

MAGNATES MUST GET TOGETHER.

Near Approach of the Baseball
Season Hurries Their Meeting.

MONDAY NEXT THE DAY.

Probable that a Compromise will be
Made Between the Spalding-
Freedman Factions.

On account of the near approach of the baseball season the Spalding-Freedman factions are revolving in their minds a plan whereby the National league feud may be settled. If the court decides against Spalding the clubs that have supported him will again place him in nomination for president of the league. The Freedman-Brush people will name Nick Young. Then the league will begin balloting, just where it was left off at midnight Dec. 12 last, with four votes for Spalding and four votes for Young. When the Spalding four have sufficiently demonstrated their loyalty the plan is to have each side name a man who, with Nick Young, will compose a schedule committee. The election of a president will be put aside and the committee will prepare a schedule and take complete management of the affairs of the league for the playing season.

The league may thus be able to go ahead and play ball, which is the point most to be considered at the present

time. In any event it is thought that Spalding will have little power over the league.

RIDERS IN TRAINING.

Cyclists Getting Ready for the
Racing Season.

If the coming season at the Salt Palace does not surpass that of any since the opening of the famous resort it will not be the fault of the owners of the same.

During the week workmen have been busy engaged in making needed repairs and adding improvements to beautify the building and grounds, and when the gates are thrown open to the public it may present a familiar sight but the public will be surprised just the same.

Before the crack of the starter's pistol is heard in the great arena, the saucer will be put in perfect condition. The rough and dangerous places which were a source of annoyance to the riders will be entirely removed in time to permit them to train for the opening events.

Already a number of cyclists, professional and amateur, have been out on the road to limber up a bit and get back their old-time sprint. While it is quite probable that some of the riders whose faces are familiar to patrons of the track will not be seen here this season, owing to the inducements offered by eastern race promoters, the game will not suffer here on that account. Scores of prominent eastern riders have expressed their intention of trying their luck here for a season.

The season will not open before June and the riders will have plenty of time in which to prepare for it.

INTEREST IN BASEBALL.

Fans Predict the Coming Season
Will be Prosperous.

The early steps taken in matters pertaining to baseball is an indication that there is more interest in the game here than ever, and that there is money to be made in it too.

Now that the state league has been organized, the magnates are scouting about for players and it is safe to say that there will be an interesting race between now and the date set for the opening of the season, to secure the best ball players on the market. For many weeks "Father Gimlin" of Ogden has been laying his plans for the season now close at hand, and that he will

have a first class team goes without saying. Salt Lake will not be in the race, not if Chief Borchers and Harry Joseph can prevent it, and it is more than likely they can.

It has been stated on good authority that in his recent visit to California, Magnate Joseph closed a deal securing some of the cleverest men on the coast. If Buck Weaver returns to Utah, it is more than likely that a number of the last year Lagoon players will back him up.

Logan has started out early and will have a team in the field that will be able to give a good account of itself against the best of them. The fans in the Temple City have been in correspondence with some well known players for some time, and it is safe to say that when the season opens, the town will be represented by a strong organization. The magnates of the Utah League believe if they start the season off with good men, conduct the league upon a strict business basis, the town will support the game as it has never done before.

ECHOES OF THE FIGHT.

How Wade's Defeat was Received
In Montana, Especially at Butte.

It was to be expected that there would be several upsets in Butte when the news of former Champion Wade's defeat was received there, but it was hardly expected that charges would be made that an unlooked for advantage was taken over the idol of the smoky town, yet such seems to be the case as indicated by the following taken from the Butte Inter-Mountain of Tuesday:

It jarred Wade. Wouldn't it jar you? After getting in and whipping some of the best men in the state of Montana—and whipping them in a manner that demonstrated the real fighting ability of the champion—Jack Wade goes down to Salt Lake City and gets thrashed properly by a man who wasn't even regarded as a good training partner in Butte.

Jack Clifford has been rated below the most ordinary of the fighters in this section of the country and never showed to much advantage except in one bout with Kid Oglesby, who was his conqueror. Now he turns about and cleanly whips the best lightweight of the bunch. Surely these be perilous times for the followers of the pugilistic books.

Clifford's victory last night, judging from the press reports, was clean and

THESE JOCKEYS WILL STAY WITH US.



Although there is a great rush of American jockeys to foreign race tracks to take advantage of the sudden demand for things American, we still retain some first class riders to the number of 15. Of these the above are among the foremost. Each one will this season earn a small fortune. Their ages run from 12 to 20 and their salaries range from \$10,000 to \$30,000.

well earned. Wade was simply out-routed and whipped. He was actually chopped down—beaten at his own style of fighting, and from the sixth round on is shown in the dispatches to have lost the losing and all the way to the finish, when he came up weak in the thirteenth and went out with a clean look on the jaw.

In Butte the news of the champion's defeat came with stunning effect. It didn't look as if there could be anything but Wade in the fight, and the only thing that prevented the Butte sports from going broke on the match was the fact that there wasn't any chance to place the money.

The only possible explanation offered is that Wade was over-confident and careless in his training, but now that the fight is over with there is considerable inside gossip about the way it was arranged.

According to the stories circulated Clifford's going to Salt Lake was a prearranged plan between him and Wade and James Murphy of the Butte gymnasium, who handled Clifford when here.

Jerry McCarthy was a drag on Wade at the time with his persistent challenging, and there seemed no prospect to pick up a crowd or purse in this state with Clifford on. The latter went to Salt Lake, won a fight and the Wade talk began.

The deal was, it is said, to arrange to split the money, and the understanding was that Wade would have a walk-over. Murphy and Clifford, however, sprang a double-cross and Clifford was instructed after the split was secured, to go in and win if he could. Wade went in expecting an easy victory, and the Californian handed him several bunches of surprises. Of course there will be talk of a return match, but there are other things mapped out for Clifford for the time being, and it is hardly possible, unless big inducements are offered Clifford at Salt Lake, that another match will be made between the two very soon.

The above shows that the writer was not informed as to the "inside history" of the case with reference to the arrangements of the contest. The facts are these: When Clifford made his first public appearance here, he issued a challenge to fight Wade. He said: "I am ready and anxious, very anxious to meet Mr. Jack Wade, and will fight him at any time or at any place he chooses."

When the Montana champion arrived here he announced his willingness to stop any 125 man in the state in fifteen hours, or meet any 133 man who dared to sign with him. Clifford at once jumped at the chance.

He made but little out of the fight with Condie, and he was eager to get on a match with someone, Wade preferred. Wade dictated the terms under which they were to fight. Clifford did not have the \$100 demanded as a side bet, but friends came to his relief and put up the money. Clifford wanted to sign with the agreement that the loser take a percentage of the receipts, but to this Wade made a vigorous objection, and refused to entertain the proposition unless Clifford would consent to the winner taking every cent. Clifford finally consented to everything, and immediately went into careful and systematic training. Wade simply underestimated the Californian. He looked for a easy victory because Clifford had done nothing to establish an name as a very clever fighter.

On the Saturday before the fight, Wade told the writer that he was in excellent condition, and predicted that the fight would not last long and that he would be returned the victor. He undoubtedly believed what he said. When the men stepped into the ring, Wade fought a game careful fight from the first to the last. For three rounds he looked like the winner. Then Clifford fought him at his own game. In many instances took two punches to give one, and finally beat the champion to the floor so fairly and completely that Wade's most intimate friends and backers admitted that he was outfought and had met his master. There was no understanding, implied or otherwise, that the fight was to go this way or that. Both men had too much at stake to admit of such a thing.

In the dressing room after the contest Clifford said: "Well, Wade old man, I gave you the best I had."

Wade replied: "I am surprised at your improvement, and I hope to get another go with you, and the next time it will be a better match."

Brooklyn's Chances.

Hanlon of the Brooklyn team has lost two heady ball players in Tom Daly and Joe Kelley. He is now without men for first and third. Turner was picked out to play first base, but has jumped to Toledo. Gougher, the clever minor league infielder, and Wright of the Dayton club, have decided to stick with their old manager, and will be with Cleveland this season. Mullen, a clever young pitcher, has switched to Detroit, and Checkard may accept a big offer from St. Louis. The Denver Post thinks that Brooklyn will be strong in batters, weak in the infield and fairly strong in the garden. Clever as he is, Hanlon has a big contract on his hands to keep

in the first division, not to speak of making a fight for first place. The league race this season will no doubt be a series of surprises and will prove how much superior a tried team is to a lot of youngsters.

Billy Keeler will captain the Brooklyn team this season. He is now engaged to teach the Harvard team how to bat and slide bases. Keeler arrived here last Monday and went at his work with a will. Cy Young is teaching the Harvard pitchers the art of twirling, and the big and the little of it are making a hit with the students.

REASONABLE PAIRING.

New Golf Rule Meets With General
Favor Among Players.

Local golfers are unearthing their golf sticks ready for the coming season, and it is likely that preliminary meetings will soon be held to decide upon the season's campaign on the links. Golf players are of the opinion that the new scheme for pairing players for amateur championships is a most reasonable one in that the idea is to pit the players in the first thirty-two of the sixty-four qualifiers, against the second thirty-two, in such orderly way that the skillful, triumphing over the less skillful, will be the survivors for the concluding rounds.

Good Roads Campaign.

Motor vehicle clubs and organizations of a kindred nature all over the United States have started a campaign for road improvement. Local clubs are to watch legislation in the various states and endeavor to shape it to the end of securing properly-built highways of travel.

Moody a Fan.

William Moody, the new secretary of the navy, was once president of the New England baseball league and as "bughouse" a fan as ever breathed.

Ho! for a Boat!

Boatmen are beginning to wiggle out of their cocoons and bestir themselves for one of the most beneficial athletic exercises in existence. A row on the lake, with the sunny, fresh and briny breeze to the cheek, is exhilarating in the extreme. Not only those who anticipate partaking of the pleasure of boating, but many citizens who delight to see the tiny craft glide over the water, are hoping that steps for organizing and perfecting a boating club will be taken early this season.

A Mayor's Duck Prowess.

On a recent afternoon Mayor Wright of Denver, went a gunning for ducks and surprised his office force by coming in with 92 of the birds to his credit. So proud was the mayor of his array of game that he had a photograph taken of the ducks, with himself in the background.

Bowling is Popular.

Greater popularity has come to bowling in Salt Lake during the past winter than the game has ever enjoyed here in the past. During the winter months, when the stormy weather prevents outdoor exercise, the sport is a most healthful one if conducted with judgment and proper ventilation in the surroundings. Next winter promises to see a more spirited revival of the game here than ever.

Cricketers, Wake Up!

It is time for local cricketers to wake up. Lovers of the old English game, which has achieved some popularity in this country, would like to see some good clubs organized here and in Ogden in order that a few lively games may be seen during the season. Doubtless fine weather will get the cricketers to stirring.

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