GOSSIP OF THE PRIZE RING

LOU HOUSEMAN TAKES A FEW OF THE FAKIRS DOWN THE LINE

CORBETT'S "DARLING" AGAIN

Challenges Fired at Fitz Now Suggest the Avalanche That Followed the Cardiff-Sullivan Fight.

CHICAGO, Sept. 22.—(Special.)—Scandal begets scandal, and when it strikes the pugilistic game it just runs riot. The man who handles Jack Moffat is back to Chicago, and the story he tells is one replete with jobs, counter-jobs and more jobs. He accuses Tommy Ryan and Al Neill of all manner of duplicity and double dealing, and quite unconsciously, convicts himself of a bit of roguery quite as dishonest as anything charged up against Ryan and Neill. He admits that he had agreed to keep Moffat off and away from decisive work for ten rounds in his battle against the substituted Neill. When that shoulder wrenching came along in the third round, Neill, he states, tried a "double cross," viciously essaying a knock-out. This in the face of an agreement that neither man was to attempt anything of the sort until after ten rounds had been fought. This is out of the mouth of a man who comes back from the coast black in the face from howling "Fake!" is refreshing. The manager of Moffat, "in," probably, with the pool boxes which have contributed immeasurably to the decadence of the fighting game in 'Frisco, frames up a job on the coast public, is caught at it, and then comes back, like the thief who seeks to avert detection and pursuit by his cries of "Stop thief."

It is too bad that as clean and clever a boxer as Moffat should be under such control. The Chicago middleweight will have to change his booking agency or suffer for want of bookings. The same man makes the contention that Tommy Ryan and Jack Moffat were to have fought for a $5,000 purse, and that this purse was to be divided on the basis of 65 per cent to the winner and 35 per cent to the loser. I know this to be false. I know that Ryan and Moffat, had the pair come together, would have fought for a purse of $4,000, and that this money was to be divided equally between the pair. The manager of Moffat knew this, and yet he would lead the public to believe that the men were billed to go for a long winner's end. This was as dishonest as his agreement with Neill to abstain from a knock-out within a stipulated round limit. The country has had enough and to spare of the fakirs. It is about time that the clubs take some action in the matter. They are primarily responsible to the public, and it is to the clubs the public look for protection against jobbing fighters and jobbing fight managers. If the word was to go out that such schemers as the gentleman referred to "could make no entries" in the programmes of the reputable clubs, the effect would be quite as salutary as the barring off the turf of dishonest owners.

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The domestic difficulties of Jim Corbett should perhaps not form a subject of public talk. Yet it does, and no doubt for the reason that the Jim family desire it to do so. This letter, however, is devoted to the doings of pugilists, and the skip of Jim Corbett certainly offers something of a subject for discussion. Of course, the public are not a bit surprised at the idea of Pompadour Jim running away, for it is not the first time he has done it. He is so much of a "gentleman" that he follows Polonius' advice to his son to a certain extent. The lines read, as any actor or Shakespearean student could tell us, "Avoid an entrance to a quarrel." Jim usually does this. He has in this instance, and he did one night on the Bowery when the other pugilistic "gentleman," Mr. Charles Mitchell, of London, met him. This proves gentle blood. It is not necessary to go back to his record as a bank messenger. It is needless to bill himself as a "gentleman" in the public prints, for the public knows him. He is a "gentleman." He showed it before in his epistolary communications right here in Chicago. Everybody admired his command of the "darling" and "deary" language, and "everybody" admired his command of the vernacular that is supposed to gull women. But, unfortunately for the man from California, those letters were aired in Chicago, and in Chicago it is customary to write the personal pronoun with a capital "I." Jim didn't think so, and so made a law unto himself, and wrote it as he pleased. He was right then. All great men write as they please, but perhaps some of the proof readers objected, yet they let it go. He was a "fighter," and they were not trained.

Now comes back this mighty "prize-fighter" over the cable, and the first thing one notices is "darling." It's "darling," because the message says so, and it was published, you know. This makes it true. At least as true as the claims of Jim's gentility. Now, no one desires to question the fact that Jim is a "gentleman," but it certainly sounds more like the record of an English divorce suit in high life to hear, or read, of the criminations and recriminations of the disputants. For this reason perhaps Jim flies to England and telegraphs back to his "darling" to come, as he "loves no other." She does not see it that way, as New York has stringent divorce laws, and she will probably gain more by standing by, notwithstanding Jim has twice been beaten in the "prize ring."

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Kid McCoy is a man of different metal, and it is quite evident that he is a different kind of a "gentleman." His wife fights, and sometimes he does. But he is a prizefighter. His wife is not. So that when his pathetic plea is heard, when the case is in court, that his wife was cruel, can it be possible that one can look back on the ancient history made five or ten, or perhaps fifteen years ago, when the mighty John L. Sullivan, in the esthetic city of Boston, charged his wife with cruelty. To the layman it might look like cruelty to have, as John L. charged, his wife sticking carving forks into him, but then you know what it is to leave a call after "one of those nights," and it was quite evident that the Boston judge appreciated it. Now comes the "Kid" with the charge that his wife did not fight fair. She used decanters, instead of plaster of Paris gloves. She did not wait for handshakes, nor yet the call of time—she simply did what any "one of the boys" would have done. She "swiped" him, and he objects. He fought back, a thing he occasionally does in the prize ring. But she has the best of the argument, because she has the last word, or a few of them. They will probably be reconciled in a few weeks, and then we shall hear a number of denials in the same old "McCoyan" way. Tragedians advertise, and why not fighters, even if their performances are more in the lines of "comedy," at least in New York.

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The challenges fired at the head of Fitzsimmons, who claims to have retired from the prize ring, at the present time remind one of the days when Cardiff had placed John L. hors du combat. Every fighter, and there seemed to be more heavyweights than now, whether he had a reputation as a fighter or not, posted forfeits in every conceivable place to fight for the championship. They knew John L. could not fight, and perhaps now, that Bob has retired, the same old "gag" goes. Bob may not have retired, but he says he has, and that should have some weight. Jeffries' challenge would undoubtedly meet with recognition from Bob, but Jeffries is the champion and is not likely to issue challenges. Outside of Fitz there appears to be but few in the same class with Jeff. Ruhlin may claim the championship, but that does not make him a champion. Kilrain did that once, but no one counts him among the heavyweight champions. Ruhlin's play will make no great difference to Jeffries until such time as they fight, and Madden's resolve to go out and get some easy money seems a sensible one. Ruhlin is a good one, and does not require a forfeit championship. He may win it.

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The match between Billy Stift and Dick O'Brien at Tattersall's on Tuesday, Oct. 2, is attracting considerable attention. Dick made a fine showing here against Jack Root, and Billy Stift, as is well known to Chicagoans, always fights from the opening. Dick O'Brien arrived in Chicago during the week, and appears to be in better condition than he has ever been. His color is good and he says he has been taking good care of himself. The next show promises to be a good one, for Dal Hawkins is billed as one of the cards, and a number of local boxers will settle their grudges on that night.

—L. M. Houseman.

MILE CHAMPION.

Kimble Took the International Event at Montreal.

MONTREAL, Sept. 22.—The one-mile International professional championship of America was the feature of the national circuit. N. C. A., at Queen's park, today. Maj. Taylor, Kimble and Collet set a slow pace in the first heat. Taylor spurted too soon in the back stretch, Kimble winning by a wheel at the wire. Tom Butler will be suspended for non-appearance. Kramer refused to ride a semi-final heat and was suspended during the rest of the day. He entered a protest. Summary:

One-mile International professional championship of America—First, O. S. Kimble, Louisville, Ky.; second, Maj. Taylor, Worcester, Mass.; third, G. H. Collett, New Haven, Conn. Time, 3:48.

One mile, Queen's park championship (gold medal)—First, Walter Tuff, P. A. A. A.; second, W. L. McCualgan, Quebec; third, William Davis, M. A. A. A. Time, 2:23.

One-third mile, handicap, professional—First, Maj. Taylor, Worcester (scratch); second, Floyd Krebs, Newark, N. J. (forty yards); third, Saxon Williams, Buffalo, N. Y. (sixty yards). Time, :40.

Two-mile handicap, professional—First, Floyd Krebs, Newark, N. J. (150 yards); second, O. S. Kimble, Louisville, Ky. (50 yards); third, G. H. Collett, New Haven, Conn. (100 yards). Time, 4:41 1-5.

Won't Race The Abbot.

LEXINGTON, Ky., Sept. 22.—Crescus, 2:02¾, the world's champion stallion, will not meet The Abbot in the October meeting of the Kentucky Trotting Horse Breeders' association here. George Ketchum wanted three in five heats, but C. J. Hamlin, the owner of The Abbot would not agree to this.

BOER CONVOY IS ROUTED.

Gen. Lord Methuen Engages the Enemy at Klockadorp.

LONDON, Sept. 22.—The following dispatch has been received from Lord Roberts:

"Pretoria, Friday, Sept. 21.—Methuen completely routed a Boer convoy at Hart river, west of Klocksdorp, and recaptured a fifteen-pounder lost at Colenso. He also captured 26 wagons, 8,000 cattle, 4,000 sheep, 20,000 rounds of ammunition and 28 prisoners. Hildyard occupied Veryheid, Sept. 19, turning out the Boers from a strong position. The British casualties were few. Clery has captured a Hollander, an American belonging to the Theron scouts, who confirmed the reports of Theron's death."

When Lord Roberts will return from South Africa depends upon the views of the veteran field marshal himself and the course of events. That is the impression the Telegraph reporter gained as the result of a visit to the war office. None of the officials would confirm the statement that he is coming home within a month. Cape Town, however, is already preparing a great welcome for him, and it is believed he will sail for England shortly.

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Pittsburg	124	74	52	.580
Philadelphia	123	66	57	.536
Boston	122	61	61	.500
Chicago	125	58	67	.464
St. Louis	122	55	67	.450
Cincinnati	123	54	69	.439
New York	123	53	70	.430

GAMES SCHEDULED FOR TODAY.
Chicago at Cincinnati.
Pittsburg at St. Louis.

NEW YORK, Sept. 22.—New York made it three straight by defeating Brooklyn at the Polo grounds again this afternoon. Donovan went up in the air in the fourth inning and gave New York five runs. Kennedy, who replaced him, was a puzzle to the New Yorks. There was considerable kicking by both teams. Doyle was hurt, being run into and retired in favor of Grady.

Brook.	R	H	P	A	E	N. Y.	R	H	P	A	E
Jones, cf	1	2	4	1	0	V.H'n, cf	1	1	3	0	0
K'ler, rf	1	0	0	1	0	S'bach, lf	1	1	3	1	0
S'kard, lf	0	0	1	0	0	H'an, 3b	1	0	3	1	0
Kelly, 1b	1	1	9	0	0	B'ard, rf	2	1	3	0	1
D'ont, 2b	0	0	1	2	1	Doyle, 1b	0	1	4	1	1
Cross, 3b	1	2	1	2	0	Grady, 1b	0	0	8	0	0
D'len, ss	1	1	5	5	0	Davis, ss	1	2	1	6	1
McG'e, c	0	1	3	1	0	M'hy, 2b	0	1	2	1	0
D'van, p	0	0	0	0	0	B'm'n, c	0	1	0	0	0
K'n'dy, p	0	0	0	2	0	H'ley, p	0	1	0	0	0
Totals	5	8	24	14	1	Totals	6	9	27	10	3

Brooklyn	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	2—5
New York	0	1	0	5	0	0	0	0	*—6

First base on errors, Brooklyn 3; left on bases, Brooklyn 3, New York 2; first base on balls, off Donovan 2, off Kennedy 2, off Hawley 3; struck out, by Donovan 2; sacrifice hits, Keeler, Bowerman; stolen bases, Keeler, Van Haltren, Selbach; double plays, Jones to Cross to Dahlen to Kelly, Selbach to Davis, Hickman to Doyle, Murphy to Grady to Davis; three-base hit, Selbach; hit by pitcher, by Donovan 1, by Hawley 2; wild pitch, Donovan; umpire, Snyder; time, 2:15; attendance, 5,000.

COULDN'T HIT WADDELL.

But He Was Too Late to Save the Game.

PITTSBURG, Sept. 22.—St. Louis won the third game of the series by hitting Chesbro hard and driving him out of the box in the sixth inning. Waddell then went in and not another hit was made by the St. Louis men. Attendance, 6,000. Score:

Pitts.	R	H	P	A	E	St. L.	R	H	P	A	E
McC, lf.	1	1	2	1	0	McG, 3b.	1	2	2	4	0
B'm't, cf	1	1	1	0	0	B'k't, lf.	0	1	0	0	0
R'hey, 2b	0	1	3	6	3	H'd'k, cf	2	2	4	0	0
W'g'r, rf	1	3	0	0	0	D'van, rf	0	1	1	0	0
O'B'n, 1b.	1	2	12	0	0	W'ce, ss.	2	3	0	6	0
W'ms, 3b	1	0	2	3	0	K's'r, 2b.	1	2	5	2	0
Z'm'r, c.	0	1	7	0	0	McG, 1b.	1	2	12	0	0
Ely, ss.	1	2	0	3	1	C'riger, c	0	1	3	1	0
C'bro, p.	0	0	0	1	0	Jones, p.	0	0	0	2	0
Wad'l, p	0	0	0	1	0						
Totals	6	11	27	15	4	Totals	7	14	27	15	0

Pittsburg	0	1	3	1	0	1	0	0	0—6
St. Louis	1	0	1	0	1	4	0	0	0—7

Earned runs, Pittsburg 3, St. Louis 2; two-base hits, O'Brien, Keister 2; three-base hits, Wagner, McGann; stolen bases, Wagner, Williams, Keister, McGann, Criger; first on balls, off Chesbro 2, off Waddell 1; struck out, by Chesbro 3, by Waddell 3, by Jones 1; passed ball, Criger; wild pitch, Jones; innings played by each pitcher, Chesbro 6, Waddell 3; hits, off Chesbro 14; time, 2:10; umpire, O'Day.

BOSTON BEATEN.

Philadelphia Played Ball When It Was Needed.

BOSTON, Sept. 22.—Philadelphia won the final game today. Both teams played poorly in the field, but the visitors managed to support Donohue at critical times. Flick's catch of Barry's long drive in the seventh inning was phenomenal. Attendance, 3,600. Score:

Bos.	R	H	P	A	E	Phila.	R	H	P	A	E
H'ton, cf	0	3	1	0	0	Th'as, cf	0	1	1	0	1
Long, ss	1	2	2	5	0	Slagle, lf	0	2	2	0	0
Barry, lf	0	1	2	0	0	Dell'ty, 1b	0	0	6	2	1
Fen'y, 1b	0	0	12	0	1	Laj'ie, 2b	0	1	5	3	1
C'lins, 3b	1	2	3	4	0	Flick, rf	1	0	4	0	0
F'm'n, rf	0	1	1	0	0	McF'd, c	0	0	6	2	1
Lowe, 2b	0	0	3	3	0	Dolan, 3b	1	0	3	3	1
Clarke, c	1	1	3	2	1	Cross, ss	3	2	3	1	1
Willis, p.	1	1	0	1	0	D'ahue, p	0	2	1	1	0
Totals	4	11	27	15	2	Totals	5	9	27	13	6

Boston	0	0	2	0	0	1	1	0	0—4
Philadelphia	0	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	1—5

Earned runs, Philadelphia 2; three-base hit, Cross; home run, Cross; stolen bases, Lajoie, McFarland, Hamilton, Thomas, Long 2, Collins; double plays, Collins to Tenney, Lajoie (unassisted), Cross to Lajoie to Delehanty; sacrifice hit, McFarland; first base on balls, off Willis 4, off Donahue 3; struck out, by Willis 2; time, 1:30; umpire, Hurst.

LOST A CLOSE ONE.

Cincinnati Beaten at Home by Chicago Orphans.

CINCINNATI, Sept. 22.—Chicago made hits at the right time and won a close and interesting game. Attendance, 900. Score:

Cin.	R	H	P	A	E	Chi.	R	H	P	A	E
Bar'tt, cf	1	1	1	0	0	Str'g, 3b	0	2	1	3	0
Hart'l, lf	0	1	0	0	1	McC, lf.	2	1	4	1	0
Geier, rf	1	1	2	0	0	M'tes, cf	0	1	2	0	0
B'h'y, 1b	1	1	15	1	0	Green, rf	0	1	2	0	0
Irl'n, 3b.	1	0	0	3	0	Childs, 2b	1	0	2	2	1
Cor'n, ss	0	0	1	3	0	B'd'y, 1b	0	0	8	0	0
St'dt, 2b.	0	2	1	4	0	[illegible], ss.	1	0	2	2	1
Peitz, c.	0	1	6	2	0	King, c.	1	1	5	1	0
Scott, p.	0	1	1	3	0	M'fee, p.	0	0	1	1	0
Totals	4	8	27	16	1	Totals	5	6	27	10	2

Cincinnati	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	2	0—4
Chicago	1	0	0	0	3	0	0	1	0—5

Earned runs, Cincinnati 3, Chicago 3; two-base hits, Strang, McCarthy, Scott; three-base hits, Geier, Kling; stolen base, Barrett; first base on balls, off Scott 2, off Menefee 3; struck out, by Scott 5; passed balls, Peitz, Kling; wild pitch, Scott; time, 2:00; umpire, Emslie.

OFFICIAL STANDING.

Games Won and Lost in American League.

CHICAGO, Sept. 22.—The official standing of the eight clubs of the American Baseball league, as they finished the season Tuesday, was given out today by President Ban Johnson. It is as follows.

Clubs.	Chicago	Milwaukee	Indianapolis	Detroit	Kansas City	Cleveland	Buffalo	Minneapolis	Won
Chicago	—	12	12	10	7	13	11	17	82
Milwaukee	6	—	13	11	16	11	9	13	79
Indianapolis	5	7	—	12	16	5	14	12	71
Detroit	10	9	7	—	11	12	11	11	71
Kansas City	13	5	4	9	—	10	15	13	69
Cleveland	7	8	14	8	9	—	9	9	64
Buffalo	9	11	6	9	5	11	—	10	61
Minneapolis	3	7	8	9	7	11	9	—	54
Lost	53	59	64	65	71	73	78	85	—

Percentages are as follows: Chicago, .607; Milwaukee, .572; Indianapolis, .525; Detroit, .522; Kansas City, .497; Cleveland, .467; Buffalo, .438; Minneapolis, .388.

According to President Johnson the season just closed was the most successful in the league's history, either under its present or former name.

AMATEUR BASEBALL.

The Plymouth Clothing House and the Leatherworkers' teams will play the second game of their series to decide the championship this afternoon on the ice house grounds, Rice street. Hank Gehring and George Newby will be the main points for the clothiers, while Bartish and Berg will look after the Leatherworkers' end.

GAME AT THE PARK.

Lennon & Gibbons and Chicago Unions Will Clash Today.

Yesterday's drizzling rain effectually prevented the Chicago Unions meeting Lennon & Gibbon's crack local ball team at Lexington park, but today the much talked of series will commence at 3:30.

In order to be certain of a dry diamond tarpaulins have been spread over the low portions, and the management announces that nothing but a hard continuous rain will prevent today's game from being played.

Thielman will be in the box for the St. Paul team and the boys will bat in the following order: Murphy, lf.; Gahan, rf.; Williams, 1b.; Martin, 2b.; Clayton, c.; Delaney, 3b.; Hart or Jahnke, cf.; Hitchell, ss.; Thielman, p.

This is regarded by many as the strongest team Lennon & Gibbons has ever had represent them, and if the Unions defeat them they will have to play hard, fast ball from start to finish.

Tomorrow a double header will be played, and Delaney and Carney will officiate for the locals.

LAST AT FORT WAYNE.

Harness Horse Races There Closed Yesterday.

FORT WAYNE, Ind., Sept. 22.—The closing day of the Red Ribbon meeting saw no sensational performance, but the concluding races were, nevertheless, fast enough to be interesting. The track was in poor condition. Summary:

First race, 2:30 pace (unfinished from Friday), purse $800, eight starters—
Sophia, b m, by Anderson Wilkes (Hawkins) 5 1 1 1
Therese Wilkes, blk m, by Baron Posey (Ross) 1 2 2 2
Jay B, g g (Good) 2 4 5 4
Time, 2:13¼, 2:10¾, 2:11¾, 2:10½.

Second race, 2:24 trot, purse $800, eight starters—
Whitewood, gr g, by Woodlark (Hudson) 1 1 1
Major Greer, ch h (Walker) 3 2 7
Springdale, br g (Wilson) 2 4 4
Time, 2:15½, 2:14¼, 2:14¼.

Third race, 2:16 trot, purse $800, seven starters—
Wauban, g g, by Pilot Medium (Curtis) 1 6 4 1 5 1
Flash Lightning, b g (West) 6 4 1 3 1 2
Escobar, br h (Miller) 4 1 2 5 2 3
Time, 2:16¼, 2:17¼, 2:16¾, 2:17, 2:18, 2:17½.

Winners at Gravesend.

NEW YORK, Sept. 22.—A big half holiday crowd took advantage of the bright cool weather and a strong card to attend the racing at Gravesend today. The sport was spirited but those who tried to pick the winners had a disastrous day, only two favorites finishing in front, Imp, too, was beaten on the Occidental, and badly beaten, and as he is a public idol the small betters lost to a man. Results:

First race, selling, six furlongs—Godfrey won, Pupil second, Lieber Karl third. Time, 1:11 4-5.

Second race, mile and seventy yards—Star Bright won, King Barleycorn second, Autumn third. Time, 1:45.

Third race, the Flatlands stakes, selling, five furlongs—Col. Padden won, Autolight second, Kimberley third. Time, 1:02 1-5.

Fourth race, Occidental handicap, mile and a furlong—Pink Coat won, Jack Point second, Charentus third. Time, 1:55 4-5.

Fifth race, five furlongs—The Rhymer won, Sharpshooter second, Templeton third. Time, 1:01 4-5.

Sixth race, selling, one and one-sixteenth miles—The Amazon won, Compensation second, Rinaldo third. Time, 1:48 4-5.

Results at Hawthorne.

CHICAGO, Sept. 22.—The chief attraction of the programme at Hawthorne today was the full course steeplechase. There were six starters. Summaries:

First race, mile—Pirate J won, Highland Lad second, Clay Pointer third. Time, 1:44¾.

Second race, mile—William Ack won, Ice Nye second, Leo Newell third. Time, 1:46.

Third race, steeplechase, full course—Becky Rolfe won, Mr. Dunlap second, Sallust third. Time, 4:20½.

Fourth race, five and a half furlongs—Silurian won, Wild Pirate second, Barbara M third. Time, 1:09¼.

Fifth race, mile and an eighth—Ohnet won, The Lady second, Floribar third. Time, 1:56½.

Sixth race, six furlongs—Headwater won, Andes second, Bessie Mackin third. Time, 1:14¾.

Seventh race, mile and a half—Frangible won, Aloha II. second, Trebor third. Time, 2:39.

MINERS UP IN ARMS.

Will Oppose Alaskan Cession to Canada.

TOLEDO, O., Sept. 22.—Fred Gerdes, William Duden and Joseph Kirby, residents of this city, returned home from the gold fields of Alaska today. They say that if the disputed Alaskan territory is given over to England bloodshed will follow, as the American miners in that section are in a state of indignation bordering on recklessness and if forced to give up their claims will make armed resistance.

Mr. Gerdes says that less than a month ago the British flag was raised on the disputed territory, but a mob of enraged Americans tore it down instantly, and it was not permitted to fly again. He says that under the English system alternate claims are preempted by the government, and that in itself will lead to complications that will result in bloodshed. He declares that the American administration of affairs in Alaska is notoriously loose and inefficient.

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BRYAN AS A BALL PLAYER

ONCE MADE A GRAND RECORD AS BATTER AT JACKSONVILLE

MADE MANY HOME RUN DRIVES

His Achievement Brought Victory and Applause—Game Played for a Worthy Charity.

Few people are aware that among the many accomplishments of Col. William J. Bryan may be numbered that of ball playing. As a schoolboy he was fond of the game, and at college he was a member of the club formed by his classmates, and it is said by those who knew him that he played an excellent game. Later in life—in the '80's—when he began the practice of law at Jacksonville, Ill., he participated in a game, and at its close he and his associates were photographed. A copy of this photograph has recently been unearthed by John W. Springer, president of the National Live Stock association, of Denver, who was one of the group. This photograph was discovered while Mr. Springer was removing his household effects, and is faded and begrimed with age. It is encased in an old scrap book containing press notices of maiden speeches made by Bryan and himself when Illinois was a solid Democratic state and the later's uncle was a candidate for re-election to congress. The picture, which is perhaps the only one in existence, had been lost for ten years, and the finding of it recalled to Mr. Springer's memory the existence of the Jacksonville (Ill.) baseball club of the Morgan county bar, the members of which are now more or less prominent in political and business circles in various parts of the country; particularly Mr. Bryan, the Democratic nominee for the greatest honor in the gift of the American people. The game in which Mr. Bryan took part was played for charity.

WAS A GOOD PLAYER.

The day the picture was taken Mr. Springer recalls that the club of which Bryan was pitcher and himself catcher had been victorious over a team made up of the best players among the town store clerks. He also recalls that victory was pulled out of defeat in the ninth inning by Bryan's home-run hit.

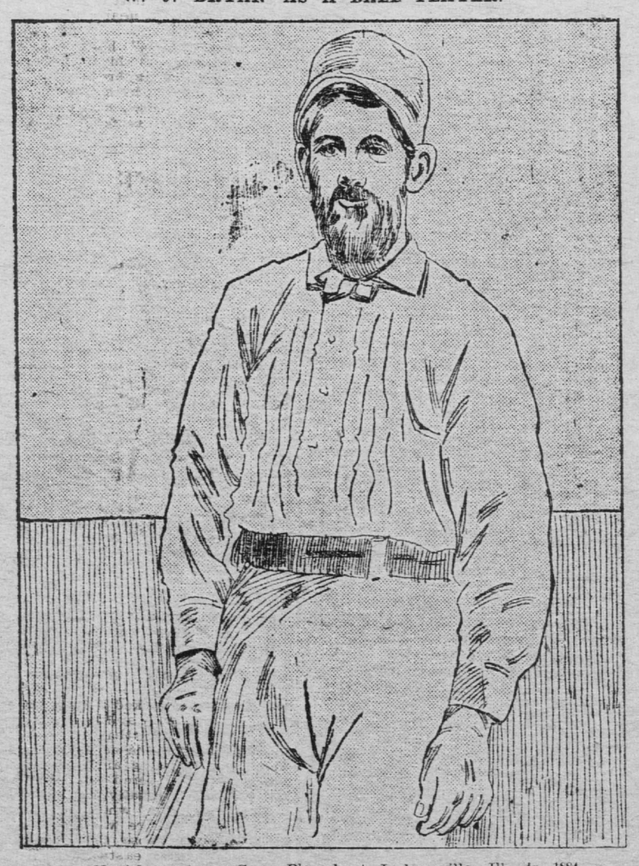
"I remember the incident perfectly," said Mr. Springer. "The score was 18 to 20 against us, for we were not in the habit of playing 1 to 0 games in those days. There were two men on bases when Bryan came to the bat. Bryan was not the sturdy built man those days that he is now, but the way he swung his bat on the first ball pitched over the plate was a surprise to all the players and the 500 or 600 spectators who viewed the game from a point of vantage along the first and third base lines and the foul ground back of the catcher. Bryan knocked the ball clear over the center fielder's head and into another lot in the distant background. Around the bases he went, driving two other men ahead of him, and the game was won. Bryan played with as much determination and enthusiasm as he has shown in his political career. He was looked upon as a good amateur pitcher in those days, and often after the game my swollen hands attested the speed he had.

HOW HE LOOKED.

"There was plenty of rooters then as now, and Bryan, on account of the sparse growth of whiskers he wore, which looked decidedly off in connection with make-up in a baseball uniform, was the cynosure of the comedians. I remember of him telling me that if he continued to play ball the rest of that summer he would shave his beard, but he disliked to part with it, as it gave him a more elderly and dignified appearance, which was not a disadvantage in dealing with a certain class of clients.

"While it can hardly be said that the picture resembles Mr. Bryan as he looks today, it is he, however, as he appeared in a baseball uniform along with the rest of us in 1884. Judge Whitlock, who is still practicing law and prominent in politics at Jacksonville, when in Denver a short time ago, on his way to Cannon City to spend the summer, was shown the picture, and we had a good chat and laugh over it. The judge played first base for us, but we never could induce him to attire in uniform. He preferred to strip off his coat and waistcoat, roll up his trousers and go at it. William Brown, son of the general solicitor of the Chicago & Alton railroad, I believe, was the youngest and one of the best players on the team. I understand Lew Hatfield, our third basemen, is now in Kansas City practicing law. McGee, who played center field, is in Kansas. The others are still at Jacksonville."

W. J. BRYAN AS A BALL PLAYER.



As He Appeared in a Game Played at Jacksonville, Ill., in 1884.

IN THE HOWARD TRIAL

STATE'S REBUTTAL TESTIMONY OCCUPIED THE DAY.

FRANKFORT, Ky., Sept. 22.—The evidence in the case of James Howard was not concluded today, as was expected. The prosecution consumed the entire day in its rebuttal testimony, with the exception of one witness, who was put on the stand this afternoon for the defense. This was Robert Craft, of Clay county, who identified a picture of Howard, which he said was taken in October of last year, and showed Howard wore no mustache or beard of any sort at that time, and was consequently good testimony for the defense, in view of the testimony of Gaines and other witnesses, who testified that the man who jumped over the rear fence of the capitol grounds at the time of the shooting of Gov. Goebel wore a mustache. The prosecution made deep inroads on the defense in the testimony this morning by introducing a number of other witnesses, who swore that Howard was not in the Board of Trade hotel at the time of the shooting, as he testified, and as other who testified in his behalf had said.

The jury this afternoon was taken to the state house grounds and allowed to view the scene of the tragedy and other points of interest in connection with the defense.

The defense will introduce some witnesses in rebuttal Monday, mainly with a view to breaking down the testimony of Bowman, Gaines and others, who identified Howard as being on the state house grounds on the morning of Jan. 30, and also to further impeach and contradict Stubbfield and other commonwealth witnesses.

At the afternoon session of the court Robert Triple testified that he was in the Board of Trade hotel at the time of the shooting. He recalled several parties in the hotel office at the time, and was positive Jim Howard was not there.

R. J. Sidwell was introduced by the prosecution for the purpose of impeaching Witness Poor, of the defense. He testified that Poor told him that while he was at the Board of Trade hotel, Jan. 30, shortly after the assassination, a man, whom he afterwards learned was Jim Howard, came in and wanted to get into the cellar of the hotel bar. Poor, in his testimony, denies having seen Howard that day.

SMUGGLING AT HAVANA.

Heavy Seizure of Contraband Opium Made by Officers.

HAVANA, Sept. 22.—Four hundred kilos of opium, which was being smuggled into Havana, packed in tins labeled sausages, have been seized. Collector Bliss has long had a suspicion that opium was being smuggled into Havana, and finally succeeded in detecting the smugglers. The opium, which is worth about $20,000, was confiscated.

The returns from the various election districts come in slowly. The dispute regarding the Havana delegates has not yet been decided.

The latest report regarding yellow fever show that seventy-nine persons are known to be suffering from the disease.

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