

BASE BALL.



1—"Dese am de bes' bird's I evah did git fo Tbankagibbin."

Sioux City papers are delighted to think that their city will be in the western association next year.

McCarthy will go to work in a few days.

Sullivan, Barnes, Ebright, Speer and McCarthy were at the park practicing one morning last week. There is nothing like starting early.

Some of the players who left here are very sorry, as California is dead. They will have no base ball there till 1896.

Louisville will be weaker in '95 than it was in '94.

Barnes coached the Beatrice foot ball club for a few days last week.

The National League has expelled Barnie, Pfeffer and Buckenberger, but allows them to try and prove that they are not against the National league by swearing that they have nothing to do with the new association. Base ball is a peculiar enterprise. As soon as a player gets tired of making money for the league magnates and thinks he will get into another association, the league condemns him and refuses to allow him to play with their hired men. And still some say that base ball is not a monopoly. The gate receipts in New York were \$120,000 last year.

Wilton Whitehead, who was to have finished last season with Lincoln, has been signed by Louisville.

St. Joe has about as many players wintering there as Lincoln has.

Sullivan, Lincoln's first baseman, went to work this week. Sullivan is a plumber and it looks as though he were going to stay with us.

If Ward of the New York's retires, Geo. Davis will captain the team.

Youngy Johnson is trying to get back on the Lincoln team for 1895. He writes that he and John Barleycorn have parted company. Youngy is a good pitcher when he is not drinking, and if some club can get an iron-clad contract with him and make him stick to it, it will have a valuable man.

Some one bring a chair! Lincoln people say their team will be the pennant winners next year. Will they? Not on Bandle's Pack cigar sign!—Col. Eaton in the *World-Herald*.



2—"Be still dar yo' rascals!!"

Beckley is at his home in Hannibal, Mo.

There were nearley one-hundred floral offerings at the funeral of Mike Kelley.

Dave Rowe charged the association \$38 for his two visits to Lincoln when he came simply as owner of the Omaha club.

St. Joe is \$300 behind which will have to be paid before it is allowed to vote in the association meeting.

The dispatches say the western association will contain ten clubs next year. THE COURIER does not think so. Omaha is flirting with the western league, and in case it does not get a franchise, St. Paul will; then the association will have nine clubs and will probably throw St. Joe out in the cold. In the event that the league contains ten clubs there will be only two trips for each club and they will play a series of four games in each city. This will reduce traveling expenses; but they should profit by the experience of the National league that is at present trying to reduce to eight clubs.

Des Moines is the only association club that has signed any players for next year.

A ten club league will not pay. There would be too many tail enders.

Katz, of the Rock Island club, has been declared leader of the association in batting.

Pequigney will probably be signed by Des Moines.



3—"Lod! how de snow am fallin'."



4—"Can, hardly hol' 'em. Sakes libe but dir am hard luck."



5—GONE.