

Race for the Big League Pennant Shows Little Change in Position.

LEADERS STILL CLOSELY BUNCHED

Cincinnati, Boston and Baltimore in a Tremendous Struggle for Supremacy—Western Also Shows a Very Nice Race for First Place.

For over a week now the present three leaders in the big league race have remained on practically the same footing. On last Saturday night Cincinnati covered a distance of 100 miles in 10 hours and 15 minutes, while the Orioles were only 10 miles ahead of them. The race has been in the lead four days and in second place three days; the Reds have led three days, second three days and third one day. Cincinnati's three victories and two defeats have added one point to their percentage, while the Orioles' two losses and two wins have cut down their percentage a single point.

The prospects are bright for the Redjacks during the coming week. All of Hamilton's men are in the best sort of shape and his pitchers are in excellent form. Besides that the aggregation goes up against but a second division crowd in Pittsburgh, Philadelphia and Brooklyn. Louisville, however, but little more than a contender, is getting two out of three from them during the last week, and it may be the Birds will stack up against a surprise party as they did then. Neither the Beaneaters or the Reds have as well-conditioned a set of men on hand as the Orioles, and their schedules during the next seven days do not look as easy. To be sure, Boston starts the week with Washington, but winds up with the tough Giants. Cincinnati starts in with Cleveland, follows with Chicago and winds up with St. Louis.

There is no telling how the end of the week will find the trio, for the lower clubs have fallen into the habit of playing horse with the leaders at times. Take the late Pittsburgh-Boston and Louisville-Baltimore series for example. Not one of the latter has a hold on anything. A week may push the leaders even into fifth place and place the fourth club at the top of the list. The margin between the four leading clubs—for Cleveland must still be wanted an element—so small that a little lucky snort by either just now may place the fortunate team in the lead. Never before in the history of the league has there been such an exciting chase for first honors as is on now.

The race in the Western league still continues hot, although the fight has narrowed down to practically only three clubs—Indianapolis, Milwaukee and Kansas City. With only a little more than two weeks of the season left, Columbus and St. Paul now appear to be too far in the rear of the trio to be dangerous pennant aspirants. There seems to be nothing left for them except to fight it out between themselves for fourth place, unless one of the leaders takes a terrible slump and falls back.

A dozen points separate Milwaukee in first place and Kansas City in third. Of the three Kansas City looks into the brightest future. After concluding with Minneapolis today, the Cowboys play a series of three with St. Joe, and on Thursday open their final stand at home, for they will remain in Kansas City during the rest of the season. On the other hand both Indianapolis and Milwaukee conclude their home playing on next Tuesday and finish up the season in the final tour of the western circuit. If the two have good luck on the trip it may be that the championship will not be settled until the very last six days of the season, for on the sixth day before the windup Milwaukee commences a series of three at Kansas City, and on the three days Indianapolis plays in Kansas City.

It is being freely prophesied that there will be an inevitable split in the present twelve-club circuit of the big league in the near future, although it may not come next year. A proposed plan is a return to the old league-association circuit—one composed of all the better towns in the present circuit, and the other made up of the towns left over and pieced out with the best of the available minor league clubs. It is claimed that two circuits of eight clubs each, built on the lines of those of 1884, would cause a boom in the game, which has been dying of dry rot since the amalgamation. A better race, the result of a smaller circuit, is believed to be a sure cure for the small attendances in many of the circuit cities.

Jimmy McGuire, the veteran catcher of the Washington team, has another reason for the disruption of the dozen-club combination. He said the other day: "This twelve-club league will never do. There are too many clubs and not enough first-class ball players to fill the teams. There are several thousand ball players in this country, but I tell you there are not enough first-class men among them to fill twelve teams and make them any like the best. The strength is concentrated. Under existing circumstances only four or five teams are in it. The others are not strong enough to hold their own. I am willing to bet that there'll be no twelve-club agreement as soon as the ten years expire. They will make change. A six or eight-club league would be better for base ball."

In the olden times it was considered a great thing for a club to retire another without allowing it to score a single run. Nowadays, however, shut-outs are of no occurrence. Up to last Friday sixty-three shut-outs had been played so far this season. Brooklyn leads in being shut out, it having been blanked nine times. Boston is next with eight and St. Louis with seven. The Pittsburgh next with seven each to their discredit. Washington has been blanked five times, Cincinnati, Baltimore and Philadelphia four times, and New York and Louisville three times. Chicago has been the luckiest of any team, having only two shut-outs against it.

Powell of Cleveland and Pratt of Philadelphia.

Blood Poison

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Philadelphia have pitched the most shut-out games, having each five. Then comes next with four each: Rustie of New York, Hughes of Baltimore, Nichols of Boston, Griffith of Chicago and Tannehill of Pittsburgh. Baltimore pitchers have about as many totals as the others, with ten games to their credit, in which their opponents did not get a run. The others are as follows: Chicago 9, New York and Cleveland 8, Philadelphia and Boston 7, Pittsburgh 6, Cincinnati 5 and Louisville 4. The pitchers of Washington, St. Louis and Brooklyn have not succeeded in blanking a team.

At this time last year the first division of the big league race was composed of exactly the same teams, but in slightly different positions. They were running as follows: Boston, Baltimore, Cincinnati, New York, Cleveland, Chicago. The second division was about as it is now: Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Brooklyn, Louisville, Washington and St. Louis. The Browns were 100 points ahead of the Orioles while this year they are some eighty points behind.

GOSSIP FROM THE GRIDIRON

Some Further Insight Into the Rules for 1908—Nebraska's Team for the Year.

A couple of weeks ago The Bee printed a resume of the work of the foot ball rules committee. It was stated then that the rules of the coming season would stand almost as they did last year, except in the matter of scoring, and a perusal of the rules shows that this is the case. The principal improvement consists of the indexing of the rules and of explanatory footnotes, which will be of incalculable benefit to the officials and players. The duties of the referee, umpire and linesman are also specifically set forth, so that in the future there should be no conflict of authority. As to the general effect of the changes and the probable result, the committee says: "The play this year should not differ materially from that of 1907 in its general characteristics. It is possible that there may be a still further advance along the line of concentrated plays where as many as five men succeed in getting into the interior for the first time. The same progress as for the last five years in the better direction of punting and good ends will make this especially valuable. It is doubtful if individual running will make any appreciable advance, but development of special plays will continue, especially that of tackle and guard."

In the rule covering the "scrimmage" and "snapping the ball back" the explanation is that the ball must be snapped in play, if after the center rucks takes his position, he voluntarily moves the ball as if to snap it, whether he withholds it altogether or momentarily. In kicking a goal from a touchdown a player is not allowed to kick the ball, after being struck, strikes an opponent and then passes over the crossbar; it still counts as a goal. A goal from a touchdown counts one point instead of two, while the value of a touchdown has been increased from four to five points. Another important rule is Rule 12, which covers the kicking of the ball. The game may be of shorter duration by mutual agreement between the captains of contesting teams. Whenever the commencement of a game is so late that, in the opinion of the referee, there is any likelihood of the game being interfered with by darkness, he shall, before play begins, arbitrarily shorten the two halves to such length as shall insure two equal halves being completed, and shall notify both captains of the result. Little side refusing to abide by the opinion of the referee on this point shall forfeit the game."

Rule 13 also does away with a trouble that was rampant in a number of games last season. This is that, if the ball is kicked across the goal line and is there declared dead when in the possession of one of the side defending the goal, it is a touchback. If it is declared dead thus in possession of the attacking side, it is a touchdown. The mass play proposition remains as it was last year. Rule 18 requires that five men must be in the line until the ball is put into play. Another difference in the placing of the ball after a field trial goal inside the twenty-five yard line and a touchback because of a goal failure. The line-up heretofore has been on the twenty-five yard line; hereafter it is to be on the ten-yard line. For holding with the hands and arms, outside play, tripping or tackling below the knees, the penalty shall be the loss of ten yards. If the offender is not in possession of the ball, if the offender have the ball, it can be either side in possession of the ball when the foul is committed—for example, if the ball is in the air from a kick or is free upon the ground after a fumble, kick or pass—it shall go to the offended side.

Penalty for interference of any kind with the snapperback and unnecessary delay of the game, the offended side shall be advanced five yards. In case of piling on a player who is down, the penalty shall be fifteen yards. Interference with a fair catch is penalized with the loss of five yards or the choice of putting the ball in play by a free kick or a scrimmage. If a player making a fair catch is thrown, his side shall receive five yards and be obliged to take a free kick. Charging before the ball is put in play will result in a loss of five yards.

Another provision declares that if a team refuses to play within two minutes after being ordered to do so by the referee while on the defensive, that commits fouls so near the goal that they are punishable only by halving the distance to the line, the object being, in the opinion of the referee, to delay the game, shall be regarded as refusing to allow the game to proceed. The referee shall, in such case, warn the offending side once, and if the offense is repeated shall declare the game forfeited to the opponents.

The duties of the various officials are defined more explicitly than in the past. As a general rule the referee is the king bee upon all points not specified in the duties of the umpire. He must see that the ball is properly put in play and be also its sole judge of its place and progress. He rules on forward passes and punts, and the ball by the player who first receives it from the snapperback. He is sole judge of the score of the game and is judge of forfeitures under the rules. He may appeal to both umpire and linesman for testimony on all points in his jurisdiction. The umpire is responsible for the enforcement of all rules whose infringement is punishable by a distance penalty or by the surrender of the ball by one team to the opponents except in certain specified instances. He is the judge of the conduct of the players and his decisions are final regarding such fouls as are not specifically placed in the jurisdiction of the referee. He is judge of charging and of the positions of the players whenever the ball is put in play. He may appeal to both the referee and linesman for testimony on all points in his power to remove from the side lines any coaches.

The linesman is to mark the distances gained or lost in the progress of play under the supervision of the referee. He must keep the time and notify the captain of any time remaining for play, not more than ten

nor less than five minutes before the end of each half. The linesman must give testimony whenever requested to do so by the umpire and referee, and must volunteer it in case of unnecessary roughness by the players, striking or hacking. Foot ball practice will commence at the University of Nebraska about the middle of this month, this being the time when the full term of the university opens. In all probability hard work will begin immediately or very shortly after the candidates are called together, as the team plays its first game within a short time after it comes together and has a long, hard schedule before it during the remainder of the season. The prospects for a winning team this year are brighter than they have been at the opening of several past seasons. With the return of the Second Nebraska regiment to the state, a couple of prospective vacancies may be filled. As a consequence, Captain McElford will not be held pretty nearly the same team that won the Intercollegiate league championship last fall and had such a nice string of victories to its credit. A bit of reconstruction may be necessary in the line. Hanson and Turner last year's guards, will be back and they are almost sure to retain their positions. The tackles furnish practically the only problem. Hayward and Pearce occupied these positions last year, but while they will be back in the state when the Second Nebraska regiment mustered out, it is somewhat questionable whether they will play. Pearce is suffering from a severe attack of fever, which is likely to keep him out of the game during the early part of the season at least. Hayward is talking of leaving the university. If both these men should be missing Captain McElford will be confronted with his own serious problem. In such case, if another man can be found to take his place at center, he may fill in one of the places. Otherwise, the team will be upon new material coming in this year to fill the vacancies. The new men most prominently talked of for line positions are Fisher, a man who was in the Doane college line for three years, and Hamer, a promising candidate from the Kearney High school. There will also be a hole to be filled at one of the ends. Stringer will be back and will be located at the left end of the line, but Wiggins, who has done so well at the other extreme, may have to wait a year or account of the five-year rule, he having played five years on the team. If satisfactory tackles are found McElford may move to right end and then again some satisfactory man may be found among the incomers. The difficulty found here will be materially lessened from the fact that Wiggins, while he will not be able to play, will be at the university and will give the candidates some valuable coaching. The back-of-the-line men will all be back. Cowell will be at quarter, and the line will be made up of the following: Bennett will be at the halves and Shedd will be at full-back. The incoming class will probably furnish other material for the half positions. Among the more promising who will be on hand will be Halfback Bailey and Fullback Swain. Bennett will be back, but has no team this year, as the faculties a month or so ago placed the stamp of disapproval upon football. The coach this year will be Yost, an eastern foot ball player of wide experience. He has had a long coaching career and during the last two years has been engaged as coach by the West Virginia team. In those two years he turned out an excellent eleven, made up largely of light men. He was recommended highly by Alonzo A. Stagg of Chicago. The longest schedule that has been arranged in many seasons has been made up this year. It is as follows: September 16—Iowa State Agricultural College at Lincoln. September 24—Ames at Lincoln. October 8—Grinnell at Lincoln. October 22—State University of Missouri at Columbia. October 24—Liberty college at Liberty. October 29 or November 5—Minnesota at Lincoln. November 12—Kansas at Lawrence. November 14—Kansas City Media at Kansas City. November 19—Wisconsin at Lincoln or Omaha. November 25—Iowa at Omaha. It is very likely that game will also be played at Knox and at Tabor colleges on some of the open dates. The University of Kansas commences its practice tomorrow. Captain Mosse has announced the candidates for the best center of the year, who will be called to the attention of the new students and some good men can be picked out of last year's scrub most of the members of which will return. Mosse and Avery will probably be the only members of last year's varsity who will occupy positions in the line. Mosse will take his old place as right guard, but the man who will play left has yet to be chosen. Big Nat Foster, who filled the place for two years, is a volunteer in the Twentieth Kansas, and will not return to school. Simpson and Buzzi, members of last year's team, who showed great ability in the practice games and in the few others in which they were called upon to play, are practically sure of the end positions, so we'll filled last year by Voigts and Games. The fact that "Sal" Walker, for several years one of the best centers in the state, has completed his course at school and will not be permitted to play again presents a serious problem before Captain Mosse and Coach Woodruff. The position is a hard one to fill and candidates for the place are few. Walker, last year's substitute, would have fitted well in the end of the line this year, but he is now a lieutenant in the regular army. Silver, a new man from Morganville, Kan., may get the place, but it is more likely that he will be made fullback. "Shorty" Hamill, who captured the '96 varsity, has announced his intention of taking a postgraduate course, and he is assured of his old place at tackle. The mighty Hamill's re-entrance will strengthen the line wonderfully, for there are very few players in the west who are able to give him pointers in the manner in which his position should be played. Blockberger, one of last year's tackles, does not expect to be in school this season, but if he does decide to resume his studies, and, incidentally, do a little work on the gridiron, he likely will be shifted to one of the positions behind the line, probably as halfback. Poorman, one of last season's halves, will not be in the university this year, but Hess will again be in school, and will take his old place. Hess, who played a big part in the ground-gainers of the '97 eleven. Bert Kennedy, the '97 captain, is not likely to return, and he will be sadly missed. There are a number of candidates for quarter, however, and Captain Mosse is confident that from among them a fast man can be selected. Owens, who played the position last year with the Arkansas City Athletic club team, is a promising candidate. Another '97 player who may be in business this year is Fred Speak, the little Kansas City, Kan. boy who played a great game at full. Should Speak return, however, he will, in all probability, be called upon to fill one of the vacant positions of half. Silver is the man who probably will take the place farthest behind the line, although it seems best for him to play

"Sal" Walker's old place. Speak may appear in his old position, provided he resumes his studies. Moulton, who took the university prize for fast sprinting at the spring field day contests, says he will don a uniform this year, and he may beat out both others, with the candidates for positions back of the line. Of the eastern universities Cornell seems to be starting the season with the best prospects. It will begin with more veteran material than it has had for several years past. Former Captain McKee will be the only one whose loss will really be felt, as, aside from his importance as a player, his running of the team last year was a great help. Young quarter, Captain Whiting and Wilson, backs and Perkin, fullback. With the available freshman material Cornell should be able to make an even better record than that of last year.

The mustering out of the volunteer regiments makes Pennsylvania's prospects brighter than they seemed a couple of weeks ago and that university stands next to Cornell in all probability in point of veteran material on hand. The return of Overfield, Marice, and Goodwin, insured Penn nine veteran players, who have all had the experience of one or more championship battles. They lose, however, three of their best last year's players—Former Captain Minds, Boyle and Jackson. Bill Gossard, who played a small part. The most difficult job will be to replace Minds at fullback, whose work in the position last year was almost phenomenal at times. Walker, the most promising man at the close of last year, is uncertain about his return, as he is in the Delaware hospital. A pretty tight proposition presents itself at the ends, however. Both Hazen and Hall were graduated last spring and will not be back. There are a number of candidates for the positions, but none of them are very strong. The team will be as strong as any in the west, but it will not have the same force—Halfbacks Benjamin, Corwin and Dudley, Fullback McBride and Quarterback DeSaules, together with their substitutes.

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with his ability to take punishment, his hard hitting abilities and perhaps a pinch of luck. In a bout with Sharkey he would fight a man with pretty nearly no science at all arrayed against his own limited knowledge, and one who is as hard a hitter as himself and who can take more punishment than he can give. There is little likelihood of McCoy taking on Fitz or Fitz picking up Sharkey, and the admirers of the ring will have to content themselves until the Corbett-McCoy affair. Until that event happens their greatest interest will be in the contest between Fitz and Lavigne, for this will settle the question whether the Corbett-McCoy mill will be allowed to take place in the Hawthorne Athletic clubhouse. This is scheduled for a week from tomorrow night.

In the last two or three fights of some account that have taken place in New York there have been murmurs over the decisions of the referee. That was the case with the fight between Fitz and Kid McParland one night in the early part of last week. "This said that the worst that the referee could have justly given to Daly was a draw, whereas McParland was given the better of it. The fact that such a decision was given together with the fact that the referee followed directly by the report that really enormous sums of money are being wagered on the result of the fights that are being pulled off in New York, these two things taken together appear decidedly suspicious, for big betting ordinarily is succeeded in a very short time by crookedness in ring affairs. It was so on the western coast, for things reached such a pass in San Francisco and elsewhere that almost every fight was really decided by the pool rooms.

But maybe conditions are not so bad, and if that be the case, the decision that McParland gained over the Wilmington Kid is certainly not a bad one. Although Kid Lavigne is perched at the top of the light-weight class by hundreds of the followers of the squared circle, there is quite a respectable contingent that pins its faith to Daly. The very fact that Lavigne has apparently refused to take on Jack Daly again, as signified by his disinclination to meet him again, seems to be some proof of this. When Lavigne had his great and terrific battle with Joe Walcott he was fearfully punished, and yet he consented to meet Walcott again and once more won. But he has positively refused to take on Jack Daly again for any consideration or any sort of a purse. Therefore if the decision was on the square Kid McParland is entitled to a good bit of credit for his showing. Moreover, there is no need of a prettier struggle for the premiership in any pugilistic class could be offered by the quartet of aspirants for the lightweight championship—Daly, McParland, Spike Sullivan and Lavigne. Of the bunch Lavigne will have the next opportunity to show what he is made of in all probability, for he has a match with Dick Burge of England, that is scheduled for this month.

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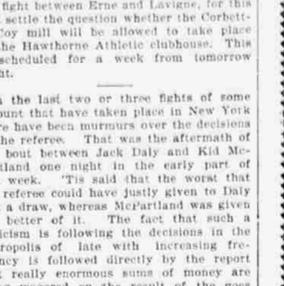
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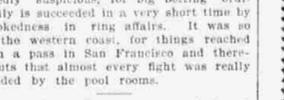
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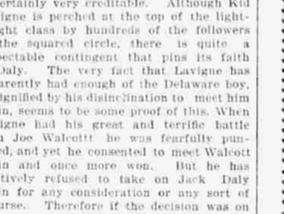
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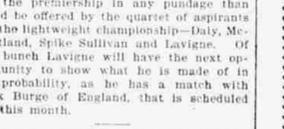
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entry list will be very large and the shooters will include some of the crack amateurs from all the states in this neighborhood.

Commencing on Tuesday Kansas City will have another competition in the shape of the Schmelzer tournament. It is to continue for four days. Several of the shooters from this city propose to attend. In the week following, on September 14 and 15, there is to be a shoot at Glenwood, and this is to be attended by a considerable number of the local shots. At Hot Springs, on September 12, 13 and 14, the local club will give its second annual tournament, which will draw a few men from this vicinity, in all probability.

Although everybody probably recognizes the fact that Heikes is shooting now as well as he ever did in his career at the trap, it is also a probable fact that no one expected to see him win the Cast Iron medal and the championship of America at live birds so decisively as he did a week ago. He made the really wonderful score of 99 out of 100 live pigeons, losing his eleventh pigeon and then finishing with a run of 89 straight. (Gibert shot a great race with 94 out of 100, but his performance was overshadowed by Heikes' phenomenal score.

This victory makes four consecutive wins for Heikes in contests for this medal. On December 6, 1897, he met C. M. Grimm of Clear Lake, the then holder of the medal, at Watson's range. Grimm and defeated him easily. Grimm immediately challenged Heikes to another match for the trophy, but met the same fate, the match taking place at Dayton, O., on January 1 of last year. Grimm was followed by C. W. Budd of Des Moines, Ia., who challenged Heikes, but Budd met the same fate that overtook Grimm, as Heikes beat him easily in a runaway match at Dayton, O., on Washington's birthday. From February 22 until he challenged Gilbert for the E. C. cup, Heikes was allowed to wear the medal unchallenged, but as soon as he went after the E. C. cup and the championship at Inanimate targets Gilbert challenged him for the Cast Iron medal, with the result above mentioned. Two weeks ago Heikes took the larger championship and the E. C. cup from Gilbert, defeating him for the trophy at Chicago, with the great score of 144 targets out of 150 shots at.

"Heikes' double championship win is a victory for the small local crowd," declared a local shooter of some prominence after the result of the contest was announced. "At targets Heikes never uses more than three drams of powder, while he increases to three and a quarter for live birds. In this respect he is different from nearly all the other celebrated live bird shooters of the country, the majority of them pinning their faith on the killing powers of a large load and a long shell. Purford, Brewer and Elliott are striking examples of the men who shoot 'Roman candles' as the boys call the three-inch and the three and a quarter-inch shells used by these men. Carver and Marshall, the latter the winner of the 1897 Grand American handicap, are members of the large load crowd. Heikes never uses a shell of greater length than two and three-quarters inches. Heikes, who is about the only rival Heikes has for championship honors, is in favor of a medium heavy load for live birds and his consistently good work shows that an excessive charge of powder and an extra length of shell are not at all necessary to insure success, if the gun is pointed right."

A week ago the biggest amateur live bird event of the season, the Grand National handicap, was shot off at Long Branch and won by Al Ivins, who granted 49 out of a possible 50 birds. Eight marksmen took part in the race, each paying an entrance fee of \$50. The handicaps ranged from twenty-five to thirty yards. Ivins was placed at the twenty-five-yard mark. Only invited to compete for the Inanimate championship of the transmississippi country. This will be a twenty-target event. The prize is a handsome silver cup to cost \$50, which will be emblematic of the championship. This tournament promises to be one of the biggest ever held in Omaha. The

FOR LOVERS OF GUN AND ROD  
Prairie Chicken Shooting Waits on the Abatement of the Hot Spell—Fishing Too Much Like Work.

The season for prairie chicken shooting opened legally last Thursday, that being the first of the month, but it can hardly be said in fact that it has really commenced yet, as far as actual shooting goes. A few early local shooters went out during the latter end of the week, but they did not have much luck, nor did they work very hard. The weather has been too unfavourably hot for tramping over the open prairie. It has been too much like work. Even if the hunter has been inclined to try for a bag, however, the conditions have not been such as to make big success probable. A dog can work but little in such hot weather as this and will soon face out. Moreover, the atmosphere has been dry in addition to being heated and the result is that the animal finds it impossible to scent this section of the country has been poor, for there is no dew, and it is as difficult to scent the game as in the days when the waters can rest in the satisfaction, however, that there is plenty of chicken and that the sport will be of the finest when the weather gets cooler. Several parties, however, propose to make a try for a bag during a week the weather is better. The town and the country for miles around. The secretary of the county fair heard about him, and paid the owner \$20 to take his horse to the show and exhibit him in the fall of that year. It got into the papers, and the man who owned the horse received several thousand dollars for exhibiting him the next year. Within a few weeks after the original driverless pacer put in appearance another one bobbed up to bid for patronage, and before the end of the year the rivalry was just about as spirited as the guileless wonder as it was among Marion Mills, Happy Jack, Earlsquaque, Pilot, Paing Johnny and the rest of the guileless wonders as it was among the legitimate performers, Star Pointer, John R. Gentry, Joe Patchen and Robert J."

Marcus Daly's champion of the 2-year-olds, Hamburg, will never again be seen in active service, if reports from headquarter are true. The offer was made by the Saratoga Racing association last spring for a special race to include the great son of Hanover—Lady Reel, but the owner declined to send his great running star to face such an issue. Horsemen immediately jumped at the proposition, and Hamburg would be raced in England, but that idea had been exploded, at least so far as this season is concerned. Hamburg has been shipped west to his owner's Bitter Root stud, accompanied by his stable companions, Ogden and Sider. Kansas crowd, Judge Davis and M. Daly ever since the season was inaugurated, and their retirement, if permanent, will cause no little surprise and disappointment. After his unexpected defeat in the Helmut stakes, Hamburg began to show his true

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