TINTS OF THE FLAG

ARE POPULAR WITH NEWLY ORGANIZED WINTER CARNIVAL CLUS LOCALLY.

JUNIOR PIONEERS ARE ASTIR.

THEY EXPECT TO HAVE A HUNDRED AND FIFTY IN LINE IN A FEW DAYS.

LETTER CARRIERS AND OTHERS

Are Organizing Bands Which Will Add Color to the January Pageants.

A meeting of the members of the Junior Pioneer association interested in the carnival was held at the carnival headquarters, Pioneer Press building, yesterday afternoon. The names of thirty-five Junior Pioneers were enrolled on the books of the carnival club, and the meeting was an enthusiastic one. The Junior Pioneers intend to enroll 150 names before they make a formal notification to the carnival association secretary that they have organized.

Edward Dahl presided at the meeting. Red, white and blue colors were adopted, and a handsome float and splendid drum corps proposed. When the Junior Pioneers make up their minds to enter a project they make it a success.

The Western Unions, probably the most energetic and enterprising carnival club of all, in addition to their drum corps, will have a crack brass band to head their organization. The club members have started the work of raising enough money by subscription for the band.

The postoffice employes are organizing a carnival club, and, of course, will march behind their brass band, which is not unknown to the residents of this city. They will probably select for their suit the national colors of Uncle Sam, for whom they work.

A club on St. Anthony hill is being organized and will include the most prominent young men, residents of that district. They will adopt for their suits the continental uniform, and will be headed by either a drum and fife corps or a brass band.

The carnival directors are anticipating a reply today from the manager of the band of little Indian boys at Regina, Northwest Territory, B. C. Negotiations are also being made to bring a trotting team of elk from Regina.

The finance committee of the Carnival association is pushing the subscription work, as it is absolutely necessary to have at least $2,000 to erect the fine buildings, pay the prize money and pay for the series of entertainments which are being proposed.

Yesterday was really the opening of the skating season at Aurora park, the cold at last bringing good ice. The St. Paul Hockey club played some practice games, Capt. Butters' team winning.

The Summit Polo club were to play a club from Company "C," but the soldier boys not putting in an appearance they played among themselves, club No. 2, Capt. J. Stans, defeating club No. 1, under Capt. Gerber, 6 to 0.

ICE IN BAD SHAPE.

Skating at Como Yesterday Was Not Ideal.

Over 1,000 people went out to Lake Como yesterday to enjoy the "acres of fine ice" which were alleged by the placards in the street cars to be waiting the pleasure of skaters, only to find to their disappointment that almost the entire lake was covered with snow five inches deep, while but a comparatively small clear space in front of the warming rooms offered them any inducement to don their skates. The only indication of the "fine" ice was the coating of powders and particles which covered the clear space, making progress difficult, while an element of danger was added to anything but the most careful skating by the large winding cracks which permeated the entire surface. The ice was far from being even in fair condition, and many of the pleasure-seekers, after a few rounds, took off their skates and went home. The greater part of the crowd, however, once at the lake, decided to make the best of a bad bargain and remained through the afternoon, being repaid by a measure of enjoyment at least.

Though some distance from the heart of the city, the natural advantages of Lake Como for an ideal skating park are, perhaps, unexcelled, and invited to the resort by the representations that the whole lake is maintained as a rink, with perfect ice, thousands go out on the street cars to enjoy superior conditions which at present do not exist. At the first of the season the lake was really in excellent condition for skating purposes. The "acres of ice" were there and the surface was, indeed, "fine," in the generally accepted meaning of the term, but since the snow came only that portion of the lake near the warming rooms has been at the disposal of the skaters, and while sufficiently large for the accommodation of greater crowds than have yet frequented the lake, it has become so cut up and cracked that it offers conditions far inferior to those where the ice is kept cleaned and the cracks filled up even if the entire surface is not flooded or scraped to procure smooth ice. The space is in the shape of a circle of about 150 yards radius, with a course probably 75 feet wide, reserved for those who care only to indulge in the pastime of dignifiedly gliding about, while a second circle, inside the larger one, marked by walls of snow four feet high, is at the disposal of the polo and and hockey players. The arrangement is not half bad if the ice was in good condition, but in both enclosures it is of a very poor quality, a fact which was fully attested yesterday by the suddenness with which many of the pleasure-seekers struck the ice in a heap, after having caught their skates in the numerous cracks.

SOME ATHLETIC EVENTS

Will Be Brought Off at Market Hall Saturday.

An athletic entertainment will be given at Market hall next Saturday evening that is expected to furnish an evening's enjoyment for those who attend. Among the features of the evening will be a bag-punching contest, a wrestling match, some club swinging and some boxing contests, including four-round contests, in which Jimmy Murphy, the lightweight, who stood off Kimmick ten rounds in the Olympic theater a few years ago, will take part. Murphy will meet Al Roy, the Wizard, and some other man, and will try to outpoint each of them. Herman Smith and Alec Heroes will wrestle three bouts catch-as-catch-can.

PAID THE FIRST STAR.

Tom Foley's Distinction in Base Ball Twenty Years Ago.

William H. Craver, now on the police force in Troy, N. Y., in 1869, was one of the earliest of professional ball players. In telling the Sporting News, of St. Louis, of it recently, he referred to a present resident of St. Paul as follows:

"In the latter part of 1869 Tom Foley, the manager of the Chicago club, the first one that city had, did a good deal of telegraphing to Mart King, McAtee, Fisher and myself. He wanted us all. Finally he came to Albany and sent for us. Fisher—we called him 'Cherokee'—and I met him, we having agreed to set a good price for our services. I said I could not afford to leave home for less than $2,500 a year, of which $1,000 must be paid down. My proposition was very promptly refused. I went for a walk while Cherokee talked. Foley got Fisher to sign for $1,500 and paid him $200 down. Cherokee lost it at faro bank the same night, and never went to Chicago. Later Foley and I came together, and I got what I had made up my mind to get. It was the first fancy salary ever paid to a ball player. I finished the season with Chicago, and at its close McAtee and King signed for '71."

CRICKET CLUB LUCKY.

Out of Debt If It Does Not Win Matches.

The executive committee of the Minnesota Cricket club has made the following report:

The club sent a team to Chicago July 30, playing three matches, winning one and losing two. This was the first meeting of the Northwestern Cricket association. We had no foreign clubs visit us at home, owing to the fact that next year, 1897, the tournament of the Northwestern Cricket association will be held here. The list of matches during the season was nineteen, three of these being foreign and the balance club matches. The foreign matches resulted as follows: Minnesota Cricket club vs. Chicago, lost; Minnesota Cricket club vs. Chicago, lost; Minnesota Cricket club vs. Omaha, won. It gives us great pleasure to report that the club debt has been entirely liquidated, thereby enabling us to present a clean balance sheet. The following tables show the batting averages, all matches:

PLAYERS.	Innings	Runs	Times Not Out	Highest Score	Average
H. H. Vaughan	13	234	..	52	18
T. R. Sisson	12	133	2	40	16.30
L. Nash	2	12	1	12	12
D. Smith	9	101	1	55	12.62
B. S. Donaldson	12	182	3	29	11.37
H. L. Taylor	16	130	4	24	10.83
C. R. Wilcox	15	127	3	36	10.58
G. C. Saulez	17	162	1	28	10.13
C. T. Jaffray	12	120	..	18	10
C. A. Miller	8	77	..	49	9.62
R. A. Macgregor	11	86	1	20	8.60
G. D. Napier	16	125	1	46	8.33
G. M. P. Pridham	7	42	2	14	8.40
J. F. Knight	10	60	2	17	7.50
H. S. Macgregor	10	55	1	15	6.11
A. B. Sibley	11	50	..	19	4.54
W. E. Rumble	16	54	1	20	3.60
J. C. Myron	3	10	..	7	3.33
R. E. Macgregor	11	23	13	13	2.55
Foreign Matches Only—					
H. H. Vaughan	8	134	..	52	15.7
C. T. Jaffray	6	71	..	18	11.83
G. C. Saulez	8	84	1	28	12
T. R. Sisson	6	71	..	40	11.83
B. S. Donaldson	8	33	..	21	4.1
H. S. Macgregor	5	22	..	9	4.4
G. D. Napier	6	30	..	18	5
H. L. Taylor	6	18	2	7	4.5
A. B. Sibley	4	15	..	6	3.75
W. E. Rumble	5	6	1	3	1.5
C. R. Wilcox	6	5	2	3	1.25
R. E. Macgregor	4	5	..	2	.75

Bowling Analysis, Foreign Matches Only—

PLAYERS.	Runs	Wickets	Over	Maidens	Balls	Average
C. T. Jaffray	90	13	32	3	193	6.9
G. C. Saulez	80	9	32	5	192	8.8
H. H. Vaughn	27	3	8	..	48	9
B. S. Donaldson	76	10	23	2	141	7.6
H. S. Macgregor	66	7	26	4	156	9.4
G. D. Napier	59	5	19	3	114	11.8

The semi-finals for the Hinkel medal were played last night at the Raspberry island rink, the score being:

P. H. Mead,	Dr. Van Slyke,
Chas. Barlow,	Dr. Arnold,
J. H. Reihldaffer,	Geo. Cunningham,
C. M. Griggs, skip	Tom Scott, skip—20.
—10.	

The finals will be played tomorrow night between rinks skipped by Tom Scott and George Hall.

VIEWS OF MINNESOTANS

On the Brutality of Football Scout That Side.

The Chicago Inter Ocean devoted considerable space Sunday to a symposium on football, showing what the college players think of it. A list of questions were directed to the team of each college, and the galaxy of replies were interesting from the fact that they contained the opinions of the best known players in America. The questions asked were:

1. What were your injuries during the season?
2. What benefit, if any, did you derive from playing?
3. Do you consider it a beneficial sport? If so, in what way?
4. Is football brutal?
5. What plays would you suggest for disbarment by rule?
6. How long have you played?
7. Have you received any permanent injuries?
8. What do you think of indoor football?

Six members of the Minnesota eleven responded. Here is what they say:

1. Strain in the groins and elbow skinned. 2. Principally to physique. 3. Yes. To physique, morals, increase of popularity for a student intending to practice law. 4. No; but some players are. 5. None. 6. Three years. 7. No. 8. It is all right when it is impracticable outdoors, but only then.

—George A. E. Finlayson,
Minnesota Team.

1. Nose broken and a small cut in the head. 2. Largely physical, though I think I have gained much in other lines. 3. Most emphatically yes. It is beneficial physically and morally, and does not retard mental growth. 4. The game itself is not brutal. 5. I do not think the game as now played should be materially changed. 6. One year, at Minnesota. 7. No. 8. Have never seen an indoor football game.

—Henry A. Scandrett,
Minnesota Team.

1. A sprained ankle and a bruised muscle received. 2. Increased health, strength, weight and endurance. 3. Yes, physically, mentally and morally. It trains the eye, the mind and the muscle. 4. No, not when played by gentlemen. 6. Four years. 7. No. 8. I think it is a very good scheme, if you mean such as was played in the Coliseum.

—Richard E. Woodworth,
Minnesota 'Varsity Team.

1. Nose bleed once or twice. 2. In better condition to do hard school work during winter. 3. Yes, indeed. It cultivates courage, moral restraint, exercise of will to keep within the bounds of the game. 4. No, not if it is played right. 6. Four seasons. 7. None whatever. 8. I do not think it ought to be practiced.

—M. Teigen,
Left Halfback of U. of M. Team.

1. None. 2. Strengthened my lungs and muscles generally, and also stomach. 3. Yes in that it forms good habits and teaches a man to keep his head. 4. No. 5. None, if the officials are strict and know the rules. 6. Three years. 7. No. 8. All right in cold weather, but liable to keep a man in training too long.

—Harry C. Loomis,
University of Minnesota Team.

1. I have sustained no injuries other than slight scratches or bruises. 2. All the general good effects of systematic training, a condition to carry out a year healthfully. 3. It is very beneficial if played in a sportsmanlike way, and not brutally. 4. No. 5. All tandem bucking plays. 6. Several years. 7. None. 8. A very interesting and beneficial exercise.

—Van A. Parry,
Tackle on Minnesota Team.

Louisville Stakes.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Dec. 19.—Secretary Price today announced the spring stakes of the new Louisville Jockey club. Including the fixed events, there are ten of them as follows: The Louisville Futurity, $10,000, for two-year-olds, four and a half furlongs; the Kentucky Derby, $6,000, for three-year-olds, mile and a quarter; the Clerk stakes, $4,000, for three-year-olds, mile and an eighth; the Kentucky Oaks, $5,500, for three-year-old fillies, mile and a sixteenth; the Debutante stakes, $1,500, for two-year-old fillies, four furlongs; the Cadet stakes, $1,300, for two-year-old colts and geldings, four and a half furlongs; the Kingston stakes, $1,300, selling, for two-year-olds, five furlongs; the Blue Grass stakes, $1,300, for three-year-olds, six and a half furlongs; the Corn Cracker stakes, $1,300, selling, for three-year-olds, seven furlongs; the Frank Fehr stakes, $1,300, selling, for three-year-olds and upward, mile.

Finals in Foley's Tourney.

The closing games in the amateur handicap tournament at Foley's are scheduled to be played as follows: Monday evening, Aldrich vs. Townsend; Tuesday afternoon at 4, Cochrane vs Bartholomew; Wednesday evening, Torrance vs. Bartholomew; Thursday evening, the final game, Aldrich vs. Kent.

Asthma cannot only be relieved, but entirely cured with Dr. D. Jayne's Expectorant. The best Family Pills—Jayne's Painless Sanative.

Barcelonia Anarchists Will Die.

BARCELONA, Dec. 20.—Eight of the anarchists who recently had their trial in this city for throwing a bomb into the Corpus Christi procession last June have been sentenced to death.

ONE TIME CHAMPION

JEM MACE, THE VETERAN BOXER, TELLS HOW HE HELD HIS STRENGTH.

SHUNNED WINE AND WOMEN.

KEPT REGULAR HOURS AND ATE AND DRANK WITH MODERATION.

REMINISCENCES OF RING DAYS.

His Bouts With Great Men—His Recent Contest With Donovan.

Special Correspondence of the Globe.

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—"Where did you find the fountain of youth, Jem?"

Almost everywhere I go since I have been back in America I have had this bit of pleasantry thrown at me by the boys—the old boys—I have known during the past forty years. Ah, it gives me a momentary spell of sadness when I behold many of them weak, weazened and white-haired before their time. I am the last of a by-gone generation. John Morrissey, Tom King, John C. Heenan, Yankee Sullivan, Tom Sayers, Tom Hyer, Nat Langham and Joe Coburn have all passed away, and the old timers as well as present day athletes wonder how it is that I am still able to put up a stiff play with almost any of the boys at the good old game of boxing.

I will tell my readers "in my own ignorant way," as poor old "Dublin Tricks" Hastings used to say, and I am satisfied that it will benefit them in a fairish way. The pointers I will give, too, may save some ambitious, likely young fellow from going wrong when he has met with some success and is going up the pugilistic ladder.

I am now sixty-six years old—pretty near the three score and ten, the good book allots to man—and am just as healthy, hearty, rugged and strong as I ever was in my life. Competent critics are kind enough to say that I still preserve all my old time cleverness, albeit not quite as quick or as enduring as of yore. The latter part of the proposition, of course, is to be expected. A man is not like good wine—improved in every respect by age. I have, however, boxed not long ago with such good ones as Dan Creedon and Tom Tracey, and held my own. Plucky Joe Choynski and clever Jim Corbett can tell you, too, that I put up a fair game with them in friendly bouts when they visited England. Of course both of these boys could easily outlast me. There is quite a difference in the spring and autumn of life when it comes to staying power.

First let me say that I have been boxing for over fifty years, and have been in over 200 ring fights, large and small, and all the punishment I ever received has not hurt me a particle. On the contrary, my ring experience has made me the hearty, healthy old man that I am. I say this now to knock on the head those silly arguments some good but misguided people advance that the hard training pugilists undergo in preparing for contests and the punishment they receive break down their health, make them prematurely old men and consign them to early graves. It is not fighting which makes an old man of the modern champion. It is the hilarious living which follows in the wake of victory. Well may the champion exclaim, "Save me from my friends!" Just think of it! John L. Sullivan, the emperor of modern fighters, was a physical wreck at thirty-four, and Jack Dempsey, the famous "Nonpareil," the same at thirty-two. I was really at my best when forty years of age the champion of England, as was Joe Coburn, my old time rival, at the same age, and champion of America. I was forty-one when I fought Coburn for the world's championship near New Orleans in 1871, and Joe was but three years younger. We had not become "aged," and none of the boys, although some of them were from a dozen to twenty years younger, could touch us in those days. It was the same with Yankee Sullivan, Bill Perry, the "Tipton Slasher;" Bendigo, George Rooke, and pretty nearly all the old timers. They were as good at forty as they were at twenty.

I attribute this solely to the difference in living between the old and new champions. The old chaps did not go the swift pace of the up-to-date lads simply, I suppose, because they did not have the money. There were no $10,000, $25,000 or $40,000 purses in those days, nor talking matches in print, nor big receipts "on the road." I have seen many a hard fight and been in them in my younger days for a £10 note ($50). Then, as a rule, a few mugs of ale—and good ale at that—each night for a fortnight or so after victory, and not a "wine racket" night after night the year round, was the winner's only dissipation.

Moderation in all things is the secret of the whole business; moderation in eating, drinking, exercise and sleeping. An athlete in training should never be permitted to crave for a glass of ale, a cup of milk, an apple, a mild smoke or for any fruit or beverage. It won't do him a bit of harm, and its effects can be worked out of the system by exercise. When a man craves constantly or persistently at intervals for milk or fruit or sugar or any such thing, you can depend upon it there is a waste in the system somewhere which requires attention. To deny the boxer or other athlete in training any such comfort as he yearns for does him a lot of injury, as, besides the waste, he undergoes a mental worriment which detracts greatly from his physical condition. I never denied myself anything in training, such as ale, fruit or digestible pastry, but I always partook of these judiciously. Moderation has been my motto in life and to that I attribute the strength, youthful vigor and physical development which critics look upon as something marvelous for a man of my age. Corbett, Maher, Fitzsimmons, Sharkey, Choynski and all of the big fellows of today can be as good thirty-five years from now as I am today if they but follow the regimen I have laid down. So can any good, strong, athletic fellow, barring, of course, all accidents in the way of pneumonia, typhoid fever, yellow fever and all wasting diseases, which a man seems liable to catch in this tricky uncertain climate. But to young fellows ambitious of fistic renown, I would give this last and special piece of advice—avoid worship at the shrine of Venus as well as of Bacchus, and you will not break down in the prime of your manhood, as many modern champions have done, a misfortune, by the way, which the old champions generally escaped.

I am glad to see the elevated plane boxing has reached in America and the stanch support it has received from men of learning, influence and high social and political standing. I have met many great men in my day who were warm advocates of the manly art. Principal among these were Roscoe Conkling, John A. Logan and Zachary Chandler, senator from Michigan. That was twenty years ago, at Washington, and I gave the distinguished trio points on the game. Senator Chandler was a little too old and stiff to box well then, but Senators Conkling and Logan were exceptionally fine sparrers for amateurs, Conkling especially.

By the way, that old story which has gone all over England as well as America that Senator Chandler rung me in as a college professor, disguised in blue spectacles, on Senator Conkling and that I knocked out the stately New Yorker in a bout which he himself invited, is a hoax. Senator Conkling knew me as well then as he afterward did John L. Sullivan, and was about as friendly to me as he was in later years to the big fellow.

I also boxed with the late Thomas Hughes, Lord Charles Beresford and other distinguished men in England. Lord Charley is one of the best boxers today in England. That story printed some years ago that Lord Beresford knocked me out in a private trial before the Prince of Wales, it is needless to say, is a hoax, just like the Conkling incident. Lord Charley is a splendid fellow, and I never took the trouble to deny the story, as his intimate friends started it with the evident intention of doing him good in some was.

—James Mace.

IN THE RING.

Eastern sports believe that Frank Erne will beat Martin Flaherty in five rounds.

Peter Maher has had the honor of having a boxing club in Philadelphia named after him.

A New York club has offered a purse of $2,000 for a match between Frank Erne and Solly Smith.

Jack Skelly, twice defeated by Frank Erne, is on the warpath again looking for 126-pounders.

Buffalo sports are making preparations to give a big reception to Frank Erne on his return to Buffalo.

Bob Armstrong, the colored heavyweight, and Charles Strong, of Newark, N. J., are matched to box on December 21.

Erne, when spoken to the other day regarding a return match with George Dixon, said: "Let him wait; he made me wait."

Fred Titus, the racing man, who is now under suspension from all races held by the L. A. W., is working hard for reinstatement.

Bob Armstrong, who recently bested Paddy Slavin, has been matched to box Charley Strong, of Newark, N. J., in New York tomorrow.

Dick Burge, of England, and Eddie Connolly, of Boston, have been matched to fight before the Olympic club, of Birmingham, Jan. 28, for $5,000.

"Kid" McCoy's next battle will be with Billy Doherty at Johannesburg, South Africa, Dec. 23. A purse of $5,000 has been offered for the battle.

Patsy Haley, of Buffalo, has been matched to box Kid Madden at Brooklyn next month. Haley, if victorious, says he will go to England with Paddy Slavin.

"Parson" Davis has posted $1,000 with Al Smith to match Joe Choynski against Sharkey Maher or Fitzsimmons, in either a limited-round bout or to a finish.

A twenty-round go has been arranged between Jack Downey and George Dixon, to take place before a Gotham Athletic club the latter part of the month.

It is probable that Sammy Kelly, now in England, will return to New York and meet Jimmy Barry pending his match with Billy Plimmer, which is dated for March 2 in England.

Syracuse papers say that Tommy Ryan has signed for the Payne match in that city and that he will meet Charley Johnson before the new Albany club some time in January.

Joe Walcott's failure to finish Tommy West in their nineteen round battle greatly surprised his friends. It is generally conceded that he has gone back since bested by George Lavigne.

Jerry Barnett, who has not done any boxing for some time, is out with a challenge to box any one in the 122-pound class. Jerry says he prefers to meet Johnny Lavack of Cleveland.

Jimmy Carroll was yesterday given judgment in the superior court at San Francisco for $907 against Bob Fitzsimmons for services performed while training him for his go at New Orleans.

Frank P. Slavin, the Australian pugilist has been arrested at Newark and held in $200 bail for examination on Monday next on a charge of assaulting "Doc" Dougherty, his former manager.

Owen Zeigler and Kid McPartland and their managers met at the Police Gazette office Saturday and arranged to transfer their bout, which was to have taken place at the Broadway Athletic club.

Jimmy Barry despairs of getting on a match. He has forced Johnnie Murphy into retirement, and the indications are that he will have to fight out of his class in order to get on a match.

Paddy Purtell, who is in New York, says there is no necessity for "Tommy" Ryan's going to California for a match, as he has a forfeit to meet any 150-pound man in the world, Ryan preferred.

What a pity it is that public opinion is not strong enough to make a fighter who can fight and won't fight leave the stage until he will consent to fight.—Kansas City Times. Does the paper mean Corbett?

Ie is said that a New York athletic club will offer a $6,000 purse for a twenty-round go between Tom Sharkey and Peter Maher, the contest to be decided either in January or the first week in February.

Mike Farragher, of Youngstown, fought Monday in New York under the name of Joe Burke and was awarded a verdict over Haegerstrom, known as the "Terrible Swede." Farragher is being looked after by Tim Hurst.

It is said that Frank Slavin and Warren Lewis had a wordy war at Brooklyn the other night over Slavin's fight with Armstrong, and it is further said that Lewis made the big Australian show the "yellow," as he is said to have done with the black man.

The other day in New York a female bagpuncher said she had just received an offer from a well known seminary to impart the art of self-defense to its young women, and at the Sharkey-Fitzsimmons scrap as many as 100 women are said to have been admitted to the show.

A match for $500 a side has been made for a fight between Thomas Stevens, of Cattletsburg, Ky., and a vicious ten-months-old bear cub. Stevens is to be provided with a hunting knife with a four-inch blade. The battle is to take place at Cattletsburg Christmas eve in the opera house.

Creedon's next contest is to be against Coffee Cooler Craig, whom the Bohemian Sporting club, of New York, are going to import from England to meet him. After that Creedon has an engagement to go to England and battle Kid McCoy before the National club, of London.

It is said John L. Sullivan wants to match Dave Sullivan, the Boston bantam, against Jimmy Barry. Dave is the lad who recently got the best of a 20-round go with Casper Leon, although the bout was declared a draw. Barry undoubtedly wishes John L. would succeed.

Charley McKeever, who is matched to fight George Lavigne at 140 pounds, weigh in ring costume at the ringside, is down to 139 pounds and the battle is yet two weeks off. This shows that McKeever can make the weight easily. He is doing considerable road work and says he never felt better in his life.

In a letter to Eddie Graney, of San Francisco, Joe Choyniski says he is through with the ring. As soon as Eddie read the letter he wired Joe that he would back him for $5,000 against Maher and fight him again. Eddie is confident that had he been behind him Cholynski would have won. He never lost a fight yet when he was in his corner.

"Parson" Davis's protege, big Bob Armstrong, of Newark, one of the best colored fighters in the country. The battle will take place before the New York club offering the best purse on Dec. 21. Davis has posted $1,000 with Al Smith as a forfeit in a match between Joe Choynski and Sharkey, Maher or Fitzsimmons.

A good featherweight contest of ten rounds has been arranged by Matchmaker Brooks of the Empire Athletic club, as a preliminary to the Ryan-Australian Billy McCarthy match, which will be held on December 21. It will be between Billy Moore, champion of Syracuse, and Jack Smith, the Terrible Blacksmith. Another match will be made.

The English lightweight, Tom Causer, whipped so handily by Eddie Connelly, of Boston, recently, would, it appears from his failure against Connelly, have presented nothing stiffer than a rag man in the ropes with Champion Kid Lavigne, whom he brought himself to challenge loudly upon the latter boxer's departure from England with the Burge scalp.

Tom O'Rourke in a letter says: "You will always find me in Dixon's corner while he is with me, and rooting for him when he not with me. I don ot believe in leaving a friend when he seems to be going down hill."

Jack McAuliffee, the lightweight champion, has announced his intention of retiring from the prize ring. He states that he will go into business in New York city.

Mrs. Rosa Boyd, a Chicago negress, who possesses great strength, and who is the wife of a shouting colored evangelist, wants to fight Sharkey, the pugilist, and has already sent a challenge to the hardy man of warsman, saying she would like to box him four rounds for points, or to a finish, for the largest purse offered, or for gate receipts, winner to take all. Mrs. Boyd's husband is well known throughout the South as an evangelist and was known there as "The Black Sam Jones." Mrs. Boyd has lived in Chicago about a year and formerly lived in St. Louis. She has always been an athlete and is the daughter of "Sleepy Frank," a once celebrated colored rough and tumble fighter and boxer and was trained almost from her infancy by him. She is a tall, powerfully built woman, weighing fully 180 pounds and is twenty-eight years old.

NEW ATHLETIC SCHEME.

Wisconsin University Invites Minnesota to Adopt It.

A new method of solving all athletic disputes that may arise between the different universities of the West as to the memberships of university teams has been suggested by several members of the University of Wisconsin regents. Feeling that the real test should be whether or not the man was a bona fide student the regents thought that some means could be found whereby to determine that fact. In this view of the situation some of them have evolved a plan, to which they intend to ask the co-operation of the board of regents and trustees to the different universities of the Northwest. The plan is this: Trustees or regents are better qualified, they maintain, to judge the fitness of students for places on athletic teams than professors, whose judgment is frequently warped by their position as teachers. A committee composed of one regent or trustee from each of the several universities shall be a court for the purpose of determining whether any man whose standing is questioned is a bona fide student of the university on whose team he seeks to play, and whether he is in other ways qualified. This plan, it is thought, would end a good deal of the incriminations and jealousies existing among the different institutions. Should any institution feel that any member of an opposing team was playing without right, they could make a complaint to this inter-university committee and have the matter adjudicated, each side of the question having the right to produce its evidence and have a full hearing of the case. It is expected to ask each of the institutions subscribing to this agreement to agree that the decisions of this tribunal shall be conclusive.

This plan finds considerable favor among the members of the Wisconsin regents, and will probably be considered at length at the January meeting of the board. Should it be favored by a majority of the board, the universities of Michigan, Illinois, Chicago, Northwestern, Purdue and Minnesota will be invited to consider the scheme.

GOSSIP FOR CYCLISTS.

Chicago has 200,000 bicycles, Washington has 50,000 and the United States has 4,000,000.

Eddie Bald, the bicycle rider, has saved enough out of his winnings to pay $20,000 for a business block in Buffalo.

Mrs. Christiana E. Yates, of Oakland, Cal., is probably the oldest wheelwoman in the United States, if not in the whole world. Eighty years of age, she sits on her wheel as gracefully as a woman of thirty, and finds health and pleasure in the popular pastime. Her robust health she attributes to the daily use of her wheel.

The rebuke which the bicycle trade gave to Manager Sanger, of the Madison Square garden, New York, by refusing to support in any way the proposed show in opposition to that of the National Cycle board of trade, which will be held in Grand Central palace, is a warning that the manufacturers of this country will conduct their own annual exhibition.

Hale, the winner of the six days' bicycle race at the Madison Square garden, came over with Plummer and the other Englishmen, and when he started he was considered one of the weakest men in Plummer's string. The supposed stars gave out and Plummer was compelled to tie up to Hale. It was a case of having a "chick" and not knowing it.

It is said that Tom Linton has made $30,000 during the past two years on the race track. His brother Arthur left a fortune of $20,000 as a result of his career on the cycle path. Tom won $500 the day he broke the world's hour record. This wonderful feat demanded of him over 6,000 revolutions of the cranks in 60 minutes. His average speed per mile was 1.48.

The lively interest taken in the new machines for 1897 argues well for the general welfare of the industry for the coming season. The larger manufacturers, realizing that the riders are not all of one mind regarding accessories, will offer more options for the next season than ever. These options will include any height of frame or gearing for the wheel, tires, handle bars and everything else in reason.

Tom Eck has announced that he is securing backers and will deposit $5,000 as Jimmie Michael's financial interest in a match between Tom Linton and Michael. Michael is much wrought up over Linton's declaration that he ran Michael out of England. The midget says that he has never been beaten by Linton in his four years on the track, but that, on the contrary, he has defeated Linton decisively time and time again.

The National Assembly of the League of American Wheelmen at Albany in February promises to be the liveliest in the history of that now powerful organization. The New York delegation, which can almost turn the tide, has always been a unit on every question up to now. It will not follow Potter in his friendship for Elliott. The officers of the division will not support Elliott under any circumstances; they will boom Potter whether he wants the office or not. This is official. Mr. Elliott has made some mistakes which the wheelmen of the Empire state will not overlook.

Bicycle makers are now very generally working on their 1897 catalogues, and if collected they would make a collection that would rival anything in the line of a poster display. Large sums of money are expended in this way, and with the exception of the cover, designs and size, they are all pretty much alike. Every bicycle, according to the catalogues, is the best bicycle built, and "strictly high grade" is a phrase that no catalogue would think of masquerading without. Then they are built like houses, watches, steamships, locomotives, and each has special points that makes it peculiarly desirable to the veteran or the novice buyer of bicycles.

California is a unit on the Sunday racing question and will send a large delegation to the national assembly of the League of American Wheelmen at Albany early in February to battle for the measure. Failing in this, so advices received say, the Golden Gate state will retire from the league racing control, form the nucleus of an association and conduct Sunday racing. The organization would control over forty tracks constructed especially for bicycles, and with the 300 racing men in the district would be very strong. Many riders would be attracted from outside the district, as racing would pay in all this district with the Sunday sport.

If it should be decided at the national assembly of the League of American Wheelmen to appoint somebody to act as official referee at the big circuit meets, it is believed the first person to be honored with the new office would be Will R. Pitman, known in cycle circles throughout the country as "Happy Days." The need of an official referee is not disputed. Racing is now so largely developed that a longer delay in securing a capable, impartial and fearless man of experience to watch over the sport, would be unwise, to say the least. The racing board's chairman, or any of his fellow members, cannot follow the circuit from end to end, and as the board's representative and a capable referee upon all occasions, the proposed official referee would be invaluable alike to meet promoters, the league and the racing men themselves. The latter know full well how essential it is to their best interests to have a referee who is not only impartial, but understands the exacting duties of the position. By his decision disqualifying Hadfield in the last great Irvington-Milburn handicap, which gave him a national reputation, "Happy Days" established his fitness for the proposed new office. It is said that Chairman Gideon looks with favor upon Mr. Pitman's candidacy.

NOT TO BE BEATEN.

Aldrich Has Foley's Billiard Tourney Cinched.

The handicap amateur tournament at Foley's is very nearly completed. Only five more games are left to be played, and they will be finished the first part of the week. Two of them will be played in one day, afternoon and evening, so that the closing game will be played Wednesday night. It may be stated that this has been one of the very best purely amateur tournaments ever held in St. Paul. It has demonstrated that some players engaged in the last two tournaments have increased in speed from ten to thirty per cent. In this respect Aldrich is the greater gainer from now on, he will have to be up with the scratch man. No more odds can be given him, as he has won all his games with ease, and more than on even terms. In point of standing, Kent is next at present. Should he lose to Aldrich he and Poland and Larkin will be a tie. Below will be found a table showing how all the players stand at present:

	Won.	Lost.	H.R.	P.C.
Aldrich	5	0	25	1.000
Kent	4	2	21	.667
Larkin	4	3	22	.571
Poland	4	3	24	.571
Townsend	3	3	22	.500
Torrance	2	4	26	.333
Cochrane	2	4	23	.333
Bartholomew	0	5	21	.000

TOLD BY THE STOVE.

Winter Flashes of the Summer Stars and Suns.

John Ward may manage Louisville.

Jimmy Ryan wants to escape from Chicago.

Kansas City will have Connaughton again next year.

The latest "pyse story" is that Wilmot wants Shugart.

Cantillon, a St. Paul favorite, will captain Dubuque next year.

Selee says he may take the Bobsons to Hot Springs early next spring.

Ed Swartwood, of Pittsburg, may be a league umpire next season.

Minneapolis has signed a Chicago semi-professional fielder named Kern.

The official averages of the Western league will not be out until January.

Hanlon says he will keep O'Brien. There may be trouble over the deal yet.

He says: "Eleven years in one city is enough for me. I'd like to get to Philadelphia."

George Van Haltren is keeping himself in trim by playing exhibition ball on the California team.

Tom Loftus is after O'Meara, the stalwart young catcher, whom Cleveland farmed out to Fort Wayne last season.

Cincinnati may draft Figgemeier. That would relieve the linotypes out this way of an awful jumble of letters.

Comiskey is said to be after Horton, of Baltimore, the promising young pitcher recently engaged from Pittsburg.

Charley Zimmer, catcher of the Cleveland team, has organized an in-door base ball league in Cleveland and is coaching the players of the different teams.

It is as good as settled that Dick Padden will hold down second base for Pittsburg, as Donovan thinks he is all right, and that he will improve in his stick work.

Thirty-two players on the National league teams are residents of Pennsylvania; Massachusetts claims thirty-one, while Ohio has twenty and New York seventeen.

One of the beauties about Hinton's gun for firing balls at batters is that, while it gets loaded like lots of other pitchers, it keeps good hours.—Detroit Free Press.

Shortstop Hart, who was with Titusville last season, has received an offer from the Hamilton (Ont.) team. He will not accept if he can get a position nearer home. Hart made quite a record with Brady's Titusville team.

Manager Walter Wilmot, of the Minneapolis team, has written to President Hart, chairman of the rules committee of the league, favoring a return to the old method of making a pitcher stand in a box and not on a ru ber, as at present.

It is reported that your Uncle Anson is after Billy Nash to play third base for the Colts next season. With Anson, Pfeffer, Dahlen, Nash, Ryan, Lange, Griffith, Terry, Kittridge and Tom Daly on the team, the name Colts seems slightly inappropriate.

In the forty-four games played with Scranton in the Eastern league last season, Arlie Latham had a batting average of .225. He stole thirty-nine bases, averaging better in this line than any player in the Eastern league. He also scored forty-five runs.

A New York paper quotes Rusie as saying that he believes that Chauncey Fisher will be one of the best pitchers in the league next season. Some of the local cranks are wondering if this is because Fisher will be a Bridegroom, for the Grooms are the deadly enemies of the Giants.

Dr. Arlington Pond, Hugh Jennings and Joe Kelley, members of the Baltimore baseball team, have returned from their European tour. McGraw, who accompanied them, stopped over in New Jersey. Jennings says that the little third baseman has completely recovered his health and strength.

President Soden says: "We once tried a game in Boston without coaches. By the end of the sixth inning a majority of the spectators in the grand stand were asleep and at the end of the ninth inning we had to send the ushers around to wake them up and tell them that the game was over."

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