SCRATCHMEN PLAY

New Pool Tournament at Mason's is Started by the Men Without Handicaps.

FOUR MATCHES ARE HELD

Players Show Nervousness, But Run of 15 is Scored—Catton Defeats Wanner at Billiards.

The pool tournament at Mason's cigar store opened last evening with games by six of the men who are entered at scratch and two others. None of the players were in their usual form, probably due to the fact that few of them had ever participated in match games before. This will wear off, however, before they play many games, and some interesting contests are expected. The games last evening resulted as follows: Pollnow 100, Johnson 54; Wanner 100, Kennedy 66; Eddy 100, Ellis 50, and Koch 75 to Scheuer (65) 43. The high run for the games played last night was 15 balls made by Eddy in his game with Ellis. This evening Druckmiller (80) meets Mills (80); Barth (80) plays Tonn (80); Neltner (80) plays Nelson (70), and Roantree (75) plays Gelhart (70).

Scratch Men Win.

In the L. & O. tournament games last evening Broendel (100) defeated Ohlweiler (75) by a score of 100 to 67, and Anderson (100) defeated Larson (90) by a score of 100 to 78. Tonight Paulsen (100) plays Ohlweiler (75), and MacManus (80) plays Ainsworth (80).

Catton Wins Match.

The scheduled game in the Bijou billiard tournament was not played last evening, as Hampton was unable to appear. His place was taken by Catton, who defeated Wanner by a score of 100 to 51. Wanner, whose handicap requires him to make but 60 billiards, needed but 9 more when the game closed. Catton played in unusually good form and had good control over the ivories. He again boosted the high run mark for the tournament, when he ran off 21 without a break. This evening Hampton (100) is to meet Wanner (60), and Catton (100) will play Schwecke (70).

TWO NEW TEAMS ENTER THE RACE

Mt. Carroll and Ottawa Will Contest in Basketball Tourney Here—Peoria Can Not Come.

Four entries are now assured for the basketball tournament at the high school which is to be held Friday and Saturday. Ottawa and Mt. Carroll are the latest entries. It was expected that Peoria would also be a contestant, but they have found that it will be impossible for them to come. Fulton is corresponding with Mr. Brown with a view to entering, and it may be that they will make the fifth entry, although Mr. Brown will be perfectly satisfied of there are but four teams in the affair. It is planned to have eight games. In order to do this each team will have to play with the other three and then the two best teams and the two bottom teams will play a game on the last night. Two games will be played Friday afternoon, two at night, and the same program will be followed the next day. Referee Bay, who accompanied the Peoria team here on its last visit, has been secured to act as official for the tournament games in this city, and the other official will also be chosen from out of the city. Harry Franks of the Y. M. C. A. has been selected to officiate at the games which are to be played at Centralia.

KEWANEE DROPS RACING

Will Withdraw from Illinois Valley Circuit at Coming Meeting.

Kewanee, Ill., Feb. 16.—Kewanee will withdraw from the Illinois valley racing circuit at the annual meeting to be held at Aurora on Friday, this action being considered advisable because of inability to secure a track. The fair association has refused a request for use of its fine track for the summer races on the ground that this harness meeting detracts from the interest in its own annual fall races.

ACTOR HITCHCOCK NOW A BANKRUPT

New York, Feb. 16.—The latest theatrical sensation in New York is Raymond Hitchcock's newest act. This time the versatile actor has filed a petition in bankruptcy in the United States district court. He gives his liabilities as $28,294, unsecured, and his assets as $16.

BARRY IS WINNER

Chicago Fighter Defeats Sam Phillips in 10 Rounds at New Orleans.

TWO BOUTS IN THE EAST

Abe Attell and Jem Driscoll Finally Sign for Battle, Reaching Agreement as to Weight.

New Orleans, La., Feb. 16.—Dave Barry of Chicago won on points in a 10 round bout with Sammy Phillips of New Orleans last night.

Attel and Driscoll Sign.

New York, Feb. 16.—An agreement finally was reached yesterday for a 10 round bout between Abe Attell, champion featherweight of the world, and Jem Driscoll, featherweight champion of England, next Friday at the National Athletic club. A match had been arranged previously but the fighters balked on the weight and the bout was declared off. After an argument yesterday it was agreed to weigh in at 125 pounds at 6 o'clock Friday, and each fighter posted a forfeit of $500 in case he fails to make the weight.

Why McFarland Came Home.

Chicago, Feb. 16.—Harry Gilmore, Jr., manager of Packey McFarland, arrived in the city from the coast yesterday. Gilmore said the talk that Packey was "in bad" in California has been highly exaggerated. He said that McFarland did not lose in reputation when he side-stepped the match which had been arranged with Dick Hyland.

"Packey wanted to come home badly," said Gilmore, "and he was determined to do so, so that settled it. As for Packey being timid of meeting Hyland, is all a mistake. He beat Dick in 10 rounds and would do it over the longer route. At that Hyland is a pretty tough customer, but Packey is far too clever for him."

As to the stories that McFarland cannot make 133 pounds, his manager branded them as misstatements of facts. He said: "Packey can do 133 pounds any time he has to. He has been continuously making that notch, and as he naturally is growing it is not so easy as it used to be. You can say positively that he will make 133 for any good fight."

Corbett Defeats Wilson.

Schenectady, N. Y., Feb. 16.—Bob Wilson of Utica was saved by the bell from a knockout in the 10th and last round of his bout with "Young" Corbett before the American Athletic association in this city last night.

Moran Defeats Langdon.

Philadelphia, Feb. 16.—Owen Moran of England and Tommy Langdon of this city met in a six-round bout before the Washington Sporting club last night, the former having all the better of the fight. Langdon was outclassed by the clever Englishman and was unable to land with any effect, while Moran simply smothered the Philadelphian with swings, jabs and hooks.

AMUSEMENTS

Full of Stirring Scenes.—"In Wyoming," that popular drama of western ranch life on the frontier will be seen at the Illinois Thursday evening, Feb. 8. Dealing in a breezy style the stirring events at the Dalby ranch in the valley of the Big Horn, a thwarted attempt at cattle rustling with a pleasing comedy vein and delightful romance running through it, the story of "In Wyoming" possesses a fascination difficult to resist. It is replete with stirring scenes and tense situations and always holds the closest interest from start to finish.

Wit Strong Feature.—While the third act of "The Lion and the Mouse," which is to be acted at the Illinois Feb. 20, matinee and evening by Henry B. Harris' strongest company, is generally regarded as the most powerful epoch in the play there are many who express partiality for act two in which Shirley Rossmore meets "The lion of finance," and from her own lips receives the information that her father is to be disgraced in reputation and depleted in purse. The inter-change of wit in this act and the easy nonchalance manifested by the young girl proves a puzzle to the man who has been accustoemd to have everybody to do his bidding and for the first time in his life finds himself cornered by a mere slip of a girl. Oliver Doud, Byron and Edith Barker will appear in these characters at the Illinois on Saturday, Feb. 20, matinee and evening.

"The Great Divide."—No one who desires to encourage the management to bring to Rock Island the best that is going in the way of theatrical entertainments should fail to attend the offering at the Illinois theater Sunday evening, Feb. 21. "The Great Divide" is counted as one of the really great plays of the past few years and presented, as it will be then, by a splendid company, will provide an evening of thorough enjoyment. "The Great Divide" achieved a brilliant success from its very first performance, has broken all records in point of financial success. It ran for more than six hundred performances at the Princess and Daly's theaters, New York city, and was brought back for a return engagement, where it played to capacity business. "The Great Divide" has been correctly termed the "long awaited great American play." The subject treated by Mr. Moody in "The Great Divide" naturally is the best one upon which a vitally interesting play can be written—the mutual love and romance of a man and woman. The vital interest of this play lies in the strikingly original yet thoroughly logical and convincing way in which the theme is treated. The man, Stephen Ghent, the leading male character, is a son of the mountains and plains, a fearless and care-free product of the boundless west. The woman, Ruth Jordan, the heroine of the story, is a daughter of a circumscribed community of an old civilization and culture. These strangely contrasted natures, by that mysterious law of human attraction and repulsion that cannot be explained in words, but which is as fateful as the movement of the universe, are drawn to each other and held together inexorably to the end.

"Pickled Sunbeams."—Sir William Ramsey, the great English scientist, discovered that the vapor that radium constantly throws off is transformed in helium, the gas regarded as one of the chief constituents of the sun's atmosphere. He says: "What is this but an actual case of that transformation of one element into another in which the ancient alchemists believed, when they painfully sought to change lead into gold and incidentally founded the modern science of chemistry." It is a curious thought to regard radium as a bit of the sun imprisoned in the earth, "pickled sunbeams" as it were. Some scientists are attributing the heat of the earth to radium. Whatever radium is, it is a remarkable substance and hundreds will go to Augustana auditorium next Friday night to see it for themselves and hear Mr. Patty explain its wonders. Experiments with liquid air and wireless telegraphy will fill an enjoyable and profitable evening. Seats reserved at the college pharmacy.

"Magda" Draws Poorly.—"Magda," presented at the Illinois theater last evening, was affected by the storm. The attendance was poor and the acting lacked spirit. There was no change of scenery, and the star, Hortense Neilsen, was the only member of the cast who flashed a second wardrobe.

At the Family.—Apart from the singing by Mrs. Mae Richard Casey, there is not much worth noting at the Family the first half of the week, which is unusual. Bryant and Saville, familiarly known as the two blue jays, present a musical comedy sketch entitled "A Day at the Picnic." This is the top liner. Another feature to the bill is the re-appearance of Lottie Gilson on the vaudeville boards. Miss Gilson left the vaudeville stage for a time on account of illness, and her appearance here is one of her first before the amusement loving public for a long time. Miss Gilson is getting well along in years, but she still has some of that attraction left which at one time made her famed as an entertainer, and in the east gave her the name of the "Little Magnet." Miss Gilson, as in the case of various other former stars, had her downfall from prominence, and she is now making an endeavor, with the assistance of a number of theatrical friends, to reach the height she once attained. She is featuring the songs "Snuggle Up a Little Closer" and "I Want a Man." Two children do a pretty ballancing act for children. The pictures ah usual are good.

ON RADIATOR CIRCUIT

Louis Fiene has signed up with the Chicago White Sox.

A baseball carnival to continue during the week was opened last evening at Bloomington.

Catchers Powell and Berry, who were with Decatur in 1907, have signed up with Waco in the Texas league.

Pitcher Grandy is said to have informed President Kinsella of Springfield that $150 per doesn't look big enough to make him play ball.

President Charles Barston of Peoria is interested in an auto tire protector factory which is doing such a good business that he is said to have been offered $35,000 for his holdings.

President Comiskey of the White Sox is said to have given up hope of getting Fielder Jones to return as manager next season and to have authorized Billy Sullivan to take charge of affairs.

Noble Chalfant, an Iowa City prodigy, who has been one of the mainstays of his home team for several years, has signed with Davenport. He works well behind the bat, at short and at second.

And now it is said that Jack McCarthy has joined the holdouts and refuses to sign to manage Springfield unless given more pay. If this is the case it increases the likelihood of Dick Smith's getting his job.

"Four years of baseball has made a tramp of me," writes Pitcher Bill Lelivelt from Chicago to George Reed, manager of the Mobile club down south. "I've decided to go to work," he adds, "and by playing ball in Chi-

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SCENE FROM "IN WYOMING," AT THE ILLINOIS THURSDAY.

MISS EDITH BARKER

LEADING LADY WITH "THE LION AND THE MOUSE" AT THE ILLINOIS SATURDAY.

COMING ATTRACTIONS

The Illinois.
(Sixteenth Street and Second Avenue.)
Feb. 17—"Isle of Piccalilli," (home talent).
Feb. 18—"In Wyoming."
Feb. 20—"Lion and the Mouse," matinee.
Feb. 21—"The Great Divide."
Feb. 22-27—Zinn Musical company, matinee on the 27th.
Feb. 28—"Miss Temple's Telegram," matinee.

The Elite.
(Eighteenth Street, North of Second Avenue.)
Elite Stock company, appearing each evening at 8:15, with matinees Tuesdays, Fridays and Sundays.

The Family.
(Second Avenue, East of Nineteenth Street.)
Vaudeville at 3, 8, and 9:15 p. m. One matinee Sundays and holidays.