

Local Baseball and Wheeling Gossip.

ANENT THE NEW SCHEDULE.

Pocatello and Logan May be Counted Out Now.

By the end of next week, it is believed a new league and schedule will be formed and a second season started, which will run into October, or as long as the weather will permit. The local fans regret very much that this was not done immediately after the demise of the Park City team, but it was not done and there is no use crying over spilled milk.

The committee appointed at the last league meeting to formulate a new schedule will begin on the work at once, but whether there will be four or only three teams in the new organization is a matter that is "still in the air." The idea of Pocatello securing a berth has been abandoned, for two very good reasons. First the team when here clearly showed that it was not strong enough to go against any of the local teams, and second, it would not pay to send a team to the Idaho town.

A proposition was made to admit the Logan team and it was hinted that the management of the latter would strengthen the team with some of the Butte players. After the performance of the Buttes here it was painfully evident that if any of the players would "strengthen" the Logans the latter had better not come. Then word came from the Temple city saying the team then was doing nicely and cared nothing about the Internountain. From the present outlook the probabilities are that the new schedule will be played out with three teams to wit: Salt Lake, Ogden and Lagoons.

THE NATIONAL GAME.

With Apologies to Professor Williams of Sack No. 3.

The game is on! "Strike one!" rings through the air. Then from the multitude assembled there rises a shout, "Thou'rt put! 'Twas a ball!"

"Flicher!" the angry rosters loudly call.

"Strike two!" One strong-lunged youth, with all his might,

Shrieks, "Smite the spheroid, thou crustacean, smite!"

And now the umpire's voice is wholly drowned.

By cries that can be heard for blocks around.

While in the stand, when dies away the cheer,

Remarks like this fall on the listening ear:

"Gadzooks! Didst witness McCausland's daring act?"

He pliffed that third sack, 'twas done with tact."

"Each basic point is occupied, to wit: First, second, third, my kingdom for a hit!"

"O Mice! Why doth Williams try to smite the spheroid when it saileth high?"

Perchance he liketh them above his breast—

De gustibus non disputandum est."

THE LATE PETER JACKSON.

Some Battles of the Great Colored Fighter.

The news from Australia that Peter Jackson, the greatest colored fighter that ever lived, is no more, is not surprising to those who are cognizant of the fighter's condition physically when he departed for his old home some time ago. When Jackson left San Francisco, bound for Australia, he was only a shadow of his former self, and was the opposite to the man who fought with Corbett sixty-one rounds in San Francisco in 1891. When the dusky boxer put up his fists against "Pompadour Jim" he was in his prime, and the fact that he did not defeat Corbett should not be counted against him. It was said that the day before the fight Jackson suffered a sprained ankle, and he went through the four hours of fighting on his courage and grit.

Perhaps the greatest feat in Jackson's career was his defeat of Paddy Slavin at London in 1892. Slavin at that time was champion of England, and was considered one of the best fighters of the day. The fight ended in the tenth round and from the first to the last round Jackson's generalship was said to be the prettiest seen in the ring for many a day.

After Slavin's defeat, Jackson was made a popular hero in England and he was banqueted and lauded everywhere. This was practically the beginning of the end to the great fighter's career, and he went the way of the majority before him and after him. He took to drinking, and his decline was rapid. The last few years he has been an object of charity.

His last fight was with Jeffries in 1898 in San Francisco. The bout amounted to nothing more than an exhibition, and Jackson was put out in the third round. Some time ago Jackson, who knew that consumption had got hold of him, expressed a desire to see his former home, although Australia is not the land of his birth, as he first saw light in Jacksonville, Fla. Friends took



IVER LAWSON.

His striking picture shows Iver Lawson the speedy Salt Palace saucer rider, who for the past two weeks has been defeating some of the world's greatest sprinters in New York. He expects to return home on September 9th. He is sure to receive an ovation when he comes.

up a collection, and the pugilist sailed away, and he died July 23, near Sydney, N. S. W.

INDOOR SPORTS.

Basket Ball Will Now be More Popular Than Ever.

As the end of school vacation approaches, there is talk of winter sports and pastimes among the students.

The game of basketball is already being discussed at this early date, and which indicates that the interesting game will be more popular than ever.

By the time the leaves begin to fall and nature prepares to rid herself of her summer raiment, the initial steps towards the organization of an interscholastic basketball league will be taken.

Last season's organization was very successful in every particular, considering the rush with which it came about and the limited time the teams had to prepare for the games. In all probability boys' and girls' leagues will be organized, and there is plenty of material in the city to furnish a half dozen teams in each.

FISTIC CONTEST.

Francis and Christy to Meet Again This Winter.

"Young Christy" and Jim Francis, (colored) a couple of local disciples of uppercut and jab, feel very much dissatisfied over the outcome of their twenty-round bout last winter, at Sammy Clark's club rooms, and are anxious to have another trial at each other.

Francis had all the advantage in their meeting last winter and if the bout had gone 25 rounds he would in all probability have been the victor. As it was, the fight was declared a draw.

Christy was just entering upon his twentieth year at that time and it was his first public contest. Francis was an old hand at the business and possessed more strength than his antagonist. He could hit a harder blow and stand more punishment. When the men meet next winter, if they do meet, the conditions are apt to be more different. Christy has become much stronger and has greatly improved his marvelous speed. He will be more familiar with ring tactics and possess a better knowledge of his opponent's ability. A match between these men has been talked of a great deal among those who go in for that kind of sport, and the fighters have both signified their willingness to go another twenty rounds.

RIDERS ARE TRICKY.

Their Schemes to Gain Advantages Over an Opponent.

Not many persons realize the difficulties a fast rider has to go up against when he enters a strange place to compete against established favorites like Iver Lawson has done in New York. All manner of schemes are concocted for the downfall of such a man and he

present schedule was played out. From what can be learned of the managers, there will be little, if any changes made except that each team will put in better shape if possible. The lobsers will very likely have a new pitcher, but it is not believed there will be any change in the line-up of the White Wings or Lagoons. Both teams have improved a great deal during the last month and are more evenly matched now than ever before. The manager of the Salt Lake says there is nothing in the rumor that Meredith and Hickey will leave soon for Denver. They are doing well enough here, and he doubts they could do in Denver, and here they intend to remain.

The proposed match between "Terry" McGovern and Jack Roberts, the English featherweight champion, will in all probability be the opening attraction of Tom O'Rourke's new Royal Golf and Athletic club, in Connecticut.

O'Rourke has not decided upon any special bout for his opening day, but if he can secure the McGovern-Roberts go these men will open the new arena.

There are a number of reasons why O'Rourke would like to secure this bout. He realizes that the men would draw a good crowd, and at the same time it would not attract so much attention as a heavy-weight battle.

The Connecticut people, it is said, have no objection to the smaller men meeting in the ring, but they are opposed to having heavy-weight fights.

The friends of Nels Margetta were glad to see him break into the national game again, and on a white uniform. Nels was always a good man behind a wind 'bad and is as fair a ball player as ever put on a mitt. "Pink" Hawley says that aside from Billy McCausland he would rather have Nels catch for him than any man he knows of.

John L. Sullivan has forsaken journalism. He says that in the future he will stick to booze. The great Jawn L. came to this determination the other day when he tried ineffectually to collect some bills from a couple of New York newspapers to which he had lent his giant intellect on various occasions. Jawn, better go back to Boston where you are appreciated.

A citizen of St. Louis, while watching the bulletin board, fell in a faint and split his head open on a cobbler's stone when he saw three runs chalked up for the St. Louis baseball team. We suggest that he change his abode

and come west and watch the doings here.

There is still a howl of "jobbery" and "thrown games" in the air about the two games Lagoons won from Gimlin's crustaceans last Saturday and Sunday, and the jobber becomes more sane every time the subject is mentioned in a certain circle. Baseball is unlike many other pastimes. This may seem startling to some, but it is a fact. Knights of the padded mitts face each other in a 24-foot ring and play tag and bluff. It doesn't require a Referee Slier to "get across" to the fact. Although fakes can be palmed off on the public and the latter be none the wiser. But who ever heard of a ball team deliberately entering a game with the avowed purpose of losing it, without the fact being made apparent in a dozen different ways? If a pitcher or catcher plays "phony" ball any and everybody can see it. In the games referred to, each tried to win but were beaten and beaten fairly.

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"HOT TIME IN THE OLD TOWN"

When the British officers realized that the Americans were really "going away," out of the goodness of their hearts they determined to give a big evening to remember and to "take them all in." The big Temple Theater, with its electric-lighted stage, where the song was sung which upset the British colonial secretary, was again opened to the public. The British officers, in their white dress and puggarees supplied the groups gathered around every little table, while the officers of both countries did "turns" in regular vaudeville. The British officers, in their white dress and puggarees supplied the groups gathered around every little table, while the officers of both countries did "turns" in regular vaudeville.

General Chaffee sat with General Caselle and General Barrow on the raised platform which did duty for the private box. There is a song known to everybody who has seen much of the army in the Philippines, that represents a distinguished major general who at one time had something to do with governing the islands as inquiring at the end of each stanza, "For I'd like to know the boss of this show, is it the ministers, the generals or the Chino?"

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THE TREND OF LIBERTY.

The United States is a country of liberty. It was the parent of government by the people. The whole genius of our constitution is for freedom. It was in a struggle against alien government that we got our independence; and ever since 1776 the drift of our history has been for more liberty, more complete trusting of the people. The first amendments of the constitution had for their purpose to assert more liberty, free speech, free religion, free press, freedom to bear arms. The civil war was the successful culmination of a long struggle for equal rights for all races, and the thirteenth, fourteenth, and fifteenth amendments put the result of that war in the constitution and abolished slavery.

Every extension of popular authority tells the same story, whether it be municipal lighting of the streets, or the putting into a constitution of a provision for popular initiative in election. That parties should put in their platforms, to catch the people's votes, a proposition for the election of United States senators by the people instead of by the legislature, show the same drift, as does the election of judges, instead of their earlier appointment by the governor. And it is to be observed that it is impossible to find genuine examples of a drift the other way, toward a more indirect or aristocratic style of government. Everything tends

toward a more general assumption of power by the people at the polls. Even in the case of the restrictive provisions of the new constitutions of several states, those provisions allowing intelligent negroes to vote are much more liberal than was the general sentiment of the whites in the reconstruction days. There is in the south a growing sentiment that negroes, at least those of the Booker T. Washington type, should be allowed the rights of other human beings.

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