

AMONG THE HORSES.

Mr. B. Magoffin, a Competent and Experienced Breeder, Sustains Mr. DeGraff's Theory.

Mr. H. G. Finkle of Moorhead Expresses His Opinion in regard to the Three-Year-Olds of the North and South.

Mr. Grattan Calls a Meeting of the Horse Breeders' Association at Watonwan for March 10.

Mr. DeGraff Sustained. We give special notice to a long and very intelligent and convincing letter from Mr. B. Magoffin, Jr., of St. Paul in regard to wintering stock in this cold latitude...

same blue grass that has made Kentucky famous grows spontaneously and luxuriously here around St. Paul and Minneapolis and the writer has seen the same blue grass growing about Old Fort Snare, Minn. On the 10th of February I saw a pair of blue grass and timothy fields in Ramsey county between St. Paul and Minneapolis 1 have forty acres that was seeded down to timothy, red top and red clover in 1864, and has yielded a good crop of hay every year since then, and I hope equally as well as the next season of '85. I have another forty adjoining that was seeded to timothy and red clover in 1870 and has got a good crop of hay every year since, and expect to get as good this year. Another field that was seeded in 1873, and another in 1880, each field yields me a good crop every year, the oldest field averaging well with the others. Hence I submit that timothy and red clover here are permanent crops, and will never freeze out as it does in the states further south.

For twenty years the Turf, Field and Farm has been under the same direction, and it has grown up with the breeding industries founded since the civil war. It also has largely influenced the wonderful development of turf, field, athletic, aquatic and other sports. No journal in the country stands so close to the breeders and track managers, and none more truly voices their sentiments. Having had some experience it always gives wise counsel, and its views command the widest respect, and are quoted throughout America and Europe. It is a paper that has a remarkably large and strong staff. It secures the best talent to be found for each department. It is a paper that is accurate in statement and vigorous in its expression. It is not a matter of wonder therefore that its circulation is so large, and that it should be known and read wherever the breeding of horses is carried on and intelligent sports of all kinds are pursued. The enterprise of the Turf, Field and Farm is not less marked than its ability, and it is a pleasure to find it so numerously read and wielded so much power.

A Meeting of the Horse Breeders' Association Called. PRESTON, Minn., Feb. 26.—R. C. Judson, Secretary, Dear Sir: As the first member appointed of the executive committee of the Minnesota Trotting Horse Breeders' association and therefore presumably its chairman, I will call a meeting of the same to be held at Watonwan, Minn., Tuesday, March 10, 1885, at 10 o'clock a. m., to consider the following questions, together with such other business as may properly come up: 1. To decide upon a date for the closing of entries, Sunday, March 1, not being a lawful one for that purpose. 2. To decide upon the date of the annual meeting to conform to the requirements of Mr. Bemis, who offers \$200 upon certain specific conditions; or else obtain his consent to the variation of his conditions. 6. To provide for the uniform and specific announcement of the terms and conditions of the various stakes offered, in papers having a general circulation among the breeders and horsemen of Minnesota. 7. To announce in a specific manner the rule which shall govern eligibility to all races advertised and data age from March 1. 8. To provide for the publication of rules and regulations, together with a publication of rules and regulations. 9. To place the two-year-old race on an equal footing with the others or drop it from the program. You will please notify Messrs DeGraff, Staples and Graves, the other members of the committee besides ourselves. Yours truly, M. T. GRATTAN, Senior Member Ex. Com. Minn. Trotting Horse Breeders' Association.

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OUT OF DOOR SPORTS.

The St. Paul Base Ball Club—The New Grounds of the Chicago Club.

List of the League Players—Where All the Players are Going—What Nashville is Doing.

The Boxes Arranging Their Programs—Glove Contests—The Bicycle and Roller Rinks.

Base Ball. There is no change in the situation in St. Paul in regard to base ball matters. Manager Thompson is signing players, and, with one or two exceptions, the members of the club are already secured. The prices paid this year are considerably less than those paid last year, and it is intended to hold the players to regulations with rigidity. It is probable that the club will be very much better than the one we had last year.

Joe Batin is to captain and play third base for the new nine now being got together to represent Cleveland in Sunday League. T. Lawrence, the superintendent of the old Cleveland ground, is financially interested in the project. The services of professional pitchers have been secured by several college teams: Radnor, coaching Brown; Lynch, Princeton; Clark, Dartmouth; Galvin, Hamilton and Jones, Yale.

S. E. Winslow has been elected captain of the Harvard college nine, taking the place of Phillips, resigned. Tilden will probably take Phillips' place at second base. Manager Schmelz of the Atlanta club has added Clark to his team. He gives Atlanta four pitchers, Bauer, Sullivan, Clem and Dundon, and three catchers, McVey, Clark and Lang.

The season in Newark, N. J. will be opened April 15, Manager Farrow's local professionals then playing the Bostonians. The request that the rival St. Louis clubs be added to the plan has not yet been decided by the National league. Hockett of the Boston has happily recovered from a very long, tedious and debilitating illness. He is rapidly picking up, and will be able to be in trim when the season opens.

McKee of the Boston Unions has received several offers for next season. Jackson of the New York league has been corresponding with most of the Boston Unions of 1884, with a view to get them for his Rochester nine. The married members of the new Brooklyn team are Cassidy, Hotaling, Swartwood, Erie, Krings and Smith. The latter is of German parentage; Cassidy, Hays and Harkins of Irish parents, and Terry, Phillips, Pinckney, McClellan and Robinson "native and to the manner born." White Porter is of French-Canadian birth. Cassidy will captain the team, and Terry will be the assistant. Harkins and Krueg will pitch and catch in the majority of the April games.

Sunday games will be played at all the suburban grounds on Long Island which are in the vicinity of churches, as the supreme court has decided that the "Sabbath rest of the community" is disturbed. This will of course allow of Sabbath games at Coney Island, as "Sabbath rest" is something unknown in that region. A team of professionals, headed by Frank Fitt, are now playing a series of Sunday games with the leading clubs of Havana, Cuba. They are billed as the Chicago and are under the management of Leon De Leon, a well-known circus director of Havana. The Chicago played their initial game Feb. 8, defeating the Ultimatum club by a score of 3 to 1.

At a recent meeting the Southern league was reorganized by the consolidation with it of the Southeastern league. The association now consists of the Clinch club and Browns of Augusta, Atlanta, Chattanooga, Columbus, Macon, Nashville and either the Birmingham or Montgomery clubs. The championship season commences April 15 and ends Oct. 1. President Spalding goes East this week and during the inauguration will be a guest of President Nick Young, at Washington, after which both will proceed to New York to attend the national convention of the association. The principal work of which will be to arrange the schedule of games for the coming season.

It is reported in base-ball circles that Grand Rapids enthusiasts are making an effort to organize a base ball club for this season, and will make application to the Western league. The New Grounds in Chicago. The long uncertainty attending the location of the new grounds of the Chicago Ball club is at last ended, and negotiations have been completed which give the club for the next five years at least a home of which it may well be proud. The location is not above fifteen minutes' street-car ride from the business center, and is in the heart of the most populous portion of the city. A block of land 660x400 feet, bounded by Congress street on the north, Harrison street on the south, Loomis street on the west, and Third street on the east, has been leased for five years. Within one short block of the main entrance, at the corner of Loomis and Congress streets, is the Van Buren street line of cars, or Harrison street will be the new line now in process of construction, while the Madison, Halsted, and West Twelfth streets, paved or to be paved, will be sparsely made to make these the finest base ball and athletic grounds in America. Instead of the unsightly board fences which usually inclose base ball grounds, a substantial, stone-capped brick wall, twelve feet in height, will be built of brick and located just in the rear of the grand stand. The clubhouse and players' dressing-rooms will also be of brick, and will be placed at the corner of Madison and Harrison streets. Further than this, the management is contemplating building several clubhouses and dressing-rooms at the eastern end of the grounds for the use of cricket clubs, bicycle clubs, lacrosse clubs, football clubs and other kindred organizations desiring to use the grounds for practice and exhibitions.

The following is the official list of the league players: Boston—James H. Manning, Joseph Hornum, E. B. Whittier, J. F. Morrill, S. W. Wise, E. B. Sutton, J. J. Burdock, M. P. Hines, J. A. Davis. Buffalo—William Crowley, D. Brouthers, W. Force, H. Richardson, R. Blackstock, George D. Myers, William T. Gerard, J. A. McCarty, J. P. Galvin, John Connor. Chicago—J. G. Clarkson, L. J. Corcoran, Thomas E. Burns, A. C. Anson, W. A. Sunday, E. N. Williamson, M. J. Kelly, Fred Pfeffer, George F. Gore, E. E. Sutcliffe, O. P. Beard, A. Dalrymple, Charles Marr, F. S. Fitt, Joseph Brown. Cincinnati—J. D. Weidman, C. H. Fox, J. H. Bourke, P. Gillespie, R. Connor, J. P. Hannon, J. F. Doran, M. P. Scott, George A. Wood, J. F. Farrell. Providence—T. J. Lovett, C. F. Daily, John Farrell, A. A. Jones, C. F. Daily, C. B. Radford, Jeremiah Denny, M. J. Murray, C. E. Bassett. New York—J. J. Gerhardt, D. Richardson, William Ewing, A. McKinnon, M. Welch, J. H. Bourke, P. Gillespie, R. Connor, J. P. Hannon, J. F. Doran, M. P. Scott, George A. Wood, J. F. Farrell.

For Sale—Young Trotting Stock—I have several one and two-year-old colts, the get of Baymont, 1.97, son of Alden Goldsmith, 337, and of the best stock in the state. Also for sale, Oakwood, four-year-old, by Alexander, standard, 1885. W. L. McGrath.

LAKE COMO STOCK FARM—I have for sale a nice lot of colts and fillies, one, two and three-year-olds, all standard bred, by DeGraff's Alexander, and by Theobald, by Administrator, dam by Standard, a nice, strong, handsome colt. Also for sale, Oakwood, four-year-old, by Alexander, standard, 1885. W. L. McGrath.

PRESTON STOCK FARM, Preston, Fillmore County, Minn. For public service, Herod (2:24 1/2), King of the Morgans, Tramp, the grandest trotting horse ever bred in the Northwest; comes a first-class draft stallion. For pedigree and terms, address M. T. Grattan, 68.

A Philosopher and a Statesman. From the Memphis Appeal. Lamar has a natural talent for study, a restless desire to know everything, and he has explored every branch of inquiry that afforded him, and, possessing a wonderful memory, he has been able to retain all the grandest facts of the world. He is a philosopher and a statesman. His utterances have not always been approved at the time, but he had the philosophy to tide his time, and he has lived to see his friends occupy the same advanced position. If the senator desired or could be induced to accept a philosophical education, there can be no doubt as to his selection.

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OUT OF DOOR SPORTS.

The St. Paul Base Ball Club—The New Grounds of the Chicago Club.

List of the League Players—Where All the Players are Going—What Nashville is Doing.

The Boxes Arranging Their Programs—Glove Contests—The Bicycle and Roller Rinks.

Base Ball. There is no change in the situation in St. Paul in regard to base ball matters. Manager Thompson is signing players, and, with one or two exceptions, the members of the club are already secured. The prices paid this year are considerably less than those paid last year, and it is intended to hold the players to regulations with rigidity. It is probable that the club will be very much better than the one we had last year.

Joe Batin is to captain and play third base for the new nine now being got together to represent Cleveland in Sunday League. T. Lawrence, the superintendent of the old Cleveland ground, is financially interested in the project. The services of professional pitchers have been secured by several college teams: Radnor, coaching Brown; Lynch, Princeton; Clark, Dartmouth; Galvin, Hamilton and Jones, Yale.

S. E. Winslow has been elected captain of the Harvard college nine, taking the place of Phillips, resigned. Tilden will probably take Phillips' place at second base. Manager Schmelz of the Atlanta club has added Clark to his team. He gives Atlanta four pitchers, Bauer, Sullivan, Clem and Dundon, and three catchers, McVey, Clark and Lang.

The season in Newark, N. J. will be opened April 15, Manager Farrow's local professionals then playing the Bostonians. The request that the rival St. Louis clubs be added to the plan has not yet been decided by the National league. Hockett of the Boston has happily recovered from a very long, tedious and debilitating illness. He is rapidly picking up, and will be able to be in trim when the season opens.

McKee of the Boston Unions has received several offers for next season. Jackson of the New York league has been corresponding with most of the Boston Unions of 1884, with a view to get them for his Rochester nine. The married members of the new Brooklyn team are Cassidy, Hotaling, Swartwood, Erie, Krings and Smith. The latter is of German parentage; Cassidy, Hays and Harkins of Irish parents, and Terry, Phillips, Pinckney, McClellan and Robinson "native and to the manner born." White Porter is of French-Canadian birth. Cassidy will captain the team, and Terry will be the assistant. Harkins and Krueg will pitch and catch in the majority of the April games.

Sunday games will be played at all the suburban grounds on Long Island which are in the vicinity of churches, as the supreme court has decided that the "Sabbath rest of the community" is disturbed. This will of course allow of Sabbath games at Coney Island, as "Sabbath rest" is something unknown in that region. A team of professionals, headed by Frank Fitt, are now playing a series of Sunday games with the leading clubs of Havana, Cuba. They are billed as the Chicago and are under the management of Leon De Leon, a well-known circus director of Havana. The Chicago played their initial game Feb. 8, defeating the Ultimatum club by a score of 3 to 1.

At a recent meeting the Southern league was reorganized by the consolidation with it of the Southeastern league. The association now consists of the Clinch club and Browns of Augusta, Atlanta, Chattanooga, Columbus, Macon, Nashville and either the Birmingham or Montgomery clubs. The championship season commences April 15 and ends Oct. 1. President Spalding goes East this week and during the inauguration will be a guest of President Nick Young, at Washington, after which both will proceed to New York to attend the national convention of the association. The principal work of which will be to arrange the schedule of games for the coming season.

It is reported in base-ball circles that Grand Rapids enthusiasts are making an effort to organize a base ball club for this season, and will make application to the Western league. The New Grounds in Chicago. The long uncertainty attending the location of the new grounds of the Chicago Ball club is at last ended, and negotiations have been completed which give the club for the next five years at least a home of which it may well be proud. The location is not above fifteen minutes' street-car ride from the business center, and is in the heart of the most populous portion of the city. A block of land 660x400 feet, bounded by Congress street on the north, Harrison street on the south, Loomis street on the west, and Third street on the east, has been leased for five years. Within one short block of the main entrance, at the corner of Loomis and Congress streets, is the Van Buren street line of cars, or Harrison street will be the new line now in process of construction, while the Madison, Halsted, and West Twelfth streets, paved or to be paved, will be sparsely made to make these the finest base ball and athletic grounds in America. Instead of the unsightly board fences which usually inclose base ball grounds, a substantial, stone-capped brick wall, twelve feet in height, will be built of brick and located just in the rear of the grand stand. The clubhouse and players' dressing-rooms will also be of brick, and will be placed at the corner of Madison and Harrison streets. Further than this, the management is contemplating building several clubhouses and dressing-rooms at the eastern end of the grounds for the use of cricket clubs, bicycle clubs, lacrosse clubs, football clubs and other kindred organizations desiring to use the grounds for practice and exhibitions.

The following is the official list of the league players: Boston—James H. Manning, Joseph Hornum, E. B. Whittier, J. F. Morrill, S. W. Wise, E. B. Sutton, J. J. Burdock, M. P. Hines, J. A. Davis. Buffalo—William Crowley, D. Brouthers, W. Force, H. Richardson, R. Blackstock, George D. Myers, William T. Gerard, J. A. McCarty, J. P. Galvin, John Connor. Chicago—J. G. Clarkson, L. J. Corcoran, Thomas E. Burns, A. C. Anson, W. A. Sunday, E. N. Williamson, M. J. Kelly, Fred Pfeffer, George F. Gore, E. E. Sutcliffe, O. P. Beard, A. Dalrymple, Charles Marr, F. S. Fitt, Joseph Brown. Cincinnati—J. D. Weidman, C. H. Fox, J. H. Bourke, P. Gillespie, R. Connor, J. P. Hannon, J. F. Doran, M. P. Scott, George A. Wood, J. F. Farrell. Providence—T. J. Lovett, C. F. Daily, John Farrell, A. A. Jones, C. F. Daily, C. B. Radford, Jeremiah Denny, M. J. Murray, C. E. Bassett. New York—J. J. Gerhardt, D. Richardson, William Ewing, A. McKinnon, M. Welch, J. H. Bourke, P. Gillespie, R. Connor, J. P. Hannon, J. F. Doran, M. P. Scott, George A. Wood, J. F. Farrell.

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