RATHER RICH, BUT RIDICULOUS.

An Australian Reporter Wrestles With the Great American Game and Gets in the Bouillon.

A NARRATIVE WHICH DESERVES TO LIVE.

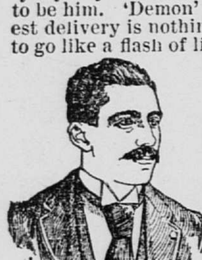
The Corn Huskers Laying Pipe to Play Their Sunday Games Over the River in Nebraska.

NEWS FROM THE ASSOCIATION INFANTS.

Manager Rowe, of Denver, Is on the Sick List--Several Old-Timers to Appear at St. Joe.

The Australian reporters have not yet mastered the intricacies of America's national game. The Melbourne Herald of Dec. 29 has a long account of one of the ball games, and although the introduction is intelligent enough the reporter is very "miscellaneous" when he gets down to details. He begins in this semi-editorial way:

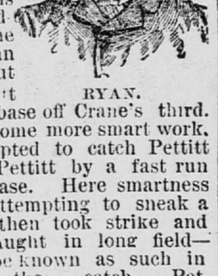
"We were all expectation to see the American game, and when All-America went in first, and the striker took up his position, and the field was set, there was something of a breathless silence around. When you see the way the pitcher puts in the ball you inwardly say to yourself that you wouldn't like to be him. 'Demon' Spofforth's deadliest delivery is nothing to it. It seems to go like a flash of lightning, and you must have very keen eyes before you can see it. 'By George, ain't they splendid catchers!' was what a well known representative of Australian cricket remarked; and there's no doubt about it. They must have hands of iron and eyes supremely sharp and sure. Though the ball went with the force which a cannon might have sent it, still, if there was the least possible chance, it was caught, and, "hot" as it might be, there was no going about wagging the hand in that agonizing sort of a way that is not uncharacteristic of the average cricketer.


HANLON.

"And can't they run; and can't they catch when they are running! You bet! Three or four times you really said to yourself, after a member of one of the teams had run 300 or 400 yards, and caught a high-flyer, 'Grand!' And it certainly was capital work, and it can teach our cricketers something in that line."

The description of the game reads like a literal translation from some German newspaper. Here it is:

"The game commenced, and Hanlon, the batsman, on the second ball was out from a clever catch. Ward attempted to run from the strike and put out at the first base, and Wood followed with a similar result. The three men made the first innings, and Chicago took a turn with the bat. Ryan, from a foul, sent the ball into the sand, and at the cry of the umpire, "Two strikes," the catcher put on his guard and advanced up to the striker. Then Ryan caught the ball but was out. Pettitt made his first base off Crane's third. There was here some more smart work, and Crane attempted to catch Pettitt but missed, and Pettitt by a fast run made his third base. Here smartness was shown in attempting to sneak a base. Sullivan then took strike and was cleverly caught in long field—or what would be known as such in cricket. On the catch Pettitt came home, scoring one run for Chicago. Anson had two foul balls and running fielded by Carroll, first base was out. This made an inning for each side. Carroll went to bat, with Baldwin as pitcher. Carroll took first because five unfair balls were pitched. Fogarty took strike, and on the third ball Carroll stole second base by a quick run. Fogarty was out on a foul to Burns at third base. Manning made a home run by a good piece of play, and Carroll got home on the same hit. This counted two runs. Brown was next, and on first base was out. Crane was out in the same way. This made America two runs for the innings. Pfeffer was the first to bat for Chicago, and the attempt to creep base was repeated. Williamson took strike, and on the first ball being fielded by Burns to Anson, Pfeffer went up to second base on third ball.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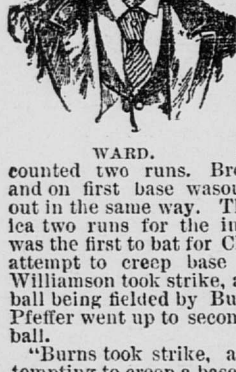
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"Burns took strike, and Pfeffer, attempting to creep a base, the ball was thrown, but mulled by Manning, and Pfeffer went to third base. Burns was out on strikes—that is, because on three strikes he had failed to hit them after declared good balls. Baldwin was caught by Burns, and Pfeffer being left at the third base no run would count. The Americas then went in again. Earle then took strike and went to first base, creeping up to second base. Hanlon was out and Wood followed, Earle going round to third base. Ward went to strike, and a smart piece of throwing by Daly caught Earle on third base, and the umpire gave him out. This closed the innings without any runs being scored. Daly went to bat and made a magnificent hit to right field, or long field in cricket. From this he got to second base, and Ryan made his first base from a bad throw, Daly going to third. 'Look out,' a fielder would call, and that was a signal that a man was attempting to creep a base. After a lot of maneuvering Crane drove the ball to first base and both Ryan and Daly came home, thus scoring two runs. Pettitt went to catch, but was caught by Fogarty at left field. Sullivan to bat and caught by the catcher. Anson, the captain of the Chicagos, went to bat, and was out on strike—that is, he had three good balls and did not take advantage of them. Innings closed for two runs."

And so on for another column.

SUNDAY IN SIOUX CITY.

Sabbath Games Likely to Be Played Across the River.

Special to the Globe.

SIOUX CITY, Io., Feb. 2.—The one question of interest in base ball circles here is, "What do the ministers propose to do?" They have held several meetings recently, and on Tuesday perfected the organization of a Sunday league, the prime purpose of which is to stop Sunday sports. They invited the business men to join them, and called meetings on two separate occasions for the purpose of discussing the question. But the business men were too busy with their own affairs and did not attend. Then the preachers decided to go it alone, and appointsd a committee to draft "declarations of war." The names of three business men appeared on this committee. Two of them refused to serve, and the third was induced to attend the meeting by holding it at his office. The meeting was devoid of consequences, however, and another was called, at which "resolutions of intention" were adopted, setting forth the purposes of the league, which are to enforce an observance of the Sabbath day, and by legal measures to suppress such amusements as are prohibited by a strict interpretation of the Sunday laws. No word has yet been received from the Western association schedule committee, and it is not known whether Sioux City will be left out of the list of Sunday games or not, but if it is not

IT WILL BE ALL RIGHT

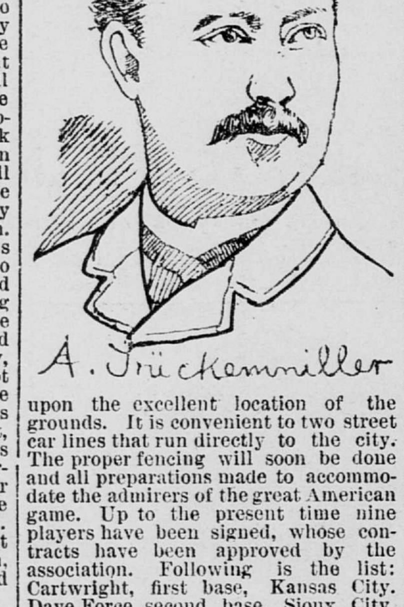
If the games cannot be played here, South Sioux City, Neb., just across the river, and only a mile away—nearer than the Sioux City ground—has offered to fit up a ground and treat the boys handsomely if they will play their Sunday games there. The ferry boat makes ten-minute trips and connects with the street cars on the Nebraska side, so there will be plenty of opportunity to "get there." With twelve men signed for the Sioux City club the $2,250 a month salary limit has not been reached by $215. The contract for Burke, the short stop, has been received and placed on file. Last season he was in the Southern league. The assurance that Des Moines will have a club this season is well received here. Sioux City wants a chance to wrestle with her Hawkeye sister for the pennant. Glenn, the new center fielder, played in the New England league last year and part of the season was with the Lowell club. With Van Dyke, Alvord, Smith, Sage and other heavy hitters out of the way, Sioux City shows up well so far. The boys are very anxious to know what kind of timber the other towns will get.

ST. JOE'S AGGREGATION.

The Missouri Baby Has Several Well-Known Men.

Special to the Globe.

ST. JOSEPH, Mo., Feb. 2.—Two new men have been added to the St. Joseph club, and both will add strength. The first is Davy Force, who has been signed to play second base, and the other is Toffling, who led the New England league short stops. Toffling is a first-class hitter, with a batting average of .277. He was with Lowell last year and was the mainstay of that club. The old Andriano ball park on South Sixth street will be used by the club during the coming season. The club is to be congratulated



upon the excellent location of the grounds. It is convenient to two street car lines that run directly to the city. The proper fencing will soon be done and all preparations made to accommodate the admirers of the great American game. Up to the present time nine players have been signed, whose contracts have been approved by the association. Following is the list: Cartwright, first base, Kansas City. Dave Force, second base, Sioux City. Whitney, third base. Binghamton, N. Y. Loffling, short stop, Lowell, Mass. Curtis, fielder, Binghamton, N. Y. Kreig, catcher, Kansas City. Mahoney, catcher, Manchester, N. H. Crowell, pitcher, Cleveland, O. Flood, pitcher, Houston, Tex. The other players could be signed any time day, but the management are desirous of getting the best and are not in any great haste. The club has been contracted to open the Sportsmen's park at St. Louis March 30 and 31. All lovers of base ball can be assured of seeing some first-class games here this season. Curtis formerly played with the Kansas City's, and is regarded as an A 1 man. There is a controversy on about Johnson, and the chances are that he will not play here this season. By the death of Bradley we lose a splendid man. Manager Lord has made arrangements to have the Pittsburg club here for two games early in April. It will prove a big winning card. Cincinnati has many familiar faces and will also draw immense crowds. "Bug" Holliday and George Tebeau are both Western league graduates, and St. Joseph people are proud of the records they have made. The quicker they come the better we will like it.

H. J. Laegaler, of St. Paul, yesterday signed a contract to catch for St. Joseph.

DOINGS AT DENVER.

Manager Rowe Confined to His Bed With a Cold.

Special to the Globe.

DENVER, Feb. 2.—I called on Manager Rowe the other evening, and found him still confined to his bed, suffering from the effects of a severe cold. He has been sick for a week, and I found him very impatient, as he realizes that he is losing much valuable time. He had quite a large bundle of letters beside him which he said he had received in the last two days, all applications for positions on the Denver team, and while I was talking to him his sub rosa partner entered with some more. The make-up of the team is progressing slowly, as it is no easy matter to secure the men he wants and keep the team total within the salary limit. Part of the club must necessarily be signed at very reasonable figures to equalize what is paid to more noted players. There have been no more players signed lately, though the prospects are good for securing several signatures soon—probably one of California's favorites and Tom McAndries, of this city. Tom has a host of friends here, who will rejoice to see him on the team. He has played here for years, being a member of the old Denver Athletics and of the Denver campions of 1886. He has played successfully all three of the bags, and can still do so. His second base playing has improved over his 1886 work. The San Francisco papers gave him high praise last fall for his playing while visiting the coast with the Salt Lake team. I judge from the present make-up of the team that Rowe will play first; Dalrymple, Silch and McQuaid in the outfield, though the city papers have referred to Silch as being signed to pitch, which is a mistake. If he sustains his record at the bat, he will be too valuable a man to alternate in the box. He can often pitch a good game, however, and can be brought in from the field in a case of emergency. If McAndries signs to play second, there will be but two more men to sign for the infield—a short stop and a third baseman. The latter will probably be signed this week, and the former left open awhile. So far we have but one battery, Fagin and Dolan. I do not know that they will be paired, but they are the only two signed thus far. The other two pitchers and catchers we have in view, and will be added to the list shortly. Jantzen, of Chicago, was anxious to come here, but wanted too much money. He is a good man, both behind the bat and at the bat. He played two seasons with the Leadville, and his tall, lank figure behind the bat would be a familiar sight here.

WIRED FROM MILWAUKEE.

Sutton Says He Will Play in the Cream City or Nowhere.

Special to the Globe.

MILWAUKEE, Feb. 2.—It has been a quiet week in base ball circles. Manager Sutton seems to be working himself clear of the Rochester difficulty. His appeal from the decision of the directors of the International association, which assigns him to the Rochester club, will be acted upon very soon by the national board of arbitration. Mr. Sutton says, whatever the final decision may be, he will either play in Milwaukee or retire for the season. He has entirely recovered from his recent illness, and will in a few days sit for a photograph for the GLOBE. The contract with Clark Griffith, of last year's team, was to-day received from him duly signed. Klussman having been engaged to play second base, the management has released John McCabe, of last year's team. Tom Forster, captain of last year's team, has applied for a position, but no room can be made for him.

EARLE IN DANGER.

The Little Fellow May Get His Hands Pounded to Pieces.

Cincinnati had a bitter experience with Jack O'Connor, says a Cincinnati correspondent, and it is to be hoped it will not be repeated with Earle. The latter's catching for the All-American team seems to be one of the priclipal features of the Australian trip. If he can only keep up his present gait next season Cincinnati patrons will be satisfied. Earle, however, is in constant danger of being permanently injured, and it is in keeping with Cincinnati's hard luck to have him come home out of condition. He is catching two of the fastest pitchers in the profession. No pitcher in America can approach Ed Crane in point of speed, and his team partner, Long John Healy, can "put feathers" on the ball when he wants to. Under their bombardment Earle's hands may be pounded out of shape. Cincinnati had one catcher who has been used up in this manner.

BROUTHERS AND M'CORMICK.

How Big Dan Pulverized Chicago's Once Famous Pitcher.

The story of how Jim Mutrie secured Dan Brouthers when the latter was working on the streets in New York has often been told, but I doubt if the tale about how Big Dan gave Jim McCormick an attack of heart trouble has ever been recited. Back in 1881 the announcement was made that Troy, then a member of the league, had signed a giant first baseman who had demoralized Eastern pitchers by hitting their delivery all over the field. The giant referred to was Brouthers, and it was not long before the Troy club reached Buffalo. The following day the Cleveland papers chronicled Brouthers' first introduction to Galvin's delivery. He made two three-baggers and a like number of doubles. I was sitting in the Cleveland club house before the game, when McCormick and Shafer entered. "McCormick, did you hear how that man Brouthers rapped Gentle 'Jimmy' at Buffalo yesterday," asked big Bill Phillips." "Yes, I did," replied McCormick. "What about it?" "Well, he comes here next, old man, and you want to have your arm in shape, for if the stories about that fellow are correct he will need watching," said Phillips. "Don't let that bother you, Bill. I'll take care of him. He won't get a hit off me."

The Troy club reached Cleveland three days later. There used to be a brick barn back of the left fence, which was about 400 feet from the home plate. Brouthers stepped up to the plate in the first inning. "Low ball," exclaimed the umpire. Now, McCormick had a fashion of carelessly pitching his first ball high into the air. Brouthers reached for that ball, which was sailing about two feet over his head. His bat met the ball, and bang against the brick barn did it go. Brouthers started around the bases, McCormick fell in a heap on the ground with his eyes protruding from their sockets as big as saucers. The other Cleveland players fell on their knees, and the spectators were thunderstruck at seeing a mere novice punish their pitcher in such a manner.

After Brouthers made the circuit of bases he sat down on the players' bench.

McCormick gathered himself up and walked over to where Brouthers was sitting. "Here, young feller, shake," said McCormick. "You called for a low ball." "I did," was the reply. "Well, tell me, how did you come to reach up there for that one?" "Well, I'll tell you. Phillips told me you pitched the first ball up there, and I was ready for you."

McCormick walked back into the pitcher's box, gave Phillips a look which he will never forget, and he did not speak to Phillips for the balance of the season.

The Cleveland Uniform.

The Cleveland club officials have decided that the team of 1889 must be dressed in blue, gray and black and white and black. The time honored navy blue which has been worn since Jim White, Ez Sutton and Al Pratt played in the Forest Cities is to be filed away for good and all. A few of the old guard will kick, and the success of the change hangs on the form shown by the team. If it does well in black and gray, there will not be a kick against the combination.

DUST OF THE DIAMOND.

Condensed Items of Interest to the Ball Players.

A cablegram from London conveyed the following information: "Mrs. Helen Dauvray-Ward left for Paris last night. Her husband cabled to her before he sailed from Australia that he did not think the base ball team would get back to America much before May. They are going to play games at Rome, Paris and London. Mrs. Dauvray-Ward says that her husband would like to go to Boston, but she feels sure that he will not go to Washington."

There was a story in circulation yesterday to the effect that the release of Hudson had been offered to the new Columbus team. The story comes from Louisville, where Doug Cruthers heard it last week while signing men for the new Columbus team. In the Falls City it was said that President Davidson wanted Hudson, but that Columbus had the first call. The story is denied by the officers of the St. Louis club.—St. Louis Republic.

Tony Mullane is the closest man in the Cincinnati club. Charley Morton says that when Mullane ran a cigar store in Toledo, in 1884, he bought a nickel's worth of fine-cut chewing tobacco. Tony wrapped the tobacco up neatly in a paper, handed it to him, and then came around from behind and asked him for a chew.—Cleveland Plaindealer.

After a lot of tiresome backing and filling, it has been agreed that New York and Brooklyn shall play a spring series of games, to take place either April 6, 9, 13, or 6, 11, 13. The winner of each game will take the gross receipts, and the double-umpire system will, l used.

Andy Sommers and Dick Conway, of the Boston club, are for sale to the highest bidder. The home team would keep Sommers, but they expect Bennett and Ganzel to do most of the work behind the stick, with Kelly to help out.

Norman Baker, the well-known Eastern pitcher, is driving a laundry wagon and singing in a church choir in Stockton, Cal., waiting for the opening of the championship season of the California league March 24.

Charley Hoyt is said to be at work on a new lecture, which Mike Kelly will deliver after the ball season is over in '89. The title will be, "The King Among Hamfatters; or, What I Know of Hitting the Grape."—Boston Globe.

Cudworth, who was manager of the Lowells last year, assumed the position for one day last week, and sent to the secretary of the broken New England league the releases of himself and all the other Lowell players.

Jim Whitney praises Washington's new catcher, Ebright, very highly, and says that in addition to being a hard hitter he is a splendid thrower to bases. Still he is a black-listed player at present.

George Wood, the Philadelphia club fielder, writes to a friend that A. G. Spalding is so elated over the success of the Australian tour that he is paying the players more than they signed for.

The batteries for the Baltimores will be Kilroy and Fulmer, Forman and Grimm, and Cunningham and Tate. The last-named pitcher and the second-named catcher are probably the best.

Manager Schmelz intends to take advantage of the ten-men rule next season, and will relieve Viau in nearly every game he pitches, as that young man is not a good stayer and always weakens toward the end of the game.

The most expensive uniform ever worn by a ball club was that worn by the famous Lord Baltimores of 1872, which cost $56 each. The men wore silk stockings and trousers.

Charley Morton is said to have made a deal with Joe Quest, who will leave Sacramento and captain and play second base in the Toledo team.

Pickett, of St. Paul, is at present getting more free advertising than any other minor league player.—Sporting News.

There is a report going the rounds that Barnie has offered Hornung $3,200 to play with the Baltimores next season.

Detroit claims to be sure of a successful season of 1889 and to have already sold $6,000 worth of tickets.

The contracts of Comiskey, Latham and Fuller with St. Louis have been promulgated.

Sam Thompson writes that his arm is all right and that he can throw as well as ever.

Minneapolis thinks it will get Elmer Foster. Poor Minneapolis!—Sporting News.

Noisy coaching will not be encouraged in the American association this year.

Harry Wheeler is reported wanted by several Western association teams.

Louisville's third baseman, Raymond, has relented and will sign a contract.

The release of Catcher Cook, of the Louisvilles, can be purchased.

The Tri-State league seems to be "in the soup."

Keefe is coaching the Dartmouth college team.

Viau has come to terms with the Cincinnati club.

The Texas league season begins April 15.

Anson contemplates writing a book.

Marr gets $2,100 from Columbus.

VAN HEST VICTORIOUS.

The Champion Featherweight Knocks Out Billy Welch.

Special to the Globe.

ASHLAND, Wis., Feb. 2.—Fifty persons assembled in a Second street barn early this morning and saw one of the hardest fights that ever took place in the state of Wisconsin. John Van Hest who recently acquired the title of champion featherweight of the Northwest, and Billy Welch of about the same weight as Van Hest, were contestants for a purse made up by the spectators. Skin gloves were donned and the fight began under London prize ring rules. Neither gained any advantage until after the first few rounds, but all the way through heavy slugging was the order. Van Hest seemed to be the fresher of the two, however, and when time was called for the sixteenth round went at Welch hammer and tongs, scoring two knock-downs in succession. When time for the eighteenth round was called, Van Hest caught his antagonist by a blow on the jaw which completely paralyzed Welch, and he refused to fight further. The referee awarded the fight to Van Hest.

MYER VS. M'AULIFFE.

Interest in the Coming Contest Growing Intense.

Interest in the coming fight between Billy Myer and Jack McAuliffe for the light-weight championship and $5,000 is growing acute, says the Chicago Times, and there is increasing evidence that delegates from every sporting center in the country will soon be scrambling for a chance to see the contest. Both men are training finely and are already practically in condition. Alf Kennedy, the backer and friend of Myer, and McAuliffe's trainer, Billy Madden, have been in consultation for the past day or two arranging details, and doing it in a spirit that shows both sides are seeking the same thing—a dead square battle. There has not been a pugilistic encounter since Sullivan and Mitchell came together at Chantilly of equal importance to this one, which is set for Feb. 15. McAuliffe is naturally the favorite so far as talk goes, but the Streator carpenter is conceded to be such a good man that no betting has yet been done, and probably none of any moment will be done until the men come together.

A Chance for Lightweights.

Prof. John H. Clark will go down to Duluth on the 11th inst. and will play at the People's theater there for a week in his well known specialties. A purse of $50 will be offered to any lightweight boxer whom he cannot knock out in four rounds any night of the week, commencing Feb. 11.

Still They Never Fight.

Says some one who is posted: "Jacob Kilrain calls John L. Sullivan a baby: John L. Sullivan calls Jacob Kilrain a monkey; Charles Mitchell calls Jack Dempsey a rat; Jack Dempsey calls Charles Mitchell a duffer; Charles Mitchell calls John L. Sullivan a loafer." And yet they never fight!

AMONG THE OARSMEN.

O'Connor to Go to Australia and Thence to England.

NEW YORK, Feb. 2.—In the professional boating world the only thing of interest nowadays is the postponed race between O'Connor and Gaudaur. Both of these men are now in California preparing for the race, which will be rowed about March 1. Among the fraternity the Canadians seem to have the call in what little betting has already been done, although it is conceded that Gaudaur may surprise his friends, even if course and water happen to be to his liking. In the event of O'Connor being successful he will at once make preparations to leave for Australia, where he hopes to get on a race with Searle, Kemp or Beach, any or all three. From what Hanlan has written him he thinks he will have little trouble in beating them. From Australia he will go to England, unless something occurs to induce him to change his plans. O'Connor's efforts to get on a race with some of the English oarsmen hav thus far been unsuccessful, none of the latter being desirous of meeting the new American champion without getting a start. George Bubear has evidently fallen from popularity and lost his old backing in England. Sporting men on the other side are taking the English champion and his new backer to task for asking fifteen seconds start from O'Connor over the Thames or Tyne championship course. They say that the backer in question does not shine as enterprising when compared with Bubear's former friends, who, after organizing a substantial benefit for the poverty-stricken Hammersmith sculler, and enabling him to win a fortune by matching him successfully against Pearce Nelson, of Australia, Peter Kemp (twice) and George Perkins, and in a sweepstakes and handicap in which he beat Teemer and others easily, issued challenges conceding George Lee five seconds' start, for $500 or $5,000, and in the same challenge issued last summer, Bubear said: "If Hanlan or his boy champion, O'Connor, want a race, he would row either or both level, over the Thames course, for $1,000 a side."

FLOUR CITY SPORTS.

Brief Items About the Skaters, Boxers and Base Ball Heroes.

Alex Paulsen signed a contract with W. E. Gooding yesterday, good until April 1.

Patsey Cardiff and his manager, John Donaldson, will leave Minneapolis about March 1 for San Francisco, where he is matched to fight Peter Jackson for the championship of the Pacific coast and a $3,000 purse given by the San Francisco Athletic club. About twenty stops will be made on the route for the purpose of giving exhibitions, dates at several towns having already been secured. Cardiff is taking good care of himself, and feels confident of making a good showing.

Paulsen will skate Goetz one mile for a purse of $50 at a benefit given by him to the Normanna society some day in the near future, Paulsen to skate backwards and Goetz the usual way. The race will probably take place at the Ball park, in South Minneapolis, as soon as the society can arrange the details.

Beauty Eck is in town, and will endeavor to arrange a bicycle race at the Washington rink. Morgan, Prince, Woodside and others will take part.

Manager Morton is busy these days arranging for next season's base ball campaign. Not much can be said for or against the club, as the men are to a certain extent unknown quantities, with the exception of Sprague, Hanrahan and a few others. With a park located near the West hotel, fair weather and a club that stands as good as fourth place, there is no doubt but what the investment will be a profitable one.

Elmer Foster is said to be a finer fancy skater than Paulsen, and some of his admirers are considering the advisability of matching him against the Norsk champion.

Paulsen leaves to-night for Eau Claire, where he gives an exhibition Monday.

CLEVER AT WHIST.

Mill City Champions Outplay Saintly City Shufflers.

The third of the series of whist matches between clubs of St. Paul and Minneapolis was played last evening at the rooms of the St. Paul Chess, Checkers and Whist club, resulting in favor of Minneapolis by a score of 429 to 410. The St. Paul club won the last two matches, leaving them still in the lead. Seven tables were occupied, the contestants and scores being as follows, the first named pair in each instance being St. Paul's champions and the second those of Minneapolis: W. C. Sargent and F. G. Draper, 59; O. H. Briggs and W. B. Whiting, 69; G. M. Orr and Capt. R. F. Bates, 76; W. B. Wheeler and E. W. Goddard, 63; R. W. Ransom and H. B. Willis, 41; J. H. Briggs and L. Webb, 80; A. H. Hornsby and Col. William Smith, 68; E. G. O'Donnell and W. A. Hall, 54; Judge O. M. Metcalf and C. N. Weatherby, 64; S. H. Paine and Y. D. Clay, 55; Charles Willett and D. S. Sperry, 53; C. N. Smith and L. L. Longbrake, 66; G. F. Sands and J. W. Smith, 49; C. H. Brinsmaid and J. W. Ayres, 42.

A SWEEPING CHALLENGE.

Paulsen, the Norwegian Skating Champion, Open to All Comers.

The following will interest a few of the gentlemen who have been busy challenging Paulsen since he landed on the shores of America.

To whom it may concern: I will skate any man in America for any distance from 5 miles up to 100, on a track not to exceed six laps to the mile, for $250 to $500 a side and the entire gate receipts, and will allow the loser $50 for expenses if he has to come less than 400 miles; over that distance, $75; or, if there is no one who will take these chances, I will make a match, same conditions, for 80 and 20 per cent of the gate receipts, with a side bet as above, but would prefer to race for the entire receipts. First come, first served. Any replies addressed to my manager, W. E. Gooding, 119 Nicollet avenue, Minneapolis, will receive prompt attention.

AXEL PAULSEN,
Champion Skater of the World.

Willing to Wrestle.

To the Editor of the Globe.

I would respectfully accept the challenge of James Collins, which appeared in your issue of the 30th ult., desiring to wrestle any man in the Northwest for $250; but I would prefer to meet him half-way, that is, instead of catch-as-catch-can totally, I would suggest one catch-as-catch-can, one Græco-Roman, and a toss for the third bout. If Collins acquiesces, I am ready and anxious to meet him. Would say further, I will give or take ten pounds, or, if desired, catch weight.

ANDREW DANAHER.
Grand Forks, Feb. 2.

GENERAL SPORTING.

Horses, Pugilists and Oarsmen Put in Paragraphs.

A 2:15 pacing class for the circuit of 1889 is proposed. It would be a good one if all now eligible would go down the line. They are Adonis, 2:14¼; Roy Wilkes, 2:14½; Argyle, 2:14¾; Joe L, 2:15; Gold Leaf, 2:15; Belmont Boy, 2:15; Almont Patchen, 2:15; Bessemer, 2:15; Toledo Girl, 2:15; Dan D, 2:15; Marlow, 2:15; Tommy Lynn, 2:15½; Mike Wilkes, 2:15¾; Puritan, 2:16.

Ike O'Neil Weir, "The Spider," featherweight champion, has issued the following unique challenge: "I will fight any man in the world, black or white, big or little, under any rules, it matters nothing to me, with skin gloves, bare knuckles, or two-ounce gloves; everything goes so long as my victim weighs 118 or 120 pounds."

There seems to be a growing demand for straight tracks, but it certainly does not come from the public. It isn't a straight track that the American people are clamoring for; it is straight racing. Give us less conservatism and more backbone in judges' stands.—New York Tribune.

The race horse Choctaw died a few days ago. He was by Saxon, dam Fanny Ludlow. Pierre Lorillard raced him in England without success and then brought him back to this country, where he developed into a good race horse, winning many races for his owners, Wild & McCaull.

Speaking of the Gilmore-Griffin fiasco, a pugilist of the first class in his day—some fifteen years ago—had this to say: "What do you think of those fellows not fighting for a $450 purse. Why, I once fought to a finish and got $5 for winning, and at another time cleared $12."

William Brigden, the best checker-player of Scotland, has accepted the challenge of Charles Barker, the American champion, to play thirty-two games for $125 a side within six weeks. The match will be on the restricted principle.

It is reported that Robert Steel, of Philadelphia, last week, in California, purchased the stallion Antevolo, 2:19½, five years old, by Electioneer, dam Columbine, by A. W. Richmond. The price is said to be $30,000.

Jimmy McLaughlin has sold his handsome residence on Eighth avenue, Brooklyn, to Mayor Chapin for $24,000. McLaughlin paid $30,000 for the house some years ago and put about $10,000 in improvements on it.

George Norvell and George Bubear, of England, are matched to row three miles on the Tyne, Feb. 18, for $200 a side, Norvell receiving 100 seconds' start. Norvell defeated Bubear in a half-mile race recently.

A bill was reported favorably in the Pennsylvania house of representatives Thursday legalizing pool selling on race tracks. Five per cent of the gate money is to go to the state board of agriculture.

Charlie Mills, of Preston, England, who defeated Johnny Eagan, of Nottingham, in a bare-knuckle fight last week, is coming to Boston for the purpose of getting on a finish fight with Joe Lannon.

There is a notion out to let Johnston into the free-for-all pacing class of 1889. In it will likely be Brown Hall, 2:13; Yolo Maid, 2:14; Arrow, 2:13¼; Gossip Jr., 2:13¼; Jewett, 2:14.

There came very near being no Grand Prix this year. Half the added money had to be voted by the municipality of Paris, which was carried by a very small majority only.

Senator Mahone's son Butler has become a great plunger on the races, and is reported to have won $30,000 this winter from the Washington bookmakers.

Dawes, 2:19¼, will be campaigned this year.

BIG FIRE IN BUFFALO.

Eight Acres of Business Blocks in Bisonville Go Up in Smoke.

Wells Street From Seneca to Exchange Is a Complete Desert.

The Total Number of Buildings Destroyed or Gutted Is Forty.

One Life Lost and Three Million Dollars' Worth of Property Destroyed.

BUFFALO, N. Y., Feb. 2.—At 2:35 this morning fire was discovered in the fourth floor of the five-story building owned and in great part occupied by Root & Keating, wholesale sole leather dealers, at the corner of Carroll and Wells streets. The ferocity of the wind made it certain that the fire, if it got a hold, would be a disastrous one. The building, with frontages of 134 feet on Carroll and 127 on Wells street, was situated in the heart of business blocks. It was separated only by the breadth of Carroll street from the fine fire-proof Jewett block, fronting on Seneca, and was directly in line with the new six-story block of Sibley & Holmwood, candy manufacturers. On the opposite side of Wells street, a little further north, is the Broesel house, a massive six-story structure, whose guests were up and dressed a few minutes after the alarm. They were scared, and they had good reason to be, for commercial men, who largely composed its guests, had painful memories of hotel fires in Buffalo. The flames had a good hold on the Root & Keating building, and at 3 o'clock the flames were a boiling and seething mass, entirely filling that part of Carroll street directly in front of the doomed building. A few minutes after 3 o'clock the heat was so intense as to be almost unbearable, even at Seneca street. The sky was

ILLUMINATED FOR MANY MILES,

and crowds from all parts of the city kept the police busy. At 3:25 the rear of the six-story building of Sibley & Holmwood had caught, and portions of the back of the Broesel house were smoking. There were nearly fifty tons of starch stored in the top floors of the Sibley & Holmwood building, according to the statement of one of their employes, and the starch burned like tinder when once ignited, carrying the flames through from the rear to the front of the building in a few moments. At 3:27 the rear of Swift & Stambach's and T. C. Reynold's stores, on Seneca street, were in full blaze. The fire ran along the roof as though the material that composed it was paper. At 3:35 the southwest corner of the Broesel house was burning fast. The guests were moving out their baggage, and a large number of firemen went to the aid of the guests in the hotel. The wind had shifted to the northwest, and the sleet was coming down in torrents, which added to the difficulties under which the firemen labored. At 3:40 the roof of S. F. Egan's whisky store, just east of the Broesel house, was on fire. The firemen on Seneca street directed their efforts to the buildings on the other side of the street. The front of the Broesel house had become a mass of flames. Shortly before 4 o'clock the sixth floor of the Sibley & Holmwood store fell with a tremendous crash,

SENDING A STORM OF DEBRIS

and embers in all directions. At this time the top floor of the Jewett building appeared a roaring oven. The scene on Carroll street was appalling. On the north side of the street the Sibley & Holmwood building was in ruins, and the Jewett building was blazing from basement to roof. The large six-story building occupied by Moffatt Bros., Hotfeld & Co. and other firms on the opposite side, next to the Root & Keating ruins, was yet untouched but at 4:10 the corners of the top story began to blaze, though the firemen held them in check for a time. The walls of the Jewett building now began to bulge, and the crowd gave a howl of warning to the firemen. At 4:15 the walls fell with a shock that fairly shook the surrounding walls, and before the cloud of dust cleared away a terrible panic took place. A frantic struggle was made in getting out horses from a stable next to the Jewett block. By 4:05 o'clock the Broesel house was abandoned to the flames. At 4:15 the front of the Broesel fell in with a thundering crash, and the firemen in front narrowly escaped. One fireman was felled to the ground, but a heroic fellow-worker rushed to his assistance and carried him off. Despite the efforts of the firemen, Egan's whisky story was in full blaze. There was nothing to do but leave the fire to run its course. At 4:40 fire burst through the fronts of Seneca street stores of August Eys, and an empty store adjoining. Fowler & Sons' place was filled with seasoned wood for carriages. Adjoining was a small fruit store, and then came Sidney, Shephard & Co.'s mammoth stamping works. At 5 o'clock the Seneca street stores up to Shephard's

HAD BEEN WELL GUTTED.

The wind by this time had died out. The fire extends from A. T. Kerr & Co.'s down Seneca to Sidney Shephard & Co.'s; all Wells street is burned through to Exchange street and the corner is burned completely to the Arlington house. About noon a number of firemen were at work in the ruins at the rear of the Arlington hotel, when the western wall of the rear extension fell without any warning. All of the men were out of the way of the falling bricks and timbers but Driver R. Marion, of Engine No. 10, and John Moest, foreman of Engine No. 9. Moest was struck on the head with some of the bricks, receiving bad scalp wounds and being otherwise injured. Poor Marion was instantly buried in the ruins and, if not killed at once, his life must have been soon crushed out by the great weight resting on him. Frantic efforts were made by his comrades to reach him but without avail. Marion was about thirty-four years of age. Part of the wall to the east went through the American Express barn, completely demolishing a large section of the roof and one side of the structure. The official record shows that between 3 and 5 o'clock this morning, wind maintained a velocity of thirty miles an hour, and at times between 3 and 4 o'clock reached thirty-five miles. The fire beginning in the big Root & Keating building, spread by contact or the force of the wind blowing at the time in all directions, but chiefly to the northward and eastward. Wells street

IS A COMPLETE DESERT

from Seneca to Exchange street, an appalling chaos and brick, twisted iron and an inextricable tangle of wires. The total area included in the burned district is roughly estimated at seven or eight acres, and the total number of buildings destroyed or gutted, at forty. The principal losses are figured about as follows: Root & Keating, $250,000; their tenants, $200,000; S. S. Jewett & Co., $200,000; Broesel house, $160,000; Sibley & Holmwood, $150,000; Fowler & Sons, $80,000; S. A. Egan, $40,000; Sidney, Shepard & Co., $50,000; the Arlington hotel, $40,000; A. T. Kerr & Co., $30,000; Strootman building and tenants $500,000. Losses on Exchange street, $75,000; losses on North Side Seneca, $200,000; other losses, $150,000. This would make a total of $2,785,000. Opinions have been given, however, that the entire loss will not fall short of $3,000,000.

COMPANIES HOLDING RISKS.

The following is a list of insurances as far as completed: Niagara, $11,500; Westchester, $6,500; Hamburg-Bremen, $4,000; Anglo-Nevada, $2,625; North American, $2,000; Phœnix, London, $3,750; Connecticut, $1,200; North America, $1,000; Hawley-Bremen, $1,000; Eliot of Boston, $2,750; Milwaukee Mechanics, $28,000; Newark, $10,000; Alliance, $2,000; British America, $1,000; Glens Falls, $3,000; Dutchess County, N. Y., $5,800; Northern, $7,500; Citizens, $6,250; Traders, $4,000; Detroit, $1,500; Commerce, $3,250; Lancashire, $8,750; Merchants, Providence, R. I., $1,000; Traders, Chicago, $1,000; St. Paul, $7,500; Merchants, $3,750; North Union, $8,500; City London, $5,000; London Assurance, $1,500; Buffalo German, $9,682; Boylston, $2,500; London, $8,250; North British and Mercantile, $9,500; Imperial, $3,750; American, $5,000; Royalton, $5,000; Franklin, $4,000; Minneapolis, $1,000; New Hampshire Fire Underwriters' Association, $3,500; Queens, $5,000; Fire and Insurance Association, $4,500; People's, $3,500; National, $1,000; Empire State, $2,500; Boatmen's, $2,500; Merchants' and Traders, $3,000; Liverpool, London and Globe, $5,350; County, $8,000; Spring Garden, $7,000; The Sun, $16,500; Security, $1,500; Franklin, $1,000; Hanover, New York, $8,500; Hartford, $35,750; Reading, Pa., $4,000; Citizens, Pittsburg, $8,000; Fire Association of New York, $5,000; Concordia, Milwaukee, $14,000; Phœnix, Hartford, $17,750; Lion of England, $11,000; Providence, Washington, $7,000; Scottish of Edinburgh, $1,000; Neptune, Boston, $4,000; New Hampshire, $10,500; Fire Association of Philadelphia, $2,500; Commercial, California, $2,000; Fidelity, Cincinnati, $3,000; Duchess of Poughkeepsie, $7,500; Guardian, England, $17,000; British-American, Toronto, $13,500.

DEMOLISHED BY EXPLOSION.

The Boilers of a Tow Boat Burst With Frightful Effect.

PITTSBURG, Pa., Feb. 2.—The tow boat Two Brothers, lying at the Allegheny wharf at the foot of Eleventh street, burst her boilers about 1:15 o'clock this afternoon, completely demolishing the vessel and badly wrecking the tow boat Return, which was lying by the side of the Two Brothers. When the boilers burst the debris and scalding steam was scattered in all directions. Two persons were killed outright and two others dangerously injured. The names of the killed were George Wilson, engineer of the Return; Robert Cospran, fireman of the Two Brothers. The names of the injured were John Breening and William Carr. They are terribly scalded, and their condition is critical. The cause of the explosion is not known. The boats were owned by Huling's brothers and were engaged principally in harbor towing. They were valued at about $6,000 each. William Carr was only slightly injured. He was blown into the river and floated several hundred yards down the stream, when he was rescued. The condition of Breening is very serious. The vessels were insured for $4,500. The remains of Engineer George Wilson were removed from the morgue this evening. They were taken to Wheeling, W. Va., for interment to-morrow. The body of Wilson Cochrane, fireman of the "Two Brothers," is still at the morgue. The accident was one of the most unaccountable that has taken place in this vicinity. The complete list of the killed and injured is as follows: Killed, George Wilson and Wilson Cochrane. Injured, John R. Hodes, scalded and cut about the head; William Boner, blown into the river, cut about the head and face; Joseph Graham, cut and scalded about the head and neck; John Breen, blown into the river, injured internally, badly scalded and cut about the head, will probably die. Harry Creik escaped to the shore uninjured and ran for assistance, when crossing the railroad track he was struck by a train and his legs crushed. Capt. Edward Huling was slightly scalded and inhaled a quantity of steam.

Denver's Musee Building Burned.

DENVER, Col., Feb. 2.—The old Musee building, at the corner of Seventeenth and Lawrence streets, recently occupied by the F. P. Scott Hardware company, was burned this morning. The loss on the building, which was owned by Peter Gomery is $50,000, insurance unknown. Loss to the hardware company, $80,000; insured $40,000. Kilpatrick & Co.'s furniture house adjoining was damaged by water $7,500. The fire is supposed to have originated in the heating apparatus in the basement.

Poisoned by Canned Peaches.

AURORA, Ind., Feb. 2.—The family of Jacob Bebinger, consisting of seven persons, partook of canned peaches at supper on Thursday night. All were taken critically ill soon after. Last evening two children, aged eight and ten, died in great agony. The other member of the family are still prostrated. The coroner is investigating the matter.

Scullyville's Court House Burned.

FORT SMITH, Ark., Feb. 2.—The new district court house of Scullyville county, Choctaw nation, with all the county records was destroyed by fire Thursday night, supposed to be the work of incendiaries.

DRAMATIC DRIFT.

Not exactly from the ashes of the old Grand, but as a sequence of its destruction, the New Market theater, nee Market hall, will bloom out to-morrow night in the freshness of pristine beauty. In an incredibly short time the old hall has been remodeled into an exceedingly attractive amusement resort. Manager Scott merits all the praise that an appreciative public is bestowing upon him for his display of enterprise in this matter. Margaret Mather, so well known to St. Paul amusement patrons, will celebrate the dedication of this new temple of art with her performance of "Romeo and Juliet," the latter being an impersonation in which she excels. Tuesday night she will play "Leah, the Forsaken," Wednesday evening "The Honeymoon," and Wednesday matinee a repetition of "Romeo and Juliet." Corinne the Cute, in her bright comedy, "Monte Cristo Jr., will begin her engagement Thursday night, and will occupy the New Market the remainder of the week, including a Saturday matinee.

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"The Two Orphans" proved to be one of those popular plays that the People's theater management could venture on for a two weeks' run. The experiment fully came up to the expectations of the management. The stock company laid off Friday evening to give place to the production of the opera "Patience" by the amateur company, consisting of St. Paul and Minneapolis talent. The opera was well sung, and some of the members of the cast came up to the standard of trained professionals. The bill for this week at the People's is "A Serious Family."

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Cherry-lipped girls, temptingly puckering and whistling popular selections and classical music, will be the attraction that will be presented at the Dime Museum this week. Eight blondes and brunettes, tall girls and short girls, slender girls and plump girls, engaged in the pastime of whistling with all the energy in their natures. They will whistle solos, duetts, trios, quartettes and choruses. Madam Milo, the long-haired lady, will also be in Curio hall with Amelia, the young lady who is so very fat. Apache Charley, the Indian scout, and his wife will be another attraction. Upon the upper stage the Bijou Comedy company will present one of their most successful farces, "O'Grady's Boarding House." In the lower theater will be the "Arian Troubadours." It includes Laura Fitzpatrick, the juvenile artist; Auzo, the human snake; Ella and Claude Fitzpatrick, the character and operatic vocalists; Kane Satsuma, the Japanese juggler; Booker and Leigh; W. J. Fitzpatrick, the comedian, and the Arion bell ringers in the popular selections on Swiss bells.

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The St. Paul friends of Agnes Huntington will rejoice to hear of that lady's brilliant success in London. The critics of the Old World metropolis concur in the opinion that no singer ever made a more successful debut on the London stage than Miss Huntington in the role of Paul Jones.

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The proprietor of the opera house at Jackson, Mich., is also an undertaker. While Cud Given was arranging with him for the production of "Shadows of a Great City" in that city recently, some fellow came in to get a coffin for his mother, who took a permanent tumble into the soup that night. The amusement manager and the undertaker unlocked a side door and pulled out a lot of coffins of various sizes, much to the consternation of Cud, who was not aware that he was standing in the presence of a "dealer in futures," or hand-me-down coffins.

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Minnie Palmer makes this singular observation: "Henry Irving has received much praise for the lessons he taught Americans in stage management, but the lavishers of this praise forget that Henry Irving and Wilson Barrett and all their disciples simply exalt and glorify the theatric effect for the purpose of covering up dramatic feebleness and histrionic poverty."

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"Rags are royal raiment when worn for virtue's sake," is one of the most beautiful and famous lines in Bartley Champbell's play of the "White Slave." But these words were not written by Mr. Campbell. Tom McDonnough, who staged the play, it will be remembered, was present of course, at the first rehearsal of the delightful piece, and when this part of the reading of the play was reached he changed the original lines to read in the manner mentioned above, and they struck the fancy of Campbell and he struck out his portion of the dialogue.

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Mr. Jefferson has made Mr. Florence an offer to join his company next season to play in "The Rivals" and in "The Heir-at-Law." Florence, it is said, is willing, if Jefferson will bill the company as the Jefferson-Florence company. As John Gilbert has arranged to play in this company, and as Mr. Drew continues too, the conjunction would, therefore, be very strong and admirable.

More Bargains!

$60—A GENT'S HUNTING 14-CARAT solid gold Watch, Elgin nickel, full jeweled movement, stem wind and setter, handsome heavy gold cases, entirely plain with engraved band across; has been used but a short time and is equally as good as new. Pledge No. 3, page 138.

$19.50—COST NEW $35.—AN OPEN-face filled case; Waltham jeweled movement, stem wind and setter. The cases are guaranteed to wear for fifteen years. Pledge No. 3, page 67.

$14—LADY'S SOLID GOLD WATCH, fine nickel movement, nicely engraved. Pledge No. 14, page 57.

$12.—A DIAMOND COLLAR BUTTON, one stone, fair size and brilliant, handsome Roman gold mounting. Pledge No. 2431.

$40—ORIGINAL COST $65—DIAMOND bracelet, one stone extra good color and very fiery, fine knife-edge gold mounting. Pledge No. 2040.

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$290 ONLY FOR THIS PAIR OF DIAmond eardrops; two stones, weighing a little over 4 carats; nicely matched, fine color and free from imperfections; skeleton gold mountings. The drops cost no less than $400 new, and are a big bargain. Pledge No. 2689.

$20 WILL BUY THIS PAIR OF HANDsome diamond eardrops; two stones, very brilliant and good color; beautiful gold mountings. Pledge No. 2586.

$27—A GENT'S DIAMOND RING—One stone, good color, depth and surface; handsome Roman gold mountings. Pledge No. 2627.

$137.50—A GENT'S DIAMOND combination, which can be worn either as a ring or a pin, consisting of twenty-two stones, evenly matched, good color, and of extraordinary brilliancy; fancy gold mounting. Original cost, $200. Pledge No. 2484.

$37.50—A PAIR OF DIAMOND EARdrops; two stones evenly matched, good color and extremely brilliant; original cost $55; fancy gold mounting. Pledge No. 2592.

$55—COST NEW $80—A DIAMOND stud, one stone; weighing about a carat; good color, depth and surface; guaranteed perfect; skeleton gold setting. Pledge No. 2676.

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$10—AN OPEN-FACE COIN SILVER fine three-quarter plate, full-jeweled Elgin movement, stem wind and setter; plain dust-proof cases. Pledge No. 13, page 126.

$15 FOR THIS 4-OUNCE OPEN-FACE coin silver watch; celebrated Appleton, Tracy & Co. movement; has been used about two years, and is guaranteed for time. Pledge No. 6, page 117.

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$100—A GENT'S HUNTING 14-CARAT solid gold watch; celebrated P. S. Bartlett Waltham nickel movement, full-jeweled, patent regulator; plain Lewis XIV. gold box cases, very heavy; this is without doubt one of the biggest bargains yet offered; Pledge No. 6, page 69.

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