Sporting News — BASEBALL, BASKET BALL, THE TRAP, THE TURF — For Sportsmen

THE GENERAL activity started in the local baseball world a week ago continued during the past week and while there were not so many startling developments, yet each of the managers has been doing plenty of work to insure the success of his team. A date has not as yet been set for a meeting for the formation of a state league, but it will probably be held some time the coming week.

The two local teams, as well as the one which will represent Park City, have been busily engaged signing players, and in all probability the managers will be able to announce their players soon. The greatest interest centers in the new Salt Lake team, and a number of ball players now in the city are on the anxious seat and in daily communication with the management trying to find out if they are among the chosen few who will play under this club's colors. It is understood that this club will not in any way discriminate against local men, and in at least two cases resident ball players have been approached with a view of securing them to play for the Salt Lake club. One thing is certain, and that is baseball players are very plentiful, the manager of this team having stated that he has had a far larger number of applications than he could possibly use during the season. However, a good ball player is always in demand, and those in this city who belong to this class will not have much trouble in securing a contract to sign. Manager Clippenger of the Railways seems to have made that happy thought of his a go, and instead of rustling around to get nine railroads interested in the scheme he will probably have to increase the number of players to meet the demand of the railroads that want to get in on a good thing. Without a doubt this team of Clippenger's will do more to cause an overflow of baseball enthusiasm after the game once gets started than all the brass bands in the city.

In conversation with several of the representatives of the different roads that have secured players to represent them on the nine a spirit of friendly rivalry has already been noticed that will increase as the season progresses, and in the words of a well known local fan, "more power to them; it's good for the game." Manager Meineke of the Parks, has had his troubles during the week, but at last has clear sailing ahead of him. There was some trouble about the location selected for the ball grounds at Park City, as it was necessary to secure the abandonment of one of the principal streets, and the matter was finally brought before the city council for adjustment, which very wisely decided that the welfare of the mining town required a first-class ball team and grounds, and gave Meineke the right of way to the street in question. The action taken by the state university in baseball matters as published in yesterday's Herald, has put new life in the amateur players and proves that at least one school in the city will take an active interest in ball. The fact that they have commenced active work on new grounds will settle one serious difficulty that has heretofore troubled the various teams. From now on there will be a competition in grounds which means that better inducements will have to be offered to the managers in order to secure their games.

Charles B. Power, president of the American association, while it lasted, wrote the obituary of that organization for his paper, the Pittsburg Leader. For ten years Powers was sporting editor of this paper. In his statement, wired from New York last night, the president uses no gloves. He handles the National league magnates roughly and promises more. In part, he says:

"Yes, the American association has passed away. I took hold of the association at the earnest solicitation of John T. Brush, chairman of the league circuit committee, who gave me his personal assurance, as well as that of four of his fellow magnates, that the National league would stand by me and help me make the association a success. We went over the situation carefully, and Mr. Brush pointed out that we might have some trouble getting capital back of the Baltimore club, 'if you do,' said he, 'we will see you through.'

"In Baltimore we struck a snag, just as Brush said we would. We were unable to interest sufficient capital. Then it was that we came to the National league with the request that it make good its promises. Brush, Soden and others placed ice on our necks. Totally disregarding all promises and agreements of support, these men coolly informed us that they could do nothing for us. All pledges of assistance were repudiated, and we were thrown down so hard that the carpet on the floor bears the imprint of our forms.

"When it was found that we had been harpooned, that the league had used us as a tool, gaining our assistance through gross misrepresentation, the capitalists back of the Boston club withdrew. We asked the league to give us territorial rights in Providence and Worcester, to which cities we could have transferred the Boston and Baltimore clubs, but they would not grant the request, and here we are, right up against it, with nothing but a lot of broken pledges as our stock in trade. We have been victimized by the biggest and boldest bunco game ever worked on honest men."

Baseball, as played under the new rules passed by the National league at the New York meeting, will be a pretty lively game hereafter. If those rules are enforced—and there seems to be no possible reason why they should not be—there will be continuous fast action, and the crowds will no longer have to sit and swear through dreary afternoons of listless snail work. Briefly condensed, the new rules run as follows:

Catcher to stand not over ten feet back.

First two balls fouled to count as strikes if not caught.

Pitched ball hitting batsman to count as one ball.

Pitcher prevented from delaying the game over twenty seconds.

The first rule was adopted last year by the American league without the formality of putting it in the playing instructions. All of the American league catchers played close up, and the games were materially speeded thereby. So far as the batting is concerned, the new rule will be rather a detriment. A catcher right under the stick can guide and govern the pitcher so well that his chance of fooling the batsman is materially improved. Even under last year's rules many of the wise old catchers were on deck. This year they will all be up close, and not a few batsmen will be worried by the nearness of the receiver. As a partial offset there will be a chance for the catcher to nip the sailing fouls that used to rise from the bat and settle down beside the stand. He will have to run like a whitehead to catch any foul flies at all.

The second rule will prove annoying to the batters, and will be a tremendous boost to the pitcher. Weak batsmen, fellows who hit, say, .220 last year, will be lucky if they lift .190 this summer. A strike is a heavy burden on a man who is a poor hitter anyway, and when such a man comes up, with two foul strikes called, his chance of cutting out the third one for a single will be poor indeed. Of course, the rule will do away with the exasperating fouling done by many men intentionally, but it will jar the honest player who slams at the ball with all his might, only to see it dig up the turf a few inches to the wrong side of first or third.

The pitcher got another fat boost when the rule concerning hit-by-pitched balls was adopted. Jim Hart wanted that rule to go through and it went. It is impossible to convince Jim that batters can be hit unless intentionally. Outside of the pitchers, there are not three players in the game who will not squirm reminiscently at the very memory of the fearful wallops they have received. Of course, Amos Rusie is now out of it, and that lessens the danger some. When Rusie hit a man, Mr. Man went to the hospital.

The prohibition placed upon slow pitchers is all right, but it drives Nig Cuppy from the game. Cuppy used to hold the ball thirty seconds at a stretch, while the crowd yelled murder. Others were exasperatingly slow, and the rule will stop a lot of foolishness.

Pitchers are also barred from shying the ball to the first baseman for practice while the batter waits. That was the most sensible rule of the whole boiling.

As the rules now stand, the pitcher has away the best of it, and batting averages will sink about eight points this summer. What the magnates ought to have done was to pass a reduction of called balls to three, and to remedy the clause about three strikes out when a runner is on first and not more than one out.

Will the American league adopt the National league rules? If it does, it thereby acknowledges that the big league is still the guiding star, the dictionary to which all others turn. If it does not, it has a fine chance to do a little experimenting and evolve a better set of laws.

A clause firing anybody who swears was put in, and this is right—but how it will rasp some of the fiery fellows!

There is a young American over in London whose hair-raising feats with a bicycle on the Music Hall stage make the hoi polloi gasp in amazement. He is away ahead of anything in his line that the Londoners have seen, and he is doing one stunt that is cleverer than anything he ever did on this side of the water—that is, to turn a somersault with his wheel in motion, carrying the machine with him, and landing without losing a stroke with the pedals.

Bud Snyder is the cyclist's name, and he is now performing at the London Pavilion. His tricks have caught the town.

Snyder is not only the originator of the somersault trick, but he is likewise the only performer who can clear a distance of twenty-two feet through the air with his wheel. His control of the bicycle is remarkable, for in the most complicated maneuvers he never loses his seat, grip or footing. He is a tall, thick-set, athletic-looking young man of 25.

The above clipping from an eastern paper is interesting to Salt Lakers, not because it states that a man turns a complete somersault, bicycle and all, but from the fact that Bud Snyder is well known to a number of local wheelmen. Snyder will be remembered as the expert trick cyclist who gave such clever exhibitions in this city at the time of the jubilee in '97. He performed at Calder's park, Saltair and on the streets during the daily parades. This young man is one of the best trick cyclists in the business and has performed many difficult feats, but when it comes to turning a somersault in the air, bicycle and all, many of the wheelmen hereabouts are like the man from Missiuri—Snyder will have to show them before any hot air yarns like the above will make a very strong impression in their think tanks.

The difficulty that Joe Choynski has fallen into in Texas is a continuation of a long line of hard luck that seems to follow Joe whenever he engages in a fight. He is probably the unluckiest fellow that ever did try to make a dollar. The Texans of Galveston had a colored man named Johnson whom they thought could rid the earth of every other pugilist on it. They thought Frank Childs, the Chicago colored heavyweight, would make a good opening target, but Childs hung out for a price. Then the promoters begged Choynski to take a southern trip and find out what a wonder had been discovered in Johnson. The fight came off. There was no interference and several thousand people saw Choynski end Johnson's boxing career in three rounds. This was nice for Joe. The purse was large and seemed like a pickup in these days when heavy weights are mostly idle. Then the sheriff stepped in.

The situation at present finds Choynski imprisoned and charged with a penitentiary offense, with the governor of the state backing the prosecution with special counsel. It is a serious matter for Choynski, and if he gets out of it, he and every other pugilist will probably give Texas a wide berth for a long time to come. Governor Sayers appears to be the same sort of a man as Governor Culberson, when it comes to stopping boxing Culberson once called a special session of the legislature to prevent Corbett and Fitzsimmons from coming together. People here are not informed as to the provisions of the Texas fight law, but it is cause for wonder how the state regards the action of several thousand prominent citizens who saw Choynski defeat Johnson. They were just as necessary to the affair as the pugilists. It hardly seems right to visit all the law on the heads of Choynski and his defeated opponent.

That restless soul of the pugilistic arena "Kid" McCoy, will again shake the dust of Gotham from his feet. He has engaged passage on the Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse, which sails for England next Tuesday.

McCoy only just arrived from abroad, and was seen again on the Rialto last Monday for the first time. It was said at the time that he had come back to see if there was anything doing with Charles Mitchell.

As usual, McCoy challenged all the famous heavy weights, and then subsided into obscurity.

It is possible that his welcome home lacked the warmth he had expected, and he became ruffled in consequence.

It is even rumored that, like William Waldorf Astor, he may renounce his allegiance to a country that fails to appreciate him. Among his friends McCoy is now known as the "Globe Trotter."

John L. Sullivan, who is one of the greatest characters the prize ring has produced, has met many prominent people, some of whom detest the sport and who have signed bills prohibiting boxing. In a talk about these people the "big fellow" said:

"It was in 1887 that I went up to the White House to shake hands with President Cleveland. Pat Sheedy, my manager, was along, and when we were introduced, I noticed that Mr. Cleveland was hog fat

"'Mr. President,' says I, 'you're too fat. Why don't you come out and take a run on the road with me and then put on the gloves? That would reduce you good.'

"But Grover said he was too busy though he agreed with what I said. I met Vice President Hendricks several times. There was an all-right old gentleman and don't you forget it. Every time we met, no matter where it was, Mr. Hendricks used to say:

"'John, are you still champion?'

"'That's what I am,' I replied.

"'I hope you will never be whipped,' was the usual remark, as he grasped my hand warmly. He was a good fellow, and when he died no one mourned his loss more than old John L.

"I've been introduced to McKinley several times. Once he and John Sherman, then secretary of state, were on the same train with my theatrical combination. When we got to Springfield, O., there was a big crowd at the station all rubber-necking.

"'Where's John?' they yelled. 'Where's John?'

"Sherman and McKinley were on the platform, their hats in their hands.

"'They're calling for me!' said the venerable secretary of state to the president of the nation.

"'Are you sure?' asked McKinley. 'John, I think they're looking for Sullivan!'

"Just then I stuck my head out of the window and there was no longer any doubt as to who was it. 'Hooray for John! John L. Sullivan!' That showed what a good line McKinley had on the situation.

"Roscoe Conkling was one of my particular friends. He was a lover of the manly art and quite handy himself with the mitts. Whenever I had a match in the old Madison Square Garden, the senator always had a front seat. He was a great man to know and always had a good word for a fellow in trouble.

"Then there was James G. Blaine, one of America's most famous statesmen. I met him once at the Arlington hotel in Washington We had a chat about politics up in Maine and I found that he was well posted.

"When Teddy Roosevelt was a police commissioner in New York I called on him. He said:

"'John, I've heard of you, but I've never seen you with your hands up!'

"I told him that I was sorry he hadn't seen me when I was in my prime, and he said that he was, too. We talked about fighting, and I found that he was away up in the art of self-defense. He is a strong, powerful fellow, and I'll bet a round of drinks he can take care of himself with any man of his weight in the world. I think Teddy is on the level and that some day he'll be sittin' in the White House.

"Some day I'm going back on the stage. I'm gettin' tired of the whisky business and meeting so many people. It's pretty tough when fifty guys a day say to you:

"'John, if you was right, you could whip them all.'

"It's all right to meet and shake hands with people of prominence, for they know something. But when it comes to standing for a string of panhandlers and hard-luck people, there's nothing to it."

TRAP SHOOTERS FIND BAD WEATHER

Eagle Eyes of Marksmen Affected by Poor Light.

YESTERDAY'S SCORE

EXPERT TRAPS GIVE GENERAL SATISFACTION.

The talent that participated in the weekly shoot of the gun club had a large sized protest against the weather conditions that prevailed at the traps yesterday afternoon. From the crack of the first gun until the last target was sent spinning through the air the sun kept up a constant game of hide and seek, with a few stray clouds in the vicinity of Mill Creek, much to the discomfiture of the man behind the gun. At times the reflections from the sun's rays on the snow, with clouds and falling snow flakes, formed a combination of lights that affected the eyes of the marksmen in a manner that could only be equaled by an exhibition of Payne's fire works attempting to jump over the aurora borealis. In the words of J. N. Sharp, "the summary of the afternoon's shooting was the poor condition of the light."

The new expert traps were used for the first time since they have been installed and gave general satisfaction. It is claimed by those in position to know that this trap throws the blue rocks with a broader surface to the shooter, and while they travel swiftly their flight is more even and devoid of the sudden dips and erratic movements exhibited when hurled through the air by the magua.

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These traps have been put in place to accustom the shooters to them before the coming tournament takes place, when both sets will be used to accomodate the large number of contestants. Half the score yesterday was shot from the magua, the other half from the experts, and the averages made from the latter were by far the better.

Callison and J. F. Sharp tied for high gun, but as the latter has already won the "A" medal, he is not eligible to compete for the rest of the medals, and "B" medal goes to Callison. The captain now has four wins of this medal to his credit, and with Sharp out of the way stands a good chance to win the trophy. Newcomb captured "C" and Wilson "D" medal, with scores of 44 and 42. Parker has won the "D" medal five times, and yesterday when he had finished his score remarked he had won it again for the last time, when Stewart, who was late in arriving at the grounds, stepped off a car and shooting his score beat Parker out by one bird and captured the medal for this week. The following is the detailed score:

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Newcomb	11100 11111 11111 01111 11111 11111 11111 11110 01101	44
Stewart	11011 01001 11110 11101 11111 11111 11011 10111 11111 01111	42
Parker	11111 10011 11001 01111 11111 11111 11010 11111 11100 10111	41
Devor	10001 11111 11110 11111 11111 11111 11111 11111 11110 01111	44
Brockbank	11011 11011 01111 11101 11111 11111 11110 11010 11000 10111	39
J. N. Sharp	11110 10111 01111 11001 11101 11011 01111 10110 01111 01110	38
Woodruff	11111 01011 10010 10111 11111 11111 01101 11010 10100 11111	38
Dr. Dart	11110 10101 11111 10111 01111 11001 01100 11110 11110 11001	35
Barratt	11100 10101 11001 01101 11111 11111 00111 11110 10101 01010	35
Wilding	00001 11110 10111 01011 01011 11110 01101 11010 10101 11101	33
J. Sharp, jr.	10011 11011 01001 10110 11100 01101 11111 11001 00110 01111	32
Mitchell	11001 11100 10001 10100 11100 10110 01001 11011 11111 10100	30
Barbee	11010 11110 11100 00011 01010 00111 00000 00101 10000 10000	21

CYCLE RACING.

To Be Pushed by Calder's Management.

The announcement in Thursday's Herald that Max Peters, the newly appointed manager of Calder's Park, would make a special effort to promote cycle racing at this resort during the coming summer was received with a great deal of interest by the local racing men. Mr. Peters stated yesterday that work would be commenced at once on a new lighting plant to furnish electric lights for night racing and that special attention would be given to Sunday night race meets. Manager Peters' connection with the bicycle racing at the Salt Palace last year has convinced him that this branch of sport is a paying proposition and he intends to push it to the limit. The old quarter-mile track will be rebuilt, the curves being banked to hold the motors at full speed, making it possible to negotiate miles in the neighborhood of 1:20. Bleachers will be built around the track on the same principal as the saucer, but not so high, leaving a clear view of the horse track from the grand stand. That this track will cut quite a figure in local racing goes without saying and in connection with the Salt Palace and the new track to be erected at Butte will put new life into the sport in the intermountain country.

NEW GUN CLUB.

Has Been Organized in This City by W. S. Stewart.

W. S. Stewart, an engineer on the Rio Grande, is at the head of a new gun club that has just been organized in this city. A number of trap shooters who would like to take part in this sport can not do so at the present time on account of not being able to get away from their work except on Sundays, and it is for this class of marksmen that the new club has been started, the weekly shoots to be held on that day. Mr. Stewart has purchased the expert traps now in use at the Salt Lake Gun club's grounds and after securing a location at which to hold the meets will remove the traps.

BASKET BALL CONTEST.

Danville Y. M. C. A. to Meet Local Christians.

The members of the visiting basket ball team of the Danville, Ill., Y. M. C. A. have arranged a game with the local Christian aggregation to take place some time next week. An attempt will be made to secure Christensens' hall for the event, on account of the size of the field that can be laid out. These two teams play an entirely different style of game and as both are experts in their line the outcome of a contest between them will be interesting. The eastern players use the open style of play, depending on long passes, and try for goal at distances that stagger the local men. On account of the limited room in the Salt Lake gymnasiums the local players have learned the rougher style of play and depend more upon blocking a throw than passing the ball.

PRESIDENTIAL ASPIRANTS.

Jim Leary's Name Suggested by Baseball Fans.

There has been considerable comment among the local baseball fans as to who should represent the state league in the president's chair. From all that can be learned the position will go to a Salt Lake man, it being reported that even the Ogden club is in favor of this proposition. A number of names have been mentioned for the position and all kinds of reasons are given why this or that candidate should be elected. However, since the dispatches of yesterday announce that this city is not going to lose Jim Leary, this gentleman is being boosted for the position by his friends and from all that could be learned last evening stands the best show of any one to act as mediator in the league squabbles during the coming season.

QUIT SALT LAKE.

All the Local Fighters Seek Other Worlds to Conquer.

Jim Francis, the last of the pugilists who were so numerous in the city the past winter, left for Rock Springs last night. The colored pug, who is quite a favorite with the local followers of the ring, stated that he would attempt to get on a match with Burns of Rock Springs, the latter having damaged several fighters in that town the past winter.

The "Dummy," who left for Butte Friday, told a number of his friends here that he would return as soon as he was assured that he could get on a match worth his while. With the disappearance of these last two fighters the sport bids fair to be dead for some time in this city.

Sammy Clark announced last evening that he had quit the business of promoting boxing contests and would devote his time and energies to training "race horses."

HUNTING PARTIES.

Duck Shooters Return and Report Large Flocks.

Dr. Ellerbeck and Ed McGinnis returned from a week's duck shooting at the mouth of Bear river yesterday. The doctor reports having seen thousands upon thousands of ducks, in fact, more than he has ever seen on previous trips. The biggest day's kill Mr. Ellerbeck made was sixty-four and among this number there were only two teal On the trip down the river from Corrine to the duck camp a large number of geese were encountered, they seemingly preferring the lowlands along the river banks to the swamps at the river's mouth. The water is at a better stage for shooting that at any time for years and this is given as the reason for the large number of ducks found in this section of the country.

J. H. Shockley and two friends from Telluride, Colo., also arrived in the city yesterday after a week's outing at the mouth of the river. Mr. Shockley says he has hunted all over the country and visited the famous duck camps on Chesapeake bay, but never in his life saw the numbers of ducks that passed over the mouth of Bear river during the past week.

Mr. Shockley's friends left for Wyoming yesterday, but the former will leave today for another week's sport on Bear river. Elliott Kimball returned yesterday from a hunting trip at Swan Lake, Ida., and reports plenty of ducks in that vicinity.

GUN CLUB TOURNAMENT.

Programme of Two Days' Meet Will Be Out Next Week.

The executive committee of the gun club announced yesterday that it had secured all the necessary funds for the prizes in the coming tournament and would have the programmes as printed in The Herald a week ago ready to be mailed to the different trap shooters throughout the intermountain country by the middle of next week. A number of inquiries have been made by outsiders in regard to the conditions of the tournament, which lead the committee in charge to believe that the meet will be well attended. Bill Bingley informed Captain Callison, chairman of the committee, that he has found a man that will agree to deliver a specified number of live pigeons in case a third day's shooting at this kind of targets is added to the programme.

Smallpox Report.

Four new cases of smallpox in Park City were reported to the state board of health yesterday.

LATEST GOSSIP IN BASEBALL

MANAGER MEINEKE LEFT FOR PARK CITY.

All Clubs Signing Players—Salt Lake Team Adopts Cream Colored Uniforms.

Jack Meineke, manager of the Park City team, after several delays, left for the Park yesterday, taking with him Gierhardt, who will hold down the rubber for that team this summer. Meineke has considerable work to do yet before he will be in position to announce the policy of his club. The first thing to accomplish will be to effect an organization similar to the Salt Lake Baseball association, but as the Park manager stated before he left that he had a greater part of the necessary money subscribed, the rest of the work will be easy. The action of the city council in leasing him grounds upon which to build a ball park has overcome the greatest difficulty, as there are few spots in Park City level enough for ball.

Clippenger stated last evening that he had signed but four men for his club, although he has had enough applications to complete a dozen teams. Those signed are Bert Margetts, who will henceforth be known as Milwaukee Margetts, as he will represent that road on the team and hold down the first corner.

Kimerer and Taylor, both last year Short Line players, have signed the Railways' contract, and will pitch and alternate in the field. Welcke of Mount Vernon, Ills., has returned his contract signed, and will be seen on the third bag for the Railways this year. This player has quite a reputation as a fast man in the east, having played one season with the Southern League and another with the New York State League. The latter three players have not as yet been assigned to any of the roads who will be represented in the make-up of the Railways, Manager Clippenger stating that he has not decided upon the lines to be admitted to his "bright idea."

The Salt Lake team began signing players yesterday, and now holds the contract of Gamble of last year's Pocatellos and Rio Grandes. Manager Griffin said yesterday that notwithstanding the fact that there were several hard hitters among the Utah-Idaho players last year, this man Gamble led the batting list by a goodly number of points.

The Salt Lake club was in receipt of a letter yesterday from Newmeyer of Omaha, saying he would like to come to this city. Newmeyer pitched thirty-two games for the Omaha team last year, and made a creditable showing. His application has been taken under consideration by the management. Mr. Griffin says he is in correspondence with a number of other players, and hopes to be able to announce the complete make-up of his team before many days.

All players for the Salt Lake club are expected to report for duty on the first of April, and on that date active training for the approaching season will be commenced. An order was placed with an eastern house yesterday for the uniforms, with instructions to rush them as fast as possible. These suits will be cream-colored, with maroon trimmings, and have the name of the club, "Salt Lake," across the front of each shirt in large, maroon letters.

SHORT LOCALS.

BARBERS DEMORALIZED.—The Salt Lake barbers are making strenuous efforts to get together again. Their union has been practically demoralized for some time past. Some shops have been charging 5 cents for shaves, some have been charging 10 cents and still others have been maintaining the 15-cent standard. The hours for closing have not been observed either, and Sunday closing has not been enforced. All these things make it very difficult for the barbers to hold together.

DEATH OF MISS DUNCAN.—Friends of Miss May Duncan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Homer Duncan, will learn with deep regret of her death, which occurred last night at 6:45 o'clock. Miss Duncan had been ill for a long time and a few days ago she underwent a surgical operation in the hope of securing relief. The trouble had progressed too far, however, and she passed away as stated. The dead woman was 28 years old and had a wide circle of friends and acquaintances. Arrangements for the funeral have not yet been completed and notice of the time and place will be given later. The remains are at the home of Miss Duncan's parents, 234 Seventh East street.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Mrs. E. L. Levey left last evening for Los Angeles, where she will permanently locate.

Miss Nora Christensen, stenographer in the county attorney's office, is confined to her home with illness. It is a week since she reported for duty and it may be another before she has sufficiently recovered to resume her work.

A letter received in this city yesterday by County Commissioner Anderson from Chief Justice Miner, who is now at the Arkansas Hot Springs, announces that he is fast recovering from his siege of rheumatism, and he believes that the treatment he is receiving will result in a permanent cure before many weeks.

Educational

Professor Mutch made a very helpful and instructive talk to the pupils of the advanced grades at the Lowell school on Friday last. The professor's talk was along the line of self-effort. Exercise brings strength. Knowledge alone is not power, but effort brings power. The prize is not always to the brightest pupil, "nor the race to the swift." The speaker told of many instances where individual effort outranked marked ability, comparing the patient, untiring work of Edison with the brilliancy of Nicola Tesla. It was a talk calculated to help boys and girls to see the gain in difficulties overcome, and to recognize the need of hard labor to make mental fiber.

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Colonel Logan visited the Longfellow school on Tuesday, and gave a very interesting talk to the children of the third and fourth grades.

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The seventh grade of the Jackson school had a debate on Friday. "Resolved, That the English were justified in their war with the Boers." On the affirmative side the debaters were Edwin Mangham, John Westwood and Joseph Baer. The negative side of the question was upheld by Walter Bliss and Charles Harvey. The class having just completed the study of Africa, the discussion was very animated. The question was decided in favor of the negative.

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The Lowell Literary society had a most interesting meeting Friday afternoon, when the following subject was debated: "Resolved, That Books are Greater Benefit than Newspapers." The affirmative was upheld by Ethel Adamson and Aimira Anderson, the negative by Helen Himball and Wanda Pratt. The judges decided in favor of the negative.

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The regular monthly meeting of the Jackson Parents' club will be held tomorrow afternoon at 3:10.

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The Sumner Philomathean society held its regular meeting on Friday afternoon. A fine programme of a literary and musical nature was given. The debate, which was planned for the afternoon, was postponed on account of the illness of one of the disputants.

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On Friday afternoon the Mothers' club of the Longfellow school held a very interesting meeting. The principal address of the afternoon was on "Habits of Regularity in Children," and was given by Mrs. C. E. Allen. The president of the State Mothers' congress, Mrs. William M. Stewart, also made an able talk. Delicious refreshments were served by two of the patrons. The school rooms were beautifully decorated with the new pictures purchased recently with the proceeds of the art exhibit.

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The bust of Lincoln bought with a part of the proceeds of the art exhibit, has been placed in its permanent position in the Jackson school, and is greatly admired by pupils and patrons.

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At the Sumner school on Tuesday last was held a most interesting meeting of the patrons of the school. Mr. Branting addressed the meeting on the financial situation of the schools. The meeting was called by Mrs. Davis, the president of the Parents' club of that school.

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On Wednesday next the Lowell school will have a formal unveiling of the cast Diana, recently purchased by the school. At the same time the beautiful silver cup won by the football team will be placed in a permanent position in the hall, and the prize pictures awarded to Miss Drewis, Mrs. Coray's and Miss Hill's rooms. The pictures are three very handsome water colors, and are to go with the respective classes through the school to the highest grammar grade.

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Professor Eaton of the High school will address the pupils of the eighth grade at the Lincoln school next Friday afternoon.

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The most interesting meeting of the year was held Friday afternoon at the Hamilton school. A large number of patrons were in attendance. The school question relative to the closing of schools was first considered. After some discussion it was decided that the patrons of the Hamilton school district petition the state legislature to pass house bill 167. All present were nearly in favor of that action. A committee was then appointed to present the petition.

Mrs. Elliott, supervisor of drawing, then addressed those present on "Influence of Art," and the good which the child derives in character-building from his work in drawing. Drawings from all the rooms were displayed that the parents might see what their children are doing.

Professor Mutch followed Mrs. Elliott in a very interesting talk to parents, dwelling particularly upon the influence of child's home life upon his working ability in school. He advocated a complete and radical change, and especially in the preparation of them.

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The county superintendent held a most interesting institute yesterday morning, for the benefit of his teachers. The meeting, which was in two sessions, was held in the L. D. S. college, and was addressed in the morning by Mr. Oscar Van Cott and State Superintendent Nelson, and in the afternoon at 1 o'clock by Professor Mutch. All the schools of the county were represented, and the meeting was a great success.

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There will be a general teachers' meeting of all grades next Saturday morning at 10:30 at the High school.

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Mrs. Elliott will meet the teachers of the fifth grade on Tuesday at 4 o'clock at the High school, and those of the sixth grade on Thursday at the same time and place.

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Mr. Sanborn of the Lincoln school will talk to the teachers there tomorrow on "The Teaching of Technical Grammar."

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The institute held at the Oquirrh school for beginning teachers on Thursday last was of a very helpful nature. Mrs. McKay of the Webster and Miss Farnes of the Twelfth gave some very fine examples of sight reading. The classes showed the very best of training in all lines. A similar meeting at the same school is to be held Thursday for teachers of the first grade. At the Bryant school Friday a pleasing musical entertainment was given for the benefit of the children who were not able to hear the programme of the art exhibit. Solos by Mrs. Anderson, Miss Pitt and Mr. Wilson were much enjoyed.

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Professor Mutch addressed the pupils of the Washington school on Thursday last. Professor Mutch is doing great good in his practical talks to boys and girls along the lines of industry and earnest work.

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There was a large and enthusiastic gathering of patrons at the Riverside school on Thursday afternoon. Many of those present gave brief talks on the all-prevailing topic of finance. Principal Wetzell spoke to the patrons on school work.

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The first contest of the first series of the Lowell school grammar grade spelling league closed on Thursday with the temporary victory as follows: Room 17 over room 18, 10 points; room 15 over room 14, 4 points; room 13 over room 13, 11 points, while rooms 16 and A had even sides and were declared a tie. The second contest of this series will begin tomorrow afternoon. Meantime the fever is spreading and others are taking up a similar line of work with the idea of improving the spelling of the common words in school life.

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Captain George C. Kidder, who served through the civil war, addressed the Hamilton Eighth grade during its history period, Thursday morning and again Friday morning, on the subject of the rebellion. He handled his subject with masterly skill, making interesting comparisons of prominent men, showing relations of events as to cause and effect, and occasionally telling a witty story. The time was most profitably spent by the pupils and their teacher.

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A delicious luncheon was served as a surprise on Principal Doxey of the Hamilton school on Friday last by the pupils of room 6.

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The teachers of the Longfellow school were entertained on Wednesday afternoon by Mrs. Peak at her cozy home on First South street. Mrs. Peak was formerly Miss Mellrol of the Longfellow corps.

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Professor Mutch visited Provo on Thursday and addressed the students of the Brigham Young academy there.

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Miss Chambers of the Lowell has been quite ill all week. Miss Manning substituted for her.

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Soren X. Christenson of Sanpete county was a visitor at the Lincoln school on Thursday.

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Professor Kerr, president of the Logan Agricultural college, is in town for a few days.

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The Bryant Star, a bright little paper from that school, is out. The management is to be congratulated on its appearance.

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Messrs. Newman and Glauque visited a number of schools during the week.

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W. E. Robinson of American Fork was a visitor at the Lincoln school on Monday.

High School.

A painting by Miss Mary Teasdell entitled "The Woman in Yellow" is now on exhibition in the shadow box at the High school. The painting, an oil, attracted much attention at this year's exhibit of the Utah Art institute and was exhibited in the Paris salon of 1900.

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On Wednesday morning the programme included an address by Dr. W. M. Paden, vocal selections by Mrs. Jolly and Miss Irene Streng, and piano selections by Mrs. Arminta Childs. Dr. Paden referred in his opening remarks to the thirteen-hour speech of Senator Carter, saying that it was quite possible that he might speak for an equal length of time, and so prevent any class work being done by the school. The suggestion was enthusiastically received by the school. The talk was in the nature of advice regarding choice of reading, with especial reference to the value of biography, as that line of reading embodies both literary information and inspiration.

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Visitors whose names appear on the visitors' book this week are J. W. Rooklidge, Mrs. M. F. Cunningham, Dr. W. M. Paden, Mrs. Jolly, Mrs. Arminta Childs of Ogden, Miss Irene Streng of Ogden, Miss Stewart and Lieutenant William C. Webb.

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It is desired that all visitors to the school shall register in the visitors' book in the office.

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Messrs. Simon Bamberger and Riter were visitors last week.

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A debate was held in the constitutional history class this week on the question: "Resolved, That the Colonists Were Unwise in Asking Foreign Aid."

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The Yale Review for February contains an article by Mr. Ira Travis of the High school on "The Attitude of the Government Toward an Interoceanic Canal." The paper gives an historic account of past projects in this line and leads up to a discussion of the present plans.

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The cadet company is now fully organized, numbering sixty-five men.

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Mr. Hager gave a talk yesterday before the senior psychology class of Hammond hall on "The Physiological View of the Laws of Association."

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Last week about thirty of the High school girls organized a glee club under the direction of Mrs. Anderson and Mrs. Wetzell. The following officers were elected: Miss Florence La Due, president; Miss Effie Greenstreet, vice president, and Miss Irene Eckes, secretary and treasurer. As yet the name of the society is undecided. Practice was begun week before last and will be held Monday and Wednesday afternoons.

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The annual meeting of the High school Alumni association is scheduled for next Friday evening in the assembly room of the High school building. Besides the annual reports and election of officers, there will be a short musical programme and an address by Principal Eaton. All graduates of the High school should be present.

University Notes.

On Tuesday last Professor W. G. Roylance addressed the students of his various history classes upon the subject, "The British Empire." This is the first of a series of weekly lectures that the professor will give on important historical topics, most of them having to do with the history of recent years. The lectures are given on Tuesday afternoon at 2:30. The subject for the next one will be "The War in South Africa."

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Professor W. M. Stewart will conduct chapel exercises during the coming week. The University Glee club will furnish the music on Tuesday morning.

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During the fine weather of the first three days of the week, the baseball grounds were active with players, most of whom are trying for places on the university team. The grounds have been cleared of grass and weeds and will soon be put in still better condition by means of the plow and scraper. Mr. Holmes is directing the practice work and says he sees material from which to name a good nine.

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The contestants for places upon the track team also took advantage of the fine weather and did practice work on the campus in the early part of the week. About twenty of the boys were out.

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The normal class of '04 gave a programme on Thursday afternoon. Miss Ellen Tibbitte recited, and Professor W. M. Stewart gave a talk upon the "Study of Human Temperaments."

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A communication was received on Thursday from the students' committee of the University of Nevada concerning the question for inter-collegiate debate. Still unsatisfied with the statement of the question, they ask that it be restated. After a lengthy consideration of the subject as it was put, the university boys responded that they could not alter the form in which it had been stated without making the sides so unbalanced that it would destroy the virtue of the subject for debate.

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Mr. Ernest Heuser was elected captain of the baseball team on Monday.

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Mrs. R. W. Young and Mrs. W. L. Rawlins were visitors at the university on Thursday.

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Governor Heber M. Wells visited the university on Tuesday forenoon. In company with Dr. Kingsbury he inspected the heating plant, visited the various buildings, the laboratories, and the library, and observed the work of the respective departments and classes in the departments He was very much pleased with the work he saw.

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Mr. L. E. Young, instructor in United States history, went to Heber City yesterday and addressed the teachers of Wasatch county upon the teaching of history in the district schools.

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Mr Howard Driggs, who was for three years the instructor of English in the Branch Normal at Cedar City, paid a visit to the university and normal school last Wednesday. Mrs. Driggs accompanied her husband.

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Misses Belle Scofield and Ivy C. Dix entertained the college women yesterday afternoon by extending to them a box party at the performance of "The Little Minister" at the Salt Lake theatre.

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Dr. Ephraim G. Gowans, professor of biology in the Agricultural college, and Principal J. B. Forbes of Pleasant Grove visited the various departments of the university on Monday.

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Dr. H. N. McCoy's lecture upon "Recent Improvements in Methods of Illumination" was enjoyed very much by the engineers on Thursday last. The society continues to grow, twelve new members joining at the last meeting.

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The members of the university orchestra, three of whom are girls, had a very lively practice yesterday forenoon, and are making very satisfactory progress.

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Mrs. Frida Barnum Cluff, who assisted Professor Babcock last year in reading and physical culture, was a visitor on Tuesday.

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The freshmen held a class programme of their own on Friday.

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The dancing party of the second year students,