He was just about to descend the steep hill to the first toll gate, when a sharp click told him that something was the matter.

A hurrled glance over his wheel from the saddle failed to show anything wrong, and nine out of ten riders would have continued. Not so with this rider. He immediately dismounted and examined his wheel. He did not have to look far for the trouble. The nut at one end of the front axle had worked loose and fell off at some point in the road, and the axle, left free, had gradually worked itself through the hub of wheel, and was projecting about half way out of the hub on the other side. Only a few more revolutions were necessary to complete the working of the axle, and it, too, would have fallen out, leaving the front wheel free to go ahead, and throwing the rider directly over the front of the wheel. Going down the steep hill such an accident would have been serious. The rider who was an experienced

wheelman, fixed the matter as well as he could and rode on. But for his quick intuition he might have been seriously hurt. The clicking sound, which was heard only once, was sufficient to con-vince him that something was wrong with the machine, and was not caused have found the Pyramid Pile Cure to by riding over some object on the road.

Pottsville's Relay Team.

Pottsville, Pa., April 11.-The local Pottsville High school will enter a team n the Pennsylvania relay meet at Philadelphia on April 24. The team will be the following: Clayton and Gilbert George Hamilton, Clarence Whitehouse, John Brigham and Gus Swaving. In a test dash Saturday afternoon they covered 440 yards in 54

Not a Good Bargain.

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tried another and then to complete the cure used two more boxes, making four in all. I am now completely cured. Have not a trace of piles and I had suffered for four years with the wors form of protruding piles. I suffered death from piles, but I

be ust as represented. I have recommended it to several of my friends and am thankful to be able to write you what good the remedy has done for Physicians recommend the Pyrandd

cocaine, or mineral poison of any kind and because it is so safe and pleasant to use, being painless and applied at night. The patient is cured in a surprisingly short time with no inconveni-ence whatever, The Pyramid Pile Cure is sold by

druggists at 50 cents per package, and if there is any constipation it is well to use the Pyramid Pills at the same time with the Pile Cure, as constitution is very often the cause of piles and the pills effectually remove the costive condition. Price of pills is 25 cents pe

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