THE BLUES BROKE EVEN

LOST FIRST GAME BUT WON THE SECOND IN A SEA OF MUD.

Tigers Killed Off Three of Manning's Pitchers—Last Game Was Only Five Innings Long and Was Unsatisfactory.

It was certainly a great day for the mud larks at Exposition park yesterday. In fact, the big doings out there did not constitute much of a lark for the 6,000 fans who journeyed parkwards early in the afternoon, buoyed up by the hope of seeing a great double-header, in which the Blues would pull down a pair of games and pull up a few notches in their standing. The first game was a funeral procession for the thousands of fiends who took a chance on getting wet to see the killing affray. The visitors walked all over Manning's trusty men. They killed off Reilly and broke up three pitchers.

The second game was a trifle better, as

Brennan to Stallings—"Play ball in the mud or quit. See?"

the Blues managed to win it, although but five innings were played, as a previous agreement had been made by both teams to stop playing at 5:30 o'clock. There was ragchewing in this game from start to finish, as a rain storm came up in the fourth inning when the score stood 1 to 1. Manager Stallings wanted to quit, but Jack Brennan, who is the boss of the ranch when he is umpiring a game, said that the grounds were not too wet to continue the game. So the game was continued, both sides trying to kill time. Finally the game was called in the last half of the fifth with one man out.

First Game.

Three thousand fans gathered on the bleachers and grandstand yesterday afternoon at 1:30 to witness the Blues make mincemeat of the Tigers. The look of expectancy that spread o'er their countenances had a do-'em-in-a-walk expression, but it faded after the first inning and gave place to a resigned expression, that spoke volumes. It is a sad memory, the details of which would make the average fan weep briny tears.

The Blues were the first to bat, but the best they could record was a base on balls and a sacrifice. Then the mighty Rusty Pardee took his place on the slab, and as he prepared to pitch the first ball he glanced toward the press box with an I'll-make-those-scribblers-look-like-30-cents expression on his classic mug. Barrett drew a pass, and then Elberfield banged it out for two bases. Dungan got to first, while Barrett was being sent to the bench because Reilly touched him with the ball when he wasn't on the base. Dillard lined out a single and Elberfield scored. Slater forced Dillard out at second. Two out and one run. There was hope for Rusty, but it went glimmering when Ryan lined out a twobagger; Stallings followed with the same kind of a hit, and Shaw hit for a single. Five men had crossed the plate, four after two men were out. Cronin sent a high fly to Reilly and the stuff was off. Rusty resumed his seat on the bench with I-feel-like-a-plugged-dime expression on his face, and at the first opportunity sneaked to the clubhouse and disguised himself in citizens' clothes. Gear batted for him in the second.

Egan started in to pitch in the second. Barrett hit a high one to Gettman, and when Elberfield faced Ripraris he had a cinch on a base on balls. Rip's curving apparatus failed to work, and he gave way to Stricklett, and in the eight innings following Rusty's downfall the slaughter was harrowing, but Strick stood the gaff and finished the game. He was hit sixteen times, and they were not all singles either.

In the third inning Reilly was hit in the back of the head with a swift inshoot and knocked out. Gettman counted ten, but he could have counted forty before the doughty captain returned to consciousness, Boyle taking his place at third. It weakened the team, but at that it made no difference in the general result. Twelve earned runs was quite sufficient to win the game.

Second Game.

Detroit went to bat first and Barrett struck out, whereupon the crowd applauded Judge Gear vociferously. Elberfield was hit and walked to first, but was caught at second while trying to steal. He was followed by Dungan who was good for a couple of sacks. Dillard flew out to Raymer, and when the Blues came to bat Hulen, Gettman and Ganzel failed to reach first. In the second inning Stallings was hit with the ball and Shaw was given his base. Thomas hit a little easy one and Wilson got hold of the ball and threw wild to first, allowing Stallings to score, the only run that was made by the visitors during the game. Rothfuss walked to first and made a pretty steal in the mud. Raymer bunted and beat it out. Gann Johnzel sacrificed and allowed Rothfuss to score. In the third inning Ganzel and Gear each got a hit, but their work did not result in anything. Miller, the first man up in the fourth, was hit with the ball and scored on Dale's hit to right. Barrett was caught at first in the fifth inning and Elberfield was given transportation to the initial. Dungan hit to Hulen who, assisted by Raymer, caught Elberfield at second and Dungan was nailed at first. It was a brilliant double play. While Reilly was at bat a hard rainstorm came up that delayed the game for about ten minutes.

The fifth inning was filled with rag chewing. Gettman hit a short one that landed in a mud puddle near Elberfield, who fell in the water. Ganzel was given his base. Gettman was playing some distance from the second bag when Thomas passed the ball to the shortstop, who made an effort to get Gettman out. But Brennan called him safe and the shortstop made a remark to the umpire that caused the dismissal of the loud talker from the game. Miller and Raymer both followed with singles that scored Gettman and Ganzel. Frisk fumbled Raymer's hit to center and Miller scored. Just as Reilly stepped up to the plate time was called and the ragged game stopped.

The score:

First Game.

KANSAS CITY.

	AB.	R.	BH.	PO.	A.	E.
Hulen, ss	4	0	1	2	7	0
Gettman, cf	3	0	0	3	0	0
Ganzel, 1b	5	0	0	6	2	0
Rothfuss, lf	5	2	1	2	0	0
Miller, rf	4	1	2	1	0	0
Raymer, 2b	5	1	2	4	0	2
Reilly, 3b	0	0	0	2	0	0
Boyle, 3b	3	0	0	2	1	1
Wilson, c	4	1	1	2	2	0
Pardee, p	0	0	0	0	0	0
Egan, p	0	0	0	0	0	0
Stricklett, p	3	0	0	0	0	0
*Gear	1	0	1	0	0	0
Totals	37	5	9	24	12	3

DETROIT.

	AB.	R.	BH.	PO.	A.	E.
Barrett, cf	4	1	1	7	0	0
Elberfield, ss	4	2	2	3	1	1
Dungan, rf	5	3	1	2	0	0
Dillard, 3b	6	2	4	1	1	1
Slater, 1b	6	2	2	10	0	0
Ryan, 2b	5	2	4	2	3	0
Stallings, lf	6	2	2	0	0	0
Shaw, c	5	1	4	2	1	0
Cronin, p	5	1	1	0	1	0
Totals	46	18	21	27	7	2

*Gear batted for Pardee.

Score by innings:

Kansas City	0	1	1	0	0	0	2	1	0	—5
Detroit	5	0	1	5	0	1	0	6	*	—18

Summary:

Earned runs—Kansas City, 3; Detroit, 12.

Innings pitched—Pardee, 1; Stricklett, 7.

Twobase hits—Gear, Elberfield, Ryan (2), Stallings, Shaw (2), Dillard.

Sacrifice hits—Gettman, Reilly, Elberfield, Ryan.

Stolen bases—Hulen.

Base on balls—Barrett (2), Elberfield, Dungan, Hulen, Miller, Rothfuss.

Hit by pitched ball—Reilly.

Struck out—Miller, Barrett (2).

Left on bases—Kansas City, 11; Detroit, 11.

Time of game—2:20.

Umpire—Brennan.

Second Game.

DETROIT.

	AB.	R.	BH.	PO.	A.	E.
Barrett, cf	3	0	0	0	0	1
Frisk, cf	0	0	0	0	0	1
Elberfield, ss	1	0	0	2	0	0
Dungan, rf	3	0	1	1	0	0
Dillard, 3b	2	0	0	1	1	0
Slater, 1b	2	0	0	4	1	0
Ryan, 2b	2	0	1	1	2	0
Stallings, lf	0	0	0	1	0	0
Shaw, c	0	0	1	3	1	0
Thomas, p	2	0	0	1	2	1
Totals	16	1	3	*13	6	3

*One out when game was called.

KANSAS CITY.

	AB.	R.	BH.	PO.	A.	E.
Hulen, ss	3	0	0	1	1	0
Gettman, cf	3	1	1	0	0	0
Ganzel, 1b	2	1	1	4	1	0
Rothfuss, lf	2	1	0	0	0	0
Miller, rf	2	2	1	0	0	0
Raymer, 2b	3	0	2	4	2	0
Reilly, 3b	1	0	0	2	0	0
Wilson, c	2	0	0	4	1	1
Gear, p	2	0	2	0	1	0
Totals	20	5	7	15	6	1

Score by innings:

Kansas City	0	1	0	1	3	—	5			
Detroit	9	1	0	0	0	—	1			

Summary:

Twobase hit—Dungan.

Stolen bases—Rothfuss, Wilson.

Hit by pitched ball—Miller, Elberfield, Stallings (2).

Bases on balls—By Gear, 2; by Thomas, 2.

Struck out—Rothfuss, Barrett (2).

Left on bases—Kansas City, 5; Detroit, 2.

Double play—Hulen to Raymer to Ganzel.

Attendance—6,000.

Time of game—1:00.

Umpire—Brennan.

WESTERN LEAGUE.

Standing of the Clubs.

	W.	L.	Pc.		W.	L.	Pc.
Minneapolis	42	30	.583	St. Paul	35	37	.486
Indianapolis	38	30	.559	Kansas City	34	38	.472
Columbus	36	34	.514	Milwaukee	33	38	.465
Detroit	36	35	.507	Buffalo	30	42	.417

Milwaukee 9, Indianapolis 9.

MILWAUKEE, WIS., July 16.—Milwaukee and Indianapolis played an eleven inning tie game to-day. Chech's wildness gave the Hoosiers a lead of four in the third. In the fifth three hits and Hart's wildness gave them four more. The Brewers took their turn in the seventh and disposed of Dammann. Game was called on account of darkness at the end of the eleventh inning. The score:

										R	H	E
Milwaukee	0	0	2	1	1	0	5	0	0	0—9	9	1
Indianapolis	0	0	4	0	4	0	0	0	1	0 0—9	11	3

Batteries—Milwaukee, Chech, Hart, Reidy and Speer; Indianapolis, Dammann, Scott and Kahoe.

St. Paul 5, Columbus 4.

ST. PAUL, July 16.—St. Paul defeated Columbus to-day in an exciting twelve inning contest. A heavy fifteen minute rain at the end of the fourth inning put the field in bad condition for fielding and baserunning. Two games were to have been played, but owing to the length of the first game the second was put over to-morrow. The score:

											R	H	E
St. Paul	0	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	1	0 0	1—5	9	4
Columbus	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0 0	—4	10	10

Batteries—St. Paul, Katoll, Denzer and Spies; Columbus, Jones and McAuley.

Buffalo 7, Minneapolis 2.

MINNEAPOLIS, July 16.—The Bisons' outfield was a regular well to-day and when the Millers did hit Hastings the drives were spoiled. Parker was easy and the visitors made every hit count. The score:

										R	H	E
Minneapolis	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0—2	8	3
Buffalo	0	0	2	2	0	1	0	1	1	—7	12	3

Batteries—Minneapolis, Parker and Fisher; Buffalo, Hastings and Diggins.

Where They Play To-day.

Indianapolis at Kansas City.
Detroit at Milwaukee.
Columbus at St. Paul.
Buffalo at Minneapolis.

NATIONAL LEAGUE.

Standing of the Clubs.

	W.	L.	Pc.		W.	L.	Pc.
Brooklyn	52	24	.684	Cincinnati	36	37	.493
Philadelphia	46	27	.630	Pittsburg	35	39	.473
Boston	47	28	.627	New York	33	42	.440
Chicago	43	29	.597	Louisville	30	44	.405
Baltimore	43	30	.589	Washington	25	51	.329
St. Louis	44	32	.579	Cleveland	12	62	.162

St. Louis 10, New York 2.

NEW YORK, July 16.—The St. Louis team defeated the Giants at Weehawken, N. J., this afternoon, the Westerners outplaying the Giants at every point of the game. The score:

NEW YORK.	AB	H	PO	A	E	ST. LOUIS.	AB	H	PO	A	E
V. Halt'n, cf	5	1	2	0	0	Burkett, lf	5	1	1	0	0
Tiernan, rf	5	1	2	0	0	Childs, 2b	5	2	3	4	0
Davis, ss	4	1	5	3	0	Heidrick, cf	5	3	2	0	1
Doyle, 1b	3	1	9	0	3	Wallace, ss	5	2	2	2	0
Gleason, 2b	5	1	2	5	0	Cross, 3b	3	0	0	2	0
O'Brien, lf	1	0	2	0	0	Blake, rf	5	1	5	0	0
Grady, 3b	4	2	1	5	1	O'Connor, 1b	5	2	10	0	0
Warner, c	4	0	3	1	1	Criger, c	5	0	3	1	0
Cooley, p	2	0	0	2	0	McBride, p	5	0	0	1	0
Gettig, p	1	0	0	0	0						
Totals	34	7	27	17	5	Totals	41	11	27	10	1

Score by innings:

New York	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	—2
St. Louis	0	0	1	3	1	0	1	0	4	—10

Summary: Earned runs—St. Louis, 3. First base by errors—New York, 2; St. Louis, 2. Left on bases—New York, 10; St. Louis, 7. Bases on balls—Off Coakley, 5, off McBride, 4. Struck out—By Coakley, 1; by McBride, 4; by Gettig, 1. Threebase hits—Heidrick, Wallace. Twobase hits—Davis, Doyle, Gleason, Grady. Stolen bases—Gettig, Burkett, 2; Heidrick, Cross. Double play—Childs to Wallace to O'Connor. Hit by pitched ball—Doyle Davis. Wild pitch—Coakley. Passed ball—Warner. Umpires—Emslie and McDonald. Time—2:15. Attendance, 2,800.

Atchison 4, Emporia 0.

ATCHISON, KAS., July 16.—(Special.) Emporia went down before Atchison at Forest park this afternoon, 4 to 0. The feature of the game was a wonderful catch of Nagle, the center fielder, from Gabriel. The grounds were ankle deep in mud. Emporia protests. Umpire Baker rotten. Batteries—Emporia, Drummy and Warner; Atchison, Davis and Lonman. Games will be played on Monday and Tuesday.

Expressmen 10, Commission Men 2.

The Expressmen beat the Commission men at Bismark grove, Kas., yesterday by a score of 10 to 2. The features of the game were the batting of Kendall and Brown and the shortstop work of Underwood, all of the Expressmen's team.

ON BEST OF TERMS.

American and English Athletic Representatives Dined Together Yesterday.

BRIGHTON, ENG., July 16.—The joint commission having charge of the forthcoming athletic contests between the teams of Yale and Harvard and Oxford and Cambridge universities, at the Queen's Club, West Kensington, London, held its first official meeting at the Hotel Metropole this afternoon. The Englishmen came from Eastbourne and took luncheon with the Americans. Evart Wendell, of Harvard, presided, and among those present were Joseph B. Morrison, Charles H. Sherill and Holcomb J. Browne, on behalf of the Americans, and C. N. Jackson, T. C. Vassal and A. Hunter on behalf of the home team.

The meeting proved most satisfactory, the greatest good feeling being displayed on both sides.

The status of Burke and Quinlan, of the American team, was roughly discussed and the conclusion arrived at was that no objection to them would hold for a moment. Mr. Jackson was very emphatic in denouncing the English newspapers that originated the controversy.

He asked the Associated Press to make it plain to the American newspapers that neither he nor his colleagues would in any circumstances have considered any objection to either Quinlan or Burke.

"The fact that these gentlemen, Mr. Wendell and his fellow committeemen, who are of such high standing in amateur athletics, vouch for them is entirely sufficient," said Mr. Jackson, "and if any objection should be raised again to either, it will not proceed from the Oxford-Cambridge officials and will not have the sympathy of Oxford or Cambridge men."

The main object of to-day's meeting was to harmonize the Anglo-American amateur athletic rules, which vary in some minor particulars. In order that the contests may be carried out under conditions that shall be indisputable, it was agreed that the hurdle races should be run under American conditions, over loose instead of fixed hurdles, and that each side should follow its own custom in hammer throwing. It was also agreed that the high jump should be taken from the turf in the center of the grounds, instead of the cinder path. Some minor details with regard to the long jump were also adjusted.

The order of events has yet to be arranged. On the American side there has been no definite choice of the actual competitors for the 100 yard and hurdle races. It is possible that in these cases alternate names may appear on the programme.

The sports will begin punctually at 4 o'clock in the afternoon, as the Prince of Wales will be obliged to leave at 5 o'clock for his yacht in the Solent.

The committee will meet again at the Queen's Club next Tuesday to complete the final arrangements.

The American team did not practice today. The men went to church in a body this morning and went for a drive this afternoon. To-morrow morning they will leave for London and will take their further practice at the Queen's Club.

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WHIST CONGRESS ENDS.

Expert Players Unanimous in Their Praise of the Session Just Closed.

CHICAGO, July 16.—The ninth annual congress of the American Whist League came to an end early this morning at the Auditorium hotel. The Hamilton Club trophy and the championship for teams of four, go to the Buffalo Whist Club; the Chicago Duplicate Whist Club secures the Minneapolis trophy and the championship for club pairs, and the American Whist League challenge trophy becomes the prize of the St. Paul Club. These are the principal trophies for which the expert whist players have contended during the tournament, the East being pitted against the West.

The contest for the Minneapolis trophy was the last to be determined. So close was the playing of the eight pairs entered in this contest that a difference of only five and one-half points stood between the lowest score and that of the winners. Thirty-eight pairs entered the preliminaries for the Minneapolis trophy, this number being reduced to eight before the commencement of the fifty-six hands which settled the disposition of the prize. The recorded score of the contest follows:

	First match.	Second match.	Total.
Chicago Duplicate Whist Club	14½	16½	31
Cicero Whist Club	12	17½	29½
Ravenswood Whist Club	15½	13	28½
Walbrook Club, of Baltimore	12½	16½	28
Office Men's Club, of St. Louis	15	13	28
Minneapolis Whist Club	14	13½	27½
Chicago Whist Club	14	12	26
Des Moines Whist Club	14½	11	25½

The contests for the Hamilton and American Whist League trophies were also closely contested, three clubs being tied in the former and two in the latter. The three leaders in the race for the Hamilton Club trophy were the Buffalo Whist Club, the Philadelphia Whist Club and the Heyer Club, of Racine, Wis. Buffalo secured the prize, defeating Racine by four tricks and then vanquishing Philadelphia by three tricks. In the contest for the American Whist League trophy, the St. Paul Club defeated the Athenaeum Club, of Toronto, its closest competitor by thirteen tricks. Twenty-two contestants entered the preliminaries for the Hamilton trophy, which number was narrowed down to eight teams at the finish. Of the twenty teams that entered for the American challenge trophy, only six participated in the final struggle. The Brooklyn trophy was won by the Atlantic Whist Association.

Aside from the championship struggles, the most important work of the congress was the adoption of the league "long suit" system of play as the standard for championship contests. There is no intention of making the new system compulsory or mandatory on the players. Contestants will still be free to play by whatever system they desire, the league system simply furnishing the standard by which any variation from that style of playing may be classified. The rule prohibiting the playing of boards for money at the congress was reaffirmed. Action was also taken recognizing women as eligible contestants. Heretofore, women players have been permitted to share in the contests only as a matter of courtesy.

PRAISE FOR OMAHA KID.

Oscar Gardner Termed the Greatest Fighter of His Weight in the World.

The Kansas City friends of Oscar Gardner will be interested in the following tribute from Harry Weldon, of Cincinnati:

Oscar Gardner has forfeited $200 and declared off his match with Jack O'Brien. I am glad of it. It is pleasing to note the fact that the greatest fighter of his weight and inches in the world is getting wise and discreet.

There is no good reason why Gardner should fight O'Brien. In weight O'Brien is two classes above the plucky Oscar. O'Brien is a light weight, and a heavy light weight at that.

His fight with Dal Hawkins called for 133 pounds at 3 o'clock. This means that O'Brien weighed 137 at least when he went in the ring with the Californian.

Gardner can do 115 pounds. At least he did that figure when he fought Sammie Kelly a year ago. Why should he give O'Brien twenty-two pounds. Oscar has been altogether too liberal in making his matches. He has repeatedly gone out of his class to get fights. None of his friends want to see the great and willing fighter spoil his wonderfully successful record by overmatching himself. Oscar has been altogether too liberal in weight concessions. He has thought nothing of giving away twenty pounds. No fighter of the present day or the past, for that matter, has been as liberal in this regard, or fought as often as Gardner. Even the great George Dixon has not fought as many fights as Gardner. Dixon, counting his four-round contests, has a longer record than the Omaha Kid, but when it comes to twenty-round contests Gardner has fought more than the great colored fighting machine.

"A good big man can whip a good little man every time." That O'Brien is a good man is attested by his victory over Dal Hawkins. The latter was accounted one of the greatest lightweights in the world. McPartland, and now O'Brien has whipped Hawkins. No one expects Gardner to jump two classes and fight the best men in the country. The fight that lovers of pugilism would like to see above all others is a twenty-five round go between Gardner and McGovern. Gardner can easily weigh in with the Brooklyn terror. Indeed, it is quite likely that the Omaha boy can do a smaller notch than McGovern. Patsey Haley, who has fought both McGovern and Gardner, said when he was here that in his opinion Gardner would make short work of McGovern.

"Gardner can whip anybody near his weight if allowed to hit in clinches," said Haley. "Gardner never clinches. He lets the other fellow do that, and his hands are always free to take advantage of any opportunity at close quarters in clinches."

It is the general opinion out this way that Gardner can take the measure of the great undefeated Brooklyn terror. From all accounts Pedlar Palmer has little license to box McGovern. His only stock in trade is cleverness, and McGovern has shown conclusively in his other fights that he can make short work of men who have nothing but cleverness to recommend them. Gardner not only has cleverness, but he is a harder hitter than McGovern.

Brighton Beach Entries.

First race—Handicap; 6 furlongs. Montanic, 125; Maribert, 123; Vulcan, 122; Big Gun, 117; Gold One, 116; Avenstore, 112; Peaceful, 111; Freylinghuysen, 110; Frank Webb, 106.

Second race—5 furlongs. Her Ladyship, Smoke, Flower of Gold, Cheesestraw, Bebee S., Elie S., Skip, Jugglery, Iiollo, Pompadour, Diffidence, The Laurel, Mimicry, Lady Uncas, Oread, Leon d'Or, Indian Fairy, Swift Water, Eller Daly, Lindemore, The Amazon, Calea, 105.

Third race—Selling; 5 furlongs. Impartial, Asthore, Morose, 105; Cavilleria, Disturber, Emigre, Kilarma, Sunny Stream, 102; Veracous, Lioness, Halo, Exit, Inconstancia, Whim, Ann Belle, Lady Harriet, 100; Sagasta, Al Reeves, Touraine, Waterhouse, 97; Klondike Queen, Saccharine, Our Annie, Rose O'Lee, 95.

Fourth race—Handicap; 1 1-16 miles. Merry Prince, 125; Glorian, 124; Maxine, 123; Lackland, 114; Formero, 111.

Fifth race—Selling; 5½ furlongs. Momentum, 125; Bob White, Blarney Stone, Imperator, 123; Florenso, 120; Utopia, Larva, 122; Gala Day, Judge Tarvin, Athy, Princess, Bonnie, 120; Tabourette, 117; Emigre, 115; Mail Bag, 115; Winepress, 112; Bettie Gray, 112; Peace, 108.

Sixth race—Selling; 1 mile. Handsel, 108; Marshal, Estara, The Dauphin, 106; Greatland, Charentus, 104; Marati, Rossifer, Toddie Ladie, Beataria, 103; Rare Perfume, 98; Hard Knot, 97; Dona Dea, 96; Pell Mell II., Sky Scraper, 95; Ed Tipton, Handcuff, 94; Tyrshena, 92.

Big Yachts to Race July 21.

NEWPORT, R. I., July 16.—The Newport Yacht Racing Association gave out the following circular to-day:

"The first races between the Columbia and Defender off this port under the auspices of this association will be held on Friday July 21. The start will be made from Brenton's lightship at 11 a. m., and the course will be a triangular one, but where the marks will be has not yet been decided upon. The date of the second race will be announced later.

"The committee finds it will be unable to furnish accommodation for the press, as the judges' boat will be a private yacht placed at the disposal of the committee.

Good Rowing Match Arranged.

NEW YORK, July 16.—It was officially announced to-day by an official of the Middle States Regatta Association that a special match race had been arranged between the senior eights of the Pennsylvania Barge Club, of Philadelphia, and the Argonauts, of Toronto, who are now in England. The Pennsylvanians have decided to make the race and the Canadians have sent word they will race. It is proposed to make the race the feature of the Middle states regatta on Labor day and John Wanamaker will give a $1,000 cup to the winning crew.

Work on Driving Club Track.

The contractors for the new track that will be built on the ground recently purchased by the Driving Club announced yesterday that the ground for the track will be broken to-day. This means that the course will be open for matinees within a few weeks. The committee appointed to select a design for the new club house will report this week, and it is believed that the contract will be let as soon as the report of the committee is received.

Played Golf in the Rain.

A number of the members of the Country Club were not discouraged by the hard rains of yesterday, and several interesting matches were played on the links. The putting greens were not in condition, but some fairly good scores were made. There were no match contests between the first and second teams.

Rain Prevented Golf at Fairmount.

The inclement weather prevented the Fairmount Golf Club members from playing any matches on the new links yesterday. It was intended to hold an open tournament for the purpose of selecting a team to compete with the second team of the Country Club. The tournament will be held at 3 o'clock this afternoon.

Shamrock Is Satisfactory.

SOUTHAMPTON, July 16.—The Shamrock has four mainsails and will bend a new one to-morrow. Yesterday's mishap will not delay the trial with the Britannia.

Sir Thomas Lipton was on board at the time, but has since expressed himself as very well pleased with the yacht's performance.

Dixon and Santry Matched.

ST. LOUIS, July 16.—George Dixon, the champion featherweight of the world, and Eddie Santry, of Chicago, have been matched to box twenty rounds at the Fourteenth Street theater July 31.

Amateur Baseball Notes.

The Munday Laundry Company team did not play the Crescents yesterday.

The Olathe, Kas., ball club has been organized, and would like to arrange games.

The Horseshoe Stars have organized and would like games with the Cigarmaker Juniors.

The J. J. Fosters challenge the W. W. Crees for a game next Sunday at Fifteenth and Vine.

The game between the Lincoln High Schools and the Argentine Tigers was not played Sunday, as the Tigers failed to put in an appearance. The game will be played next Sunday morning at 10 o'clock at Fifteenth and Troost.

Puffs From the Pipe.

Rusty.
Ripraras.
Stricklett.
Three of 'em.
'Twas all the same.
To Stallings' Spudmashers.
Thomas wasn't such a terror.
The first game was a nightmare.
Rusty looked like a plugged dime.
Ripraras pitched about eight balls.
Gear got one chance in the first inning.
The Blues had thirteen men in the first game.
The "megaphone minstrel" had a fit yesterday.
Reilly turned around twice and dropped gracefully.
The second game was "sloppy" in every sense of the word.
The baserunners should have had boats in the second game.
Gettman counted ten, but it failed to bring Reilly to his feet.
Stricklett was hit hard, but he stood the test like an old soldier.
Dale Gear hit three men with swift inshoots in the second game.
Imagine Bill Wilson stealing a base! He did it yesterday, and in the mud, too.
The best hit made in the last game was Dungan's twobagger and that was a scratch.
Manager Stallings came to bat but twice in the last game and was hit with the ball both times.
How the Detroits played for time! They wanted 5:30 to come before the five innings were played.
Brennan and Elberfield had another row yesterday, and the loud talker was again put out of the game.
Fred Raymer got back his batting eye yesterday and rapped out a pair of good ones in the second game.
Stallings had another chance to roar about the umpire when Brennan compelled the Detroits to play.
The Blues cannot bunt very well. The ball goes just high enough to be in easy reach of the opposing catcher.
Lajoie, the big gun of the Phillies, will be out of the game for at least a week. It is feared he has water on the knee.
Raymer hit .600 in the first game, and Miller tipped the beam at .500. To the remainder of the boys Cronin was a dream.
There was many a twobagger in the first game that could have been stretched if the ground had been in shape for running.
Billy Brady is trying to get the almost forgotten Charley Mitchell to go against Jeffries. Such a match would be almost ludicrous.
The first game netted the fans two hours and twenty minutes of agony, and after it was over there was no chance to drown their sorrow.
"Bad Bill" Eagan acquired a jag yesterday and succeeded in making a holy show of himself. Such creatures as Bad Bill should be out of the game.
The signing of Houtz runs the Reds' list of outfielders up to six. They also have six pitchers, beating all other league teams in number, if not in the race.
There is one thing about Jack Brennan that is to be admired, and that is the fact that when he says anything it goes, and most always Jack is correct.
With the Reds' weak spots strengthened the future looks much better for them, and Manager Bancroft says he is willing to wager that they will beat out Pat Tebeau's "Perfectos."
Everybody is wondering where Jeffries and Sharkey will meet since the California Club's offer of a $60,000 purse was posted. The amount will undoubtedly be raised to $100,000 before the mill is pulled off.
Peter Maher declares that he is going to do some tall fighting again in the near future. He is anxious to meet Tom Sharkey once more, and adds that should the sailor not care to box Jim Jeffries Maher will take Sharkey on.
Kid McCoy has the wise ones guessing, up if they wish to get anywhere near the with Choynski or not. Fitz seems to be fighting shy of the "Kid." The latter wants a game with Jeffries, but Brady will not agree to such a proposition.
George Dixon seems to be in demand. He fought Tommy White in Denver last week, boarded the first train and had scarcely arrived in Chicago before he put on the gloves with Eddie Santry. The chocolate colored champion is scheduled for several other fights in the near future.
The London Sporting Life yesterday morning spoke in the highest terms of the appearance and performances of the Yale and Harvard men, now abroad, and says: "The English athletes will have to wake up fithey wish to get anywhere near the American hammer throwing record. The hammer of our visitors appears to have a decided advantage over our style of implement."

Sporting Editor Kansas City Journal. Dear Sir:—You seem to take a delight in trying to turn me down by publishing all kinds of reports as to my pitching. Are you aware that was the fourth game I have pitched this season, and had a sore arm to begin with? All I ask is just dues, and give me credit for what I do. I pitched with Stricklett last season and won several games. I only lost two from July 4 to August 7 and pitched every other day, Kid Cooper and I. I will show you a fast gait before the season is over. Hoping to receive my just dues, I am very truly,

L. C. FREELAND, Iola Pitcher.

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AMONG THE RAILROADS

EASTERN GRAIN RATE SITUATION LOOKS STORMY.

Grand Trunk Professes Little Faith in President's Agreement—Grain Rate to Bangor Reduced—Other Railroad News.

CHICAGO, July 16.—(Special.) It is by no means certain that the agreement made as to grain rates by the presidents of the Eastern roads at their recent meeting here will go into effect on August 1, as contemplated. The Grand Trunk was the only road which refused to be a party to the agreement. It has lost so much business and money in the past by keeping agreements while rival lines were secretly breaking them that it has little faith that the present agreement will be kept. For the past month the Grand Trunk has been unable to get anything like its usual share of freight traffic, despite the fact that it offered the same rates as those publicly quoted by rival lines. It is not to the credit of the roads running entirely in the United States that they do not observe the interstate commerce act and anti-trust law as well as the Grand Trunk does. The other Eastern roads can blame only themselves if the Grand Trunk announces one of these days rates on grain and grain products much lower than those the presidents promised to make and maintain on and after this month. George B. Reeve, general traffic manager of the Grand Trunk, has spent the past week here, and it is understood that he has determined on a new policy which will insure to the Grand Trunk its usual proportion of traffic east bound. What the new policy is may be inferred from the announcement that the Grand Trunk will make a reduction at once of 2 cents per 100 pounds in the rate on grain from Chicago to Bangor, Me., the same rate as is made to Boston.

The Grand Trunk is also pursuing an independent policy regarding passenger traffic. It is announced positively that it will not comply with the recommendation of the presidents of other roads, and withdraw summer tourist rates from Boston, so long as the Vanderbilt lines apply the rates via Boston to Northern New England points. The Eastern presidents will consider the controversy at a meeting in New York the coming week. Prospects for an amicable arrangement are not good.

Colorado, Texas & Mexico.

HASKELL, TEX., July 16.—(Special.) The located survey of the Colorado, Texas & Mexican railroad was completed to Haskell yesterday, and Chief Engineer John M. Blackburn and assistants, Dean and Kelly, returned with the corps to the general offices at Abilene. The line is twenty-three miles from Abilene to Anson; thirteen and six-tenths miles from Anson to Stamford, on the proposed line of the Texas Central, and fifteen and one-quarter miles from Stamford to Haskell. The town of Haskell has an elevation of 1,630 feet and the city of Abilene 1,750 feet. There are but 6,000 feet of 1 per cent grade from Abilene to Haskell, and no loose or solid rock on the line. The line is now located from Llano to Haskell and beyond a distance of over 200 miles, at a maximum grade not exceeding 1 per cent and curves not exceeding 3 degrees.

It is understood here that the Colorado, Texas & Mexico will intersect the Kansas, Oklahoma & Southwestern railroad, now building through the territory, at or near the line north of Quanah.

The crops of corn and cotton, sorghum and millet along this line from Llano to this point and north to the Oklahoma boundary are immense, and there never was such a crop of grasses in Texas. Horses, cattle and sheep are in fine condition.

The Colorado, Texas & Mexico railroad is projected from Denver via the Panhandle of Texas to Haskell, thence to Abilene and through the rich Abilene country to Llano, and from there to Eagle Pass, the gateway to the mining and cattle regions of Mexico. This line of railway will connect with the Santa Fe at La Junta, Washburn and Coleman; with the Fort Worth & Denver at Washburn; with the Texas & Pacific at Abilene; with the Austin & Northwestern at Llano; with the Aransas Pass at Comfort; with the Southern Pacific at Uval