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SPORTS



"Where Can I Sell A Good Bike — Cheap?"

THE GATE CITY.

KEOKUK, IOWA: 1869

SATURDAY MORNING, JAN. 9.

The Truth about the Velocipede.

C. A. Dana, who is the "best velocipedist in New York," and ought to know, answers a correspondent thus. "A correspondent at Carroll city, Iowa, wishes us to inform him about the velocipede. We answer that it is a very amusing and exercising machine for locomotion. It consists of two wheels, one before and the other behind, connected by a steel or iron reach, bearing a saddle in which the rider sits. It is driven by pedals attached to the fore wheel, keeping the rider's legs pretty busy. On a perfectly smooth track, such as a board floor, a new Nicholson or asphaltum pavement, or hard earth road in the country, it can be driven at the rate of 15 to 20 miles an hour, without very great effort; but on a rough road, its propulsion is labor indeed. In this city it may be seen every evening at the school of Messrs. Pearsall, corner of Broadway and Twenty-second. Velocipedes cost from \$100 to \$125. There are three makers in this city whose styles, though all good, differ considerably from each other."

The speed attained by the swifter kind of velocipedes averages from twelve to thirteen miles an hour; adepts find no difficulty whatever in accomplishing fully fifty miles within five hours without once alighting from their vehicle. A couple of amateurs, making a tour through a part of France challenged each other as to which could perform the greatest distance within four and twenty hours. One gave in after having accomplished eighty-seven miles; the other went on an additional six and thirty miles, making one hundred and twenty miles in all. In impelling a velocipede, the limbs are not constantly in motion. A slight impulsion given to the vehicle from time to time suffices to keep up the speed. The ascent of any incline greater than 1 in 25 said to be impracticable. When the rider; therefore, encounters a hill of more than average steepness he has to dismount and lead his velocipede with his hand, which he can do with almost the same ease as he can carry an ordinary walking-stick. Although one wheel is directly in front of the other when in motion there is no more tendency to fall over than in a hoop, which will proceed perpendicularly until it loses its momentum, or in a top or gyroscope, which tends to preserve its plane of revolution. The almost universal use of velocipedes in the Champs Elysees, Paris, after dark, has led to so many accidents that a police edict has been issued compelling riders of these machines to display a lighted lantern.

be required to disturb it from that plane. The facility with which the rider maintains his place is measured by the rate of motion. When the movement is slow the rider must keep his ballance, when the speed is great he could hardly loose it.

COROLLARY—(By the unscientific Editor,) for Christy and others of the awkward squad —when you mount the bicycle don't "go slow."

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SUNDAY MORNING, JAN. 17.

The Californians look with contempt upon the new velocipede. "They will do very well," says an editor, "for Paris, where many people cannot afford to keep horses, and could not ride them very well if they did. But they will never do in California, where boys of ten years of age ride full-grown horses, at the top of their speed around the streets. How would a man who has felt his blood stirred by a 10-mile dash in a California saddle feel on finding himself trundling himself through the streets like a school-boy? We would as soon think of riding a broom handle or a rocking hobby horse."

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KEOKUK, IOWA. 1869

TUESDAY MORNING, JAN. 26.

Keokuk has a velocipede. It wasn't built after the most modern and approved style tho.' It has three wheels instead of two, and doesn't need an accomplished velocipedist to tame it. It was manufactured at the wagon shop of Messrs. Worley & Wright. They are making one with only two wheels, however, and then when it is finished, somebody will get killed trying to ride it.

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KEOKUK, IOWA. 1869

THURSDAY MORNING, FEB. 11.

The Velocipede—From a Scientific Standpoint.

Much has been said of the Velocipede—of the difficulty of its management, and of its very great speed, but we do not remember to have seen any reference to its *modus operandi*—to its illustration of the interesting philosophical fact, that the momentum of a rapidly moving body will maintain that body in the plane of its motion in opposition to the force of gravity. This fact is beautifully shown in the now common toy, the gyroscopic top—an instrument by which the power of rotation to overcome gravity, is very strikingly illustrated. The top is set in motion in the usual way; it is then placed horizontally with the extremity of its axis, corresponding to the spike of the top, resting in the hook of a string. So long as rapid motion continues, the horizontal position will be maintained by the gyroscope. This instrument was used by the distinguished philosopher Foucault to demonstrate the rotation of the plane of the earth's surface. Holding in his hand the top, revolving in its plane, uninfluenced by the terrestrial motion in question, he saw the earth turn beneath it.

Now, the Velocipede is a sort of gyroscope. When moving rapidly, the momentum of all particles of the machine and rider in a given plane is such that considerable force would

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KEOKUK, IOWA

WEDNESDAY MORNING, FEB. 10.

A Keokuk girl has sent for a side-saddle Velocipede.—*Queenport Democrat.*

How do you know? We haven't before been apprised of the prospective execution of that mode of committing suicide.

THE velocipede, alpine and other new styles of hats have just been received by J. O. Noorhies & Bro. The velocipede hat is the latest thing out, and will soon be "all the rage."

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KEOKUK, IOWA

SATURDAY MORNING, MARCH 20.

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WEDNESDAY MORNING, MARCH 31.

The latest in velocipedes is a single wheeled affair—a monocycle, to follow analogy. It is invented by a man in Springfield, Mass., and now in course of construction at a car factory in that city. The wheel is twelve feet in diameter, and with a double set of spokes and two tires, propelled by the rider, who hangs below the center of gravity and works as in a tread mill.

The Most Wonderful Velocipede Exploit on Record.

From the Jacksonville Journal.

On Saturday evening there was quite a large number gathered in Professor Grover's Velocipede Hall, (in the third story of Ayers' Block), to witness the proficiency and skill of the Professor's pupils on the wooden horse. It appears that a few of the Professor's most advanced scholars had been practicing on an inclined plane, which had heretofore been placed on the south side of the room, but in cleaning the hall in the afternoon, the decline had been removed, and the incline part was moved close to the east side of the hall, so that the highest part rested on a window sill, the window having been removed in the afternoon.

Several of the new beginners had been showing their skill in riding around the room, and when Mr. Dunlap came into the hall, he was called upon to ride, and immediately

complied, mounted the machine, and away he went at lightning speed around the hall. As soon as he had got the velocipede up to full speed, he went straight for the inclined plane, (all who were posted in the movement of the plane, supposed that Mr. Dunlap knew of the change, and was only trying "some trick," but, as the sequel shows, he was entirely ignorant of the change), up he went like a bird, and did not discover his mistake until it was too late. Away he went through the window like a flash, and disappeared! All stood spell-bound for a second, and then rushed to the windows, expecting to see his mangled body on the ground below; but he was "not born to die" in that way, for the speed at which he was going carried him across an alley ten feet wide, and he lighted "right side up" on Carter, Beesley & Co's drug store—a two story building—with a very steep roof, down the roof, and over the edge he went, sailing on the roof of Ayers' Bank, where he managed to fall off the machine, in time to save himself from going over to the ground. As soon as possible, he sprang to his feet, swung his hat and gave three cheers, which were responded to with a will by the excited crowd, which filled all the windows of the hall, and had watched his descent with silent horror.

Mr. Dunlap thinks he is entitled to the champion medal as the most daring velocipede rider in this section of the country.

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KEOKUK, IOWA

SUNDAY MORNING, FEB. 21.

We regret to learn that the only modern velocipede Keokuk has at the present writing has been disabled, and is undergoing repairs. Ever since its arrival in this city it has been almost incessantly "on the go," and its physical constitution has withstood a test that would kill an animal of ordinary ability in about two days.

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KEOKUK, IOWA

WEDNESDAY MORNING, APRIL 7.

IOWA ITEMS.

Miss Augusta Mathews, of Knoxville, has been appointed teacher of music in the Agricultural College.

George Munson, of Oskaloosa, died last Sunday morning.

Ocala has a velocipede.

The enterprising female inhabitants of Leon propose to use the saloons of that place

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KEOKUK, IOWA

SATURDAY MORNING, MAY 8.

IOWA ITEMS.

Dubuque don't allow velocipedestrianism on her streets. A youth was fined \$12 00 the other day for indulging in that amusement. The Times is highly indignant at the idea.

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KEOKUK, IOWA

THURSDAY MORNING, APRIL 8.

They have a velocipede in Burlington named "Touch-and-Go." We presume the meaning of the title is that in case an experienced rider should touch the "machine" he would subject himself to a trip to the District of Southern Suckerdom.

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KEOKUK, IOWA

THURSDAY MORNING, FEB. 25.

Love on a Velocipede.

She saw him on velocipede,
A kiting up the road.
And pitty-pat and pitty-pat
Her little heartlet goied.

And so she sobbered to herself,
"Though fast his paces be,
He cannot dust so quick but that
My heart keeps up with he."

"O, vive, la belle velocipede!
Which drags along the street;
But that which I do chiefly vie
Is he who does the feat."

"I cannot help a loving him,
Nor he help loving me;
Velocipedestrianation is
A thing that has to be.

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KEOKUK, IOWA

FRIDAY MORNING, FEB. 5.

A Velocipede in Keokuk.

The advent of a modern Velocipede in Keokuk yesterday excited about as much interest among the grown ups as a circus does among the urchins. Immediately following the announcement that Mr. Ed. Brownell had been the recipient by express, from New York, of one of these institutions, and its subsequent removal to the hall over the iron store of Brownell Bros., quite a company of anxious men assembled there to see it perform. We hardly deem it necessary to describe minutely the component parts of the machine, as we presume our readers have all learned of it ere this; but for fear some of them have not we'll tell how its made, and we don't know of a better way of doing it than by first giving Webster's definition of it, which is this:

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VELOCIPEDE, a carriage for one person, having two wheels placed one before the other, in the same line and connected by a beam on which the person sits astride and propels the vehicle by striking the tips of his toes against the earth.

Now we presume that Ed. Brownell's Velocipede is similar to Webster's, except that there is a vast improvement in the manner of propelling it, which produces a very great increase in speed.

We have said that the successful management of a Velocipede requires consummate skill, and since we have witnessed the first trial of one in Keokuk, [that fact is established in our mind beyond the possibility of a controversy, and is pretty generally conceded. It requires skill to manage a refractory mule too, but the demands in the one case are as different from those in the other as darkness is from daylight. While the one requires a thorough study and a practical knowledge of the animal's disposition, the other requires a slight knowledge of the principle upon which the machine operates and an enormous amount of practice, in order that it and its rider may properly retain their equilibrium. The first one that *didn't* ride this Velocipede of which we have before made mention, was the proprietor, of the institution, Mr. Ed Brownell, who was followed in like unsuccessful efforts by Mr. Stafford, Mr. George Fuller and Mr. L. M. Dean, at the expiration of which each congratulated himself that he was fully accomplished in the art of propelling a velocipede as he was yesterday or last year, the matter of congratulation being in the fact that his life and limbs had been preserved through the first attempt. The question of championship as a "velocipedist," now lies between Geo. Fuller, Esq., and Mr. L. M. Dean. Our Democratic friend, Mr. ———, witnessed the proceedings in full, and after due deliberation, wholly resolved that rather than attempt to ride on one of those vehicles he will walk; the wisest conclusion that he could possibly arrive at under the circumstances.

We can't give our own experience. No having any very great ambition to become a "velocipedist," we didn't try it. All who have such ambition, we will recommend to go slow at first if possible.

THE GATE CITY

WEDNESDAY MORNING, DEC. 5, 1877

THE WALK AROUND.—As stated in yesterday morning's paper there was considerable dissatisfaction with the way in which the walking match wound up Monday night, and the matter was the subject of much talk on the street yesterday. We were authorized last evening to state that the terms of the match have been complied with to the entire satisfaction of all concerned, and that there is no longer any cause for complaint against Mr. Davis or any one else. Mr. Davis asserts that whatever dissatisfaction there may have been was the result of a misunderstanding and not from any disposition on his part to do other than the

square thing.

Some errors were made in the figures reported, which we correct. Davis made his first fifty miles in 10 hours and 28 minutes; eighty miles in 16 hours and 6 minutes, and eighty-seven and one-half miles in a little more than 20 hours. When Ranson started in he was seven and one-third miles ahead, and Bob cut this down three miles. Hurley walked his last twenty-five miles in 5 hours and 20 minutes. Ranson walked four and one-half miles the first hour; twenty miles in 3½ hours, twenty-five miles in 5 hours, and twenty-nine miles in 6 hours. He walked his last five miles in 1 hour and 10 minutes, and his last mile in 11 minutes.

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TUESDAY MORNING, DEC. 4, 1877.

PETERED PEDESTRIAN.

The Walking Match of Davis Against Hurley and Ranson—The Amateurs Run the Professional Down and Win the Match.

The walking match between A. J. Davis, the Iowa pedestrian, and Wm. Hurley and Bob Ranson, amateurs of this city—the former to walk 100 miles while the latter walked 50 each—was commenced at the rink yesterday morning at 12:15. Hurley took the first bout and completed his first twenty-five miles in just six hours. Owing to the failure to wake Ranson up forty minutes elapsed before he was on the ground. During this time Davis walked three miles making him 5½ miles ahead when Ranson started in. But the latter buckled right in, walked his first twenty-five miles without stopping, in just five hours, and gained two miles on Davis. He then rested a few moments, resumed and continued until he had walked twenty-nine miles, when Hurley came on and walked his second twenty-five miles in precisely the same time as the first. He gained on Davis all the time, but on the last few miles was pretty well tuckered out and had to be assisted around the track.

Ranson came up smiling for his second turn, and started in at a brisk pace, which he kept up. Meantime Davis pegged out very rapidly, lumps appeared on his leg and hip, and it required the services of two stout men to assist him around the track. Finally at 9:20 last evening he announced that he would quit. At that time he had walked 87½ miles in twenty-one hours. Some one asked him if he would forfeit the stakes but he declined to give any satisfactory answer. This created considerable dissatisfaction among the crowd as they all thought that after he had petered out he should acknowledge himself beaten and not compel Ranson to walk the remaining distance of 8½ miles. This

he refused to do, so Bob turned in and completed his fifty miles, finishing at two minutes to 12 amidst the most enthusiastic applause. He walked his fifty miles in 10 hours and 40 minutes, and his last mile in 11 minutes. He displayed extraordinary pluck, walking the distance without a particle of assistance and going the last mile at about as brisk a pace as he did the first. It was his 25 mile spurt in the morning that demoralized Davis.

The hall was filled with spectators during the evening.

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THE GATE CITY.

KEOKUK, IOWA

SUNDAY MORNING, FEB. 7.

VELOCIPEDES.—A velocipede is in point of economy and speed; no doubt a good thing. It is like a good many other things, however; its successful management requires the most consummate skill.

Keokuk hasn't got a modern velocipede yet, but as we have before said, it has the promise of one.

An exchange says Carl Benson was challenged the other day to find or make a rhyme for velocipede. He did it thus:

There was a man on a velocipede
Who said "I need not give my horse a feed;
Without oats or hay,
He will go all day;
It's a cheap thing to keep a velocipede."

Whereupon another author "poet suggests the following:

If 'tis a loss indeed
To give one's horse a feed
And I can boss a steed
Of such a saucy breed,
Then sure, the horse I need
Is the velocipede.

While we admit the force of all that has been said about it favorably, including the above rhymes, we offer the following:

The velocipede
Is a big thing, indeed,
It may pay
In saving hay.

But as a thing to ride
When it you stride
You will find it to be
Worse than a blind horse-ee.
It will surely fall
With you. That's not all
It will tear your clothes
And not move a peg;
Or break your nose,
If not your leg,
In going but a short distance.

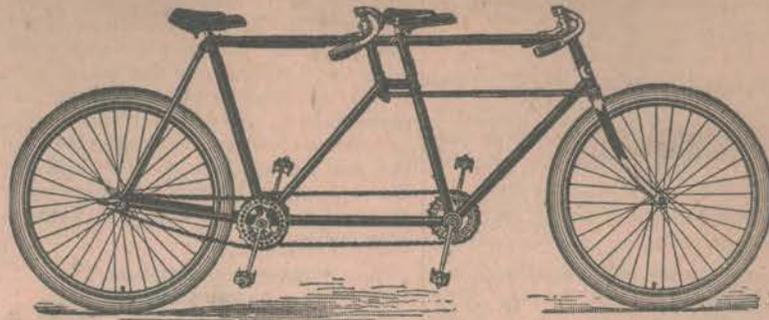
Hans Breitmann perpetrates this as his affecting story of this new infernal machine:

Her Schnitzerl make a philosopede,
Von of de newest kind;
It vent mitaut a vheel in front,
And hadn't none behind.
Von vheel vas in de mittel, dough,
And it vent as sure ash ecks,
For he shtraddled on de axel dree
Mit der vheel between his lecks.

And when he vant to shtart id off
He paddel mit his veet,
And soon he eot to go so vast
Dat every dings he peat,
He run her out on Broader shtreed,
He shkheeted like der vind,
Hel! how he bassed de vancy craps,
And lef dem all behind!

De vellers wit de trotting nags
Pooled oop to see him bass,
De Deutschers all erstunished saidt;
"Potztausend! What is das?
Boot vaster shtill der Schnitzerl flewed
On—mit a gashtly smile;
He tidn't touch de dirt, by shings!
Not vonce in half a mile.

Oh, vat is all dis eartly bliss?
Oh, vot ish man's soockess?
Oh, vot ish various kinds of dings?
Und vot ish hobbiness?
Ve find a pank node in de shtreed,
Next dings de pank ish preak;
Ve folls, und knocks our outsides in,
Ven ve a ten-shtrike make.



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S vas it mit der Schnitzerlein
On his philosopede,
His veet both shipped outwardsboost
Ven at his exdra shpeed,
He felled oopon der vheel of coorse;
De vheel like blitzen flew;
Und Schnitzerl he vos schnitz in vaet,
For id shlished him grod in two.

Und as for his philosopede,
Id eot so shkared, men say,
It pounded onwardward till it vent
Ganz teutelward afay,
Boot vhere ish now der Schnitzerl's soul?
Vhere does his shbirii pide?
In Himmei troe, de endless plue,
It takes a medeor ride.

to be lagging. Several owners of bicycles would gladly dispose of their property at fifty per cent. on the dollar.

KEOKUK CONSTITUTION

KEOKUK TUESDAY, MAY 30.

BICYCLE PARADE.

KEOKUK REPRESENTED.

CHICAGO, May 30.—A parade of bicycle clubs took place here this morning. Among the participants were the Boston, New York, New Haven, Chelsea, Louisville, Buffalo, Detroit, Connecticut, Brooklyn, Keystone, Providence, Chicago, Cincinnati, Milwaukee, Ariel, Omaha, Toledo, Coshocton, Nashua, Peoria, Keokuk, Henner, Pioneer, Fond du Lac and Niles clubs,

KEOKUK CONSTITUTION

NOVEMBER 22, 1881.

THE BICYCLE CLUB.

The Special Meeting of the Bicycle Club Last Evening.

Pursuant to invitation from members a large number of young ladies and gentlemen assembled last evening at the bicycle club hall. A well prepared programme was rendered to the satisfaction of all present, the ladies especially seeming to enjoy the sport very much. The boys do some feats not unworthy of experts at the art of riding these mechanical steeds an accomplishment not to be laughed at. The following is the programme as rendered last evening:

Drill and chase by John Hartel, Geo. Lourie, Geo. Delaplain, Jesse Eaton, Wells Sawyer and Louis Hartel.

Double act by J. Eaton and G. Lourie—Lourie in the saddle and Eaton on the pedals in front. Double acrobat feat by Jno. Hartel and Geo. Lourie.

Slow race by Sawyer, Eaton, Hartel, Craig, Delaplain and Lourie. Specialties by Geo. Lourie, Jesse Eaton, Geo. Delaplain and Wells Sawyer.

Triple, quadruple, quintuple, and sextuple acts by members of the club. Race of five laps with hands off handle by Sawyer, Delaplain, Eaton and Lourie.

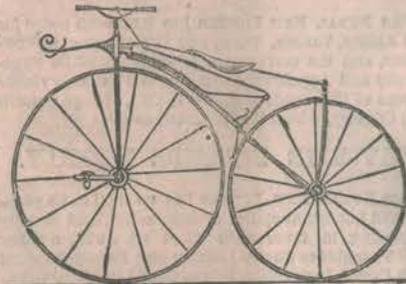
Race of 1/2 mile by Lourie, Hartel, Delaplain and Eaton.

FRANK LESLIE'S ILLUSTRATED NEWSPAPER.

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KEOKUK CONSTITUTION

KEOKUK, MONDAY, OCTOBER 10.

THE TOWN CRIER.

—Interest in the bicycle club appears

"THE GREAT DUST HEAP CALLED HISTORY"
R. J. BICKEL KEOKUK, IOWA



APRIL 20, 1936

Emil Kostomlatsky, champion wheelman, as he appeared in 1890.

4. Bicycling.

Bicycle riding was very popular back in the nineties. Young people saved their money to buy bicycles. Sewing machine and gun companies began to make bicycles to supply the big demand. One of every 70 Americans bought a bicycle in 1899. Storekeepers complained that only bicycle clothes could be sold. Carriage dealers and liverymen saw their former customers go by on bicycles. Riding was a pleasure. And as boys and girls whizzed along over smooth dirt roads or bicycle paths, they sang merrily:

"Daisy, Daisy, give me your answer true.
I'm half crazy, all for the love of you!
It won't be a stylish marriage,
I can't afford a carriage,
But you'll look sweet
Upon the seat
Of a bicycle built for two."

The first real bicycle was brought from England and shown at the World's Fair at Philadelphia in 1876. Two years later, "wheels" began to be made in this country. They were clumsy things. A large wheel about five feet in diameter had cranks and pedals fastened to the axle. The spokes

were wire and the tire was hard rubber. Behind was a small wheel about a foot and a half high attached to the big one by a curved "backbone." The rider perched on a hard saddle astride the big wheel with the handle bars across his lap. It was a tricky thing to ride, but "wheeling" became a fashionable sport during the seventies.

In 1880 the League of American Wheelmen was formed to arouse general interest in bicycling, to protect the rights of wheelmen, and to encourage touring. By 1886 the League had more than 10,000 members in all parts of the country. A Californian named Thomas Stevens set out from San Francisco in April 1883, to ride around the world. He reached Boston in August. Pedaling across Europe was a great adventure. The trip took nearly four years.

Hundreds of young men in Iowa took up the sport of wheeling. Clubs were organized all over the state. So many joined the League that the Iowa Division was one of the largest in the country. Wheelmen worked for better roads. Deep mud and ruts spoiled most of the fun of bicycle riding.

Many people thought the wheelmen ought to stay off the highways because they frightened horses and caused runaways. Ac-

ording to the law, if a bicycle rider met a team or horse and buggy, he had to stop and go to the side of the road. Finally, however, bicycles were acknowledged to be proper vehicles for use on the highways.

In October, 1889, three Iowa City bicyclists were riding along the Muscatine road when they met a farmer whose horses reared and plunged until they broke the wagon tongue and ran into a barbed wire fence. The farmer demanded payment of damages and finally got two dollars by threatening to whip the boys. A few days later he was sued for assault and had to give the money back or risk being put in prison for two years.

Wheeling became so popular that bicycle paths were made, usually beside the road. The grass was cut close and a layer of cinders or fine gravel was packed down to form a smooth, hard surface. Such a path from four to seven feet wide cost between \$75 and \$150 a mile. They showed how good roads could be built.

Iowa wheelmen were interested in other things than legal rights and good roads. Bicycle races, tours, and excursions into the country were common activities. But the old high-wheel cycles were heavy and hard to handle. Even the best riders had many spills. Bicycling was a sport for only the most energetic and daring young men.

Toward the end of the eighties, the "safety bike" was introduced. This new style had two wheels of the same size about two feet in diameter. Fitted with ball bearings, they spun freely on the axles. Rubber tires filled with air made riding much more comfortable. The frame of hollow steel tubing was light. For women the top bar was dropped so they could ride in their full skirts. Pedals were attached to a sprocket wheel geared to the rear wheel with a chain. The new, low bicycles were much easier and safer to ride.

Bicycling became a fad. It was no longer a sport for men, but a pleasure for everybody. Women found it healthful exercise. Many of them joined the League of American Wheelmen. The president of the university thought that bicycling had become a permanent national habit.

The new recreation caused a change in the style of women's clothes. Bloomer costumes were generally worn in the large cities, but short skirts were probably more popular among other riders. Some argued that every woman ought to appear as graceful and modest as possible. If short skirts or bloomers were adopted, a lady would not seem sufficiently dressed without long black gaiters to cover her stockings. Nevertheless, the bicycle gave women the liberty to wear simple, comfortable clothes—something dress reformers had not been able to accomplish.

Iowa had more bicycle riders than any state west of the Mississippi river. In 1895 there were nearly 1,000 members of the League of American Wheelmen. Two years later the number had increased to more than 1,400. Clubs were formed in small towns as well as in large cities. Meetings were held at Oskaloosa, Sigourney,

Des Moines, Jefferson, Centerville, Ottumwa, Cedar Rapids, and other places. Bicycle riding attracted large crowds. Probably 8,000 people saw the races at Jefferson on the Fourth of July in 1895.

The two-day meet at Jefferson began with a mile novice race, open only to those who had "never won a prize in a track race." It was won by Joseph Barrels of Sioux City, in two minutes and 36 seconds. One of the most exciting events was the quarter mile ride for the state championship. Storm of Grinnell led all the way to finish against a stiff wind in 33 2-5 seconds.

Between races Mr. Nicolet did some fancy riding. Especially thrilling were his tricks with the front wheel in the air. He "gave a marvelous performance which was, alone, worth the price of

admission." Even the experts were astonished.

Probably the most remarkable race of the meet was the ten-mile ride. It was won by Emil Kostomlatsky who was a veteran racer. Even in the days of the old high-wheelers he had won many medals. When he finished the long race in 25 minutes and 55 seconds the crowd cheered loudly for "Kostomlatsky of Oskaloosa." No wonder. He had broken the state record by nearly a minute, lowered the two, three, and five mile records, and set records for all the other distances up to ten miles. Later that season he reduced his ten-mile record 20 seconds, and made a new world's record of 11 minutes and 50 seconds for five miles.

When Cedar Rapids secured the privilege of entertaining the thirteenth annual state meet in 1896, the city counted it an im-

portant event. Between 10,000 and 20,000 visitors were expected. Bicycle races attracted five times as many spectators as all other races and the state meet was regarded as "one of the most important sporting gatherings of the year."

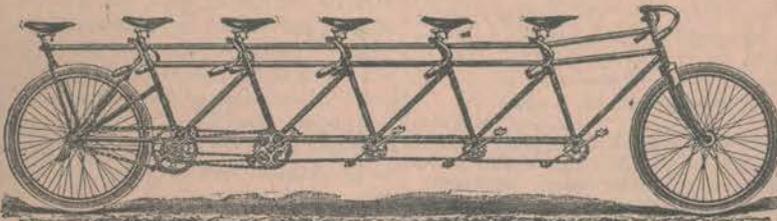
Some people did not like the bicycle "craze." A doctor thought so much riding would produce "round-shouldered, hunch-backed men and women." But the young folks did not believe him. A bicycle trip to a nearby town for an oyster stew or chicken dinner was their favorite kind of entertainment. The exercise filled their lungs with fresh air and gave them enormous appetites. Few, if any, recreations were as wholesome and pleasant as bicycling, for it furnished both physical culture and social enjoyment.

THE GATE CITY: APRIL 21, 1896.

FOWLER SEXTETTE,

The largest wheel in the world, will be exhibited in Keokuk **FREE** for one day only, **MONDAY, APRIL 20th.**

The machine is 156 inches long, weighs 137½ pounds, with 30-inch wheels and 2½-inch tires. It is well worth your while to see this celebrated wheel. Remember for one day only. It will cost you nothing.



This sextette will attempt to equal the fastest time made by the fastest train in the world, the Empire State Express, the trial taking place about May 15, over a level stretch of country west of Albany, on a cement track built especially for the purpose by experienced people, and under the personal supervision of this company. The start being a flying one, the track will be four miles long, it requiring one mile for the big machine to get under way, one-half mile for the race and about two miles to bring it to a stop. At every revolution of the pedals the wheels cover a distance of 42 feet.

CHAS. H. WOLFE, 708 Main.
AGENT FOR FOWLER BICYCLES.
THE MOST HIGHLY FINISHED WHEEL IN THE WORLD.

SEATS FOR SIX.

The Fowler Bicycle Sextet Comes to Town and Attracts Much Attention.

More of a curiosity than a thing of utility is the bicycle sextet. The first one of the kind (Fowler) ever built and of course the first one ever seen in Keokuk, came to town Sunday and was on exhibition at the store of that enterprising dealer, C. H. Wolfe, yesterday. It was in charge of Fred Laughed the Canadian champion, and Frank H. Dunlop, the globe trotter. The sextet is a bicycle with seats for six—a sort of tandem triplicated. The machine weighs 137½ pounds, is geared to 153, and cost about \$3,000. The pedals make 121 revolutions to the mile and it is estimated that a mile can be made on a straight away level race course in about 33 seconds. The sextet is impracticable for road use, its length, the weight of six riders, its high gearing and speed attained, fitting it only for a clear, level track. However, the gentlemen in charge of the wheel and M. J. Hurley, Mr. Wolfe's gentlemanly assistant, rode the sextet up and down Main street several times last night. Mr. Laughed says that he has found few riders who were able to steer the sextet with ease and certainty.

All day and far into the night Mr. Wolfe's store was crowded by those interested in wheeling and curious to see this latest development of the bicycle fad.

to suppose that the thing acquired pretty man who performed this little feat doesn't good speed by the time it had reached the aspire to notoriety, so we will not give his name. Suffice it to say that the thing was did. steered it off in the direction of the Packet Depot and finally got it stopped. The young

THE GATE CITY.

KEOKUK, IOWA 1869

THURSDAY MORNING, FEB. 4.

KEOKUK has a "velocipedist," who has accomplished so much in the successful management of that vehicle as to make a public exhibition of his skill. That person is a young man named Mr. Thomas, who is employed at the jewelry establishment of Geo. D. Mann. He mounted Ed. Brownell's velocipede yesterday morning, and made the circuit of the business portion of Keokuk, greatly to the delight of interested and won-

dering spectators.

At the present writing he is the champion, but as the interest in velocipedes runs high in Keokuk, we presume there will be some lively competition for that distinguished honor. Of all those who have been seized with this mania, none are more enthusiastic than our friend M. W., who avows his determination to master the art, to which end he devoted a greater portion of the day yesterday.

THE GATE CITY

KEOKUK, IOWA 1869

FRIDAY MORNING, MAY 21.

DARING VELOCIPEDIANISM.—Some of the young men of our city have become very proficient in the art of velocipedianism. As a natural consequence considerable rivalry has sprung up among them as to who is justly entitled to the championship. As the belt has never been competed for, there is no particular "bicyclist" who has any right to claim that he is the champion, so far as proficiency in the art is concerned. There is one young man, however, who for courageous daring is deserving of rather more credit than any of the others. He accomplished a feat on Wednesday evening that, to our knowledge, has not previously or since been performed, nor even attempted. He mounted his bicycle at the summit of Second street hill and conducted it successfully down that one, and from thence down Main street hill

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KEOKUK CONSTITUTION.

KEOKUK, FRIDAY, JULY 11, 1879

ROWING NOTES.

KEOKUK BEGINNING TO PUT ON THE VERY LIVELIEST AIRS.

The Jolly Boys of the Boat Clubs Arriving and the Press Still Booming with Regatta Enthusiasm.

Keokuk is beginning to put on the liveliest airs, and our streets are showing evidence of quite an influx of strangers. Let them come, "the more the merrier," and Keokuk is big enough and hospitable enough to give them all the heartiest welcome.

The preparations for the accommodation of all those who may attend the regatta are progressing finely, and there are no apprehensions whatever that any will be turned away unaccommodated.

Regatta headquarters in the Ayres building, under the supervision of Capt. Graffen, have assumed a very business like appearance, with now and then an occasional pleasant relaxation from the cares of business by the appearance of a bevy of smiling young ladies, who are nobly using their energies in the laudable work of making the regatta one grand success.

The South Side boys are putting themselves into severe training. They spend nearly all their time at their boat house, engaging in athletic sports, such as wrestling, boxing, lifting and swimming. These boys seem determined to win.

Davenport Democrat: Charles A. Henry and Ben Finger, delegates of the Davenport boat club to the annual meeting of the Mississippi Valley Rowing Association, which assembles Monday evening, leave for Keokuk Sunday with the steamer Clinton. The excursion packet, Rob Roy, leaves for the regatta Monday, as already announced in the Democrat. The prize penants for the winners in the regatta on the Fourth of July, were given the victors this morning. They are of bunting, are in regular navy style, were made by Ehlers and are beautiful. The Lucy, owned by Ross and George Woodmansee, takes the one for the first class; the Champion, sailed by E. H. Schmidt flies the one for the second class, and the Pastime, C. H. Klenze, captain, carries the one for the third class at her mast head. By the way, all the owners of sail boats are requested to meet at the office of J. L. Herbert next Monday evening to make arrangements for a regatta to come off a week from Saturday.

Davenport Gazette: Davenport will be well represented at the Keokuk regatta next week. In addition to the crew entered for one of the races, quite a crowd of young men of the city interested in boating will be in attendance. All expect to leave on Monday next by the Northern Line steamer Rob Roy. The senior four crew of the boat club tried their new shell yesterday evening for the first time, and were greatly pleased with the handsome manner in which she worked. The oar locks had not arrived, but those on the gig were substituted for the missing

ones and gave good satisfaction. All agree in believing that the new boat is as near perfection as such crafts can be made.

Speaking of the arrival of the members of the Minnesota boat club in that city the Burlington Hawkeye says: The boat crews who are to take part in the Keokuk regatta are on their way to the canal in order to become familiar with the course. Yesterday morning W. S. Getty, W. H. Underwood, Wm. Rhodes and G. C. Becker, of the Minnesota boat club of St. Paul, arrived in this city with four single shells and one double shell. All these men are entered in the junior single scull race. The Burlington Boating Association met the club and entertained them while in the metropolis. Our boys have provided a room opposite the Hawkeye office for the purpose of entertaining the visiting crews, and will provide lunches and assist in moving the boats.

Burlington Hawkeye: "The Keokuk ladies, with the unbounded hospitality which has always been a characteristic of the fair ones of that city, are making great preparations for the entertainment of the strangers who will visit them during the regatta season. The Keokuk regatta will occupy the minds of the people on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of next week."

Mt. Pleasant Journal: Fifty-eight crafts are entered for the regatta race at Keokuk, the 15th, 16th and 17th insts. The C., B. & Q. will run special trains from Burlington with reduced fare. This, we believe, will be the first regatta race had upon the Mississippi, which will, in time, become the favorite boating place, and be the scene of the finest rowing in the country. It will be well worth the while of Mt. Pleasant people to be present at this christening of the classical period of the Father of Waters.

The regular tub races to-morrow afternoon will be of increased interest. A large number of the visiting clubs will be present, and an exhibition will likely be given as to the manner in which they handle the oar. A large crowd will no doubt throng the bluffs and the vicinity of the boat house of the Keokuk club.

Three editions of a mammoth sheet, with regatta news twelve hours ahead of the most successful competitors, is the way the CONSTITUTION will dish up the events of three regatta days next week. The CONSTITUTION, always in the lead, will continue to be in the vanguard during the regatta.

Elsewhere will be found an invitation to the members of the press attending the regatta, to make the CONSTITUTION office their headquarters. It has been the rule of the CONSTITUTION to treat newspaper men and other visitors with the kindest courtesies. Come to see us and we will endeavor to make you feel at home.

A telephone dispatch from Dr. Jo. Hughes at the boat house reports everything going along smoothly at a late hour this afternoon, and the boys practicing with a will.

Volney Elston of the Modoc club, Saint Louis, will arrive to-morrow morning by the Keokuk Line.

KEOKUK CONSTITUTION.

KEOKUK, SATURDAY, JULY 12, 1879

ROWING NOTES.

THE CLUBS OF THE ASSOCIATION CONTINUING TO ARRIVE.

The Best of Spirits Among Those to Take Part in the Contests.

The clubs to take part in the rowing contests and many of their friends are daily arriving. This morning the barge crew of the Farraguts came in on the C., B. & Q., to be rapidly followed by other crews of the various clubs entered for contests.

This evening the tub races will be the scene of quite a reunion among the members of our own clubs and those from a distance, who have arrived.

Regatta headquarters in the Ayres building is quite a feature in our city, and continues to present a very lively appearance. The telephone connecting it with the boat house affords splendid facilities for dispatching business between the two points and proves the source of many lively conversations between parties at the Ayres building and others stationed at the boat house down on the canal.

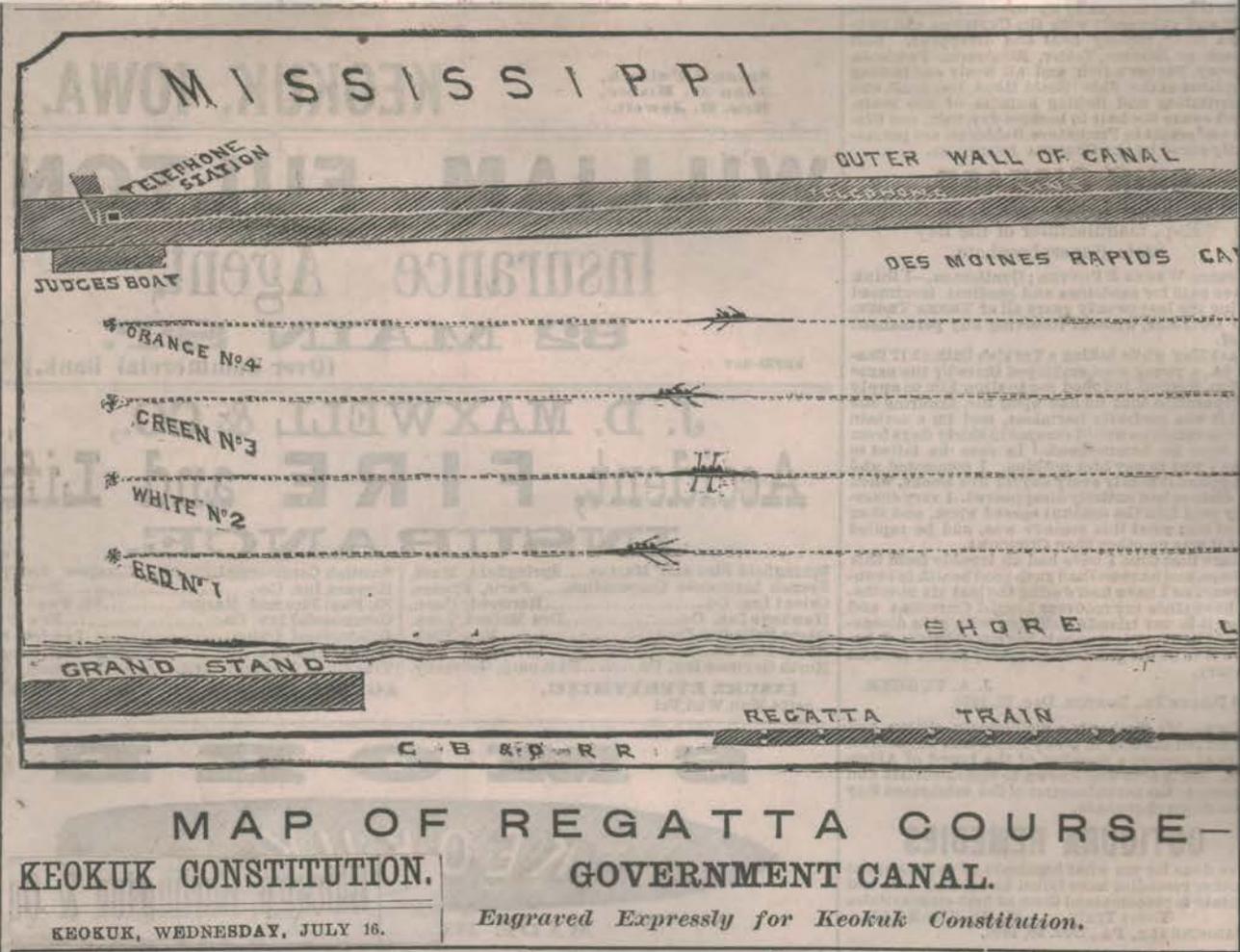
Milton Herald: The regatta at Keokuk promises to be "huge." A number of Miltonites are going.

Fairfield Ledger: Keokuk is making extraordinary preparations for the annual regatta of the M. V. R. A. at that place, July 15th, 16th and 17th. The attractions are greater than were ever before offered in the way of aquatic sports in this section of the country, and Keokuk's 30,000 visitors will be handsomely entertained and amply repaid for their trip. Hackett is having good success with his excursion to Keokuk next Wednesday. As he has chartered but one car he is limited to 60 tickets, and over half of that number has already been sold, so if any one wants to join the party they must see him immediately. The car will be attached to the morning express, and leave Keokuk about 6 p. m. The excursionists will be allowed the use of the car during the day, and several intend taking their own dinners with them. The regatta will be among the grandest ever witnessed in this country. Fifty-eight boat clubs have already entered, including the Shoe-wae-cae-mettes and Wah-wah-sums of Michigan. Mr. Hackett is anxious to fill up his party by Saturday night of this week, and will undoubtedly do so.

La Harpe (Ill.) La Harper: Our people will attend the regatta next week at Keokuk en mass. It promises to be the greatest gathering of noted boat clubs in the United States, and the splendid race course, with the view to be had of it, will make it a big affair. Our railroad will carry passengers at one fare for the round trip. Train despatcher Walker has notified Mr. Griswold, that he will hold the early freight that leaves until 7 o'clock, on the mornings of the 15th, 16th and 17th, for passengers who wish to attend the regatta. This will give all an opportunity to go, and go comfortably in the cool of the day. This gives all day in Keokuk, leaving here at 7 a. m. and returning here at 9 p. m. Attend the regatta and see the finest exhibition of this kind ever seen on western waters.

Chicago Times of yesterday: The Farragut Boat Club met in regular session at the club house, foot of 25th street last evening. Myron L. Smith was re-elected to associate membership, and John L. Peck, Henry Botsford, Alexander L. Thorne, Chas. W. Taylor, James Bolton, Charles R. Dowd, George L. Taber and A. S. Cook were added to the associate list. Votes of thanks were tendered to the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy, Illin-

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KEOKUK CONSTITUTION.

KEOKUK, FRIDAY, JULY 18, 1879

FAREWELL.

THE CLOSING SCENES OF THE GREAT WESTERN REGATTA.

The Brilliant Reception--The Presentation of Prizes and the Departure of Our Visitors.

It is all over, the regatta has closed, the races ended and the clubs mostly all gone home. That it was a most pronounced success none will deny, and the regatta of 1879 at Keokuk will go down in history as one of the most successful meetings ever held in the west. The attendance, as had been anticipated, was very large, and each day's races brought increased numbers to our city. Keokuk did herself proud and our visitors will all go home bearing the most pleasant and the kindest recollections of our people, who are ever hospitable and anxious to entertain. A large number of people were here the three days, and we can't but help see that we have been the gainers in a financial point by having had the regatta here. Peoria carried off the honors of the regatta, and well she may be proud of it, for her crews are among the finest that ever dipped oars

in the western waters. The victorious Sylvans of Moline, who for the past four years have carried everything they called for, never having suffered a defeat previous to this regatta, go home with their colors dimmed. They take but one badge, the second prize in the tub race. This has been the strangest wonder of the regatta, as the stalwart Sylvans were the only dreaded foes from the outset. Their phenomenal defeats are accounted for, by some, from over-confidence, by others from over practice. Be this as it may, the Sylvans were badly worsted in this regatta, but if we mistake not they will come out of the next with flying colors and retrieve in a measure the defeats of 1879.

The Farraguts of Chicago, carry the second honors of the regatta, taking seven badges. The boys have for years lost everything for which they entered, but persistency, pluck and training have at last perched victory upon their banners.

The Minnesota Boat Club, of St. Paul, which has been famous for its crackscullers, sent down some of its best men and succeeded in carrying off three of the best badges. Butler and Hyndman of this club have both made very enviable reputations and the former added the greatest victory of them all yesterday by beating Chas. A. Barnard of the Molines, who up to this regatta had pulled in 16 successful contests out of 20 entered.

The Burlington Club, while it failed to carry off any of the honors, can well feel proud of its record here. It developed much more power and strength than had been looked for, and narrowly escaped taking several of the prizes. The boys from Burlington are good oarsmen and we predict that they will show

up well at the next regatta and give some of the crack clubs a lively tussle for honors.

The Modocs, of St. Louis were quite unfortunate. They have a splendid crew, but they are at fault in one or two instances, and failed to win. They have nothing but the swift Mississippi to practice in at their place, and this being quiet water, they were laboring under great disadvantages.

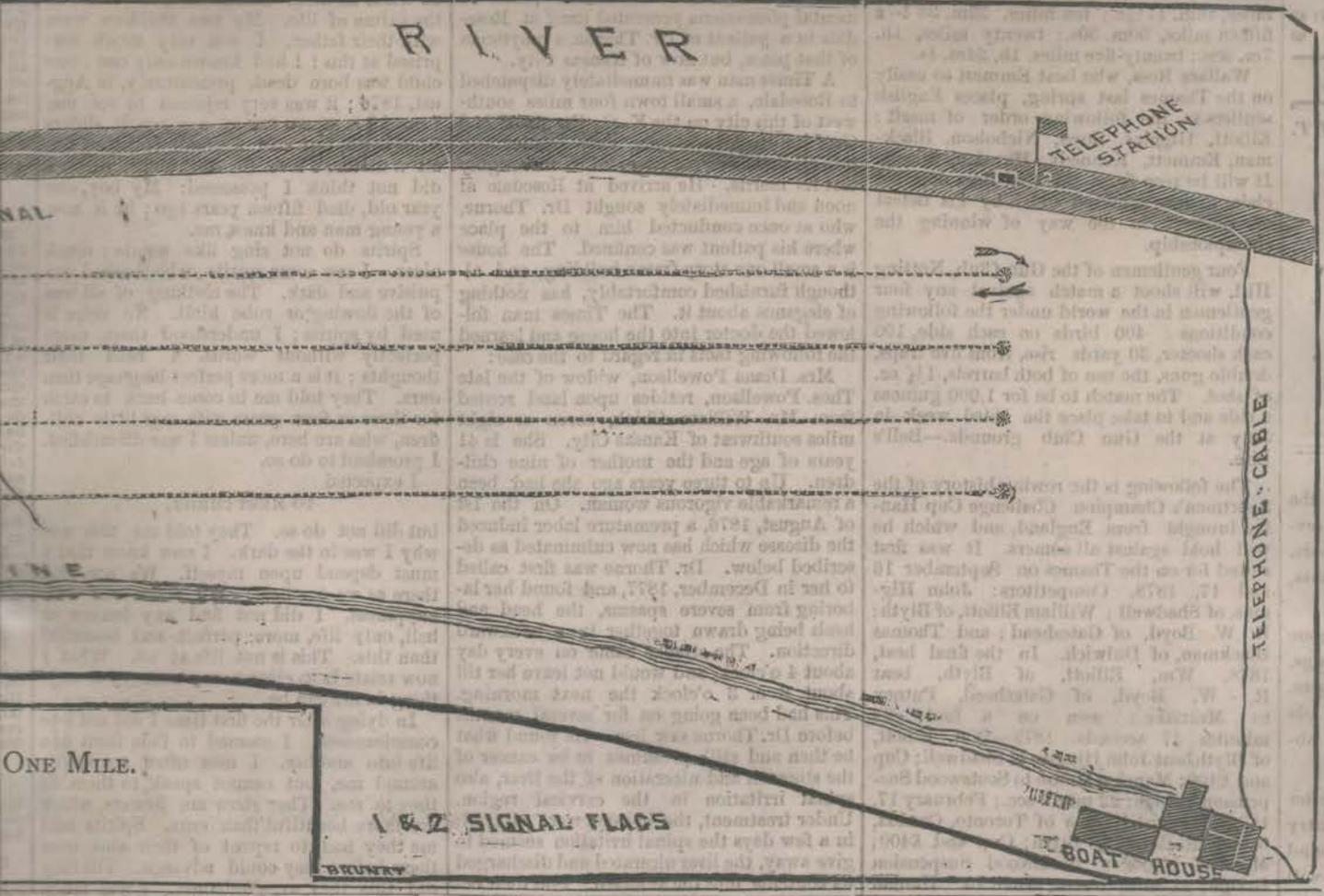
The St. Louis Rowing Club crew pulled against the famous Sho-wae-cac-mettes, and certainly deserve the highest credit for their pluck in putting in their best strokes over the entire course, notwithstanding their knowledge of certain defeat.

The Southside boys are another plucky set of fellows, and for their short experience did remarkably well. They will doubtless make a very strong crew in the course of time.

The Keokuk Rowing Club made its record in winning the barge race. This is a phenomenal victory from the fact that they have been in the Association but a year, and have practiced comparatively but a short time. Mr. S. M. Graffen, the captain of the crew, had much to do with the success of the boys. He trained them well, and there is most everything in training. The boys have made a good start, and we wish them a continuance of their success.

The regatta, as we have stated before, was a pronounced success, and will give such an impetus to rowing in this western country as was never known before. The Association is already an assured success, and will strengthen and multiply in numbers until the west can throw out the gauntlet and defy the east to beat them in aquatic sports.

THE RECEPTION.



The reception, ball and banquet given last night at the Opera House by the Keokuk Rowing Club to the visiting crews and their friends, was a most fitting termination of the regatta, being one of the most brilliant affairs of the kind ever given in Keokuk. The Opera House was profusely decorated, a description of which was given in the CONSTITUTION yesterday afternoon, while the sweet perfume of flowers wafted out and pervaded the spacious ball room, giving out most pleasant and exhilarating influences. The youth and beauty of Keokuk was largely represented, and nothing was left undone to afford an evening of unalloyed pleasure to the guests of the club. All the clubs in the association had representatives, many of them accompanied by their ladies. Quite a large number of the Peorians, Burlingtonians and young people from other neighboring cities were present. While not strictly a full dress affair, many attractive and handsome toilets were to be seen, and other features were noticeable such as are seen on such occasions.

At half past ten o'clock the presentation of prizes to the winners in the various contests of the regatta was made. W. F. Shelley, president of the Keokuk Rowing Club, came forward, and after referring in terms of praise to the good results springing from the M. V. A. R. A. and in words of credit to its president, J. C. Osgood, for his untiring energies to make the association a success, he introduced the latter who conducted the presentation exercises. Mr. Osgood made a few remarks, briefly referring in terms of praise to the city of Keokuk, her rowing club and their efforts to make the regatta a success and the manner in which the visitors were entertained.

The prizes were placed on a table in full

view of all, and were admired for the splendid workmanship displayed in their make. As each winner's name was called he stepped forward amidst applause and was presented with his token of victory in every instance, fairly and honorably won. The badges were pinned on by the ladies, among these delegated to this duty being Miss Drury, of St. Louis, Miss Hattie Hale, of Independence, Mo., Misses Jesse and Helen Garrett, of Burlington, Miss Day and Miss Moore, of Peoria, Misses Henry and Aggie and Lutie Cook, of Burlington, Miss Nannie Lane, of Rockford, Ill., Miss Mamie Wyman, Miss Clara Moorar, Miss Lizzie Ivins, Miss Lizzie Kiser, Miss Jennie Pond, Miss Lucy Gillmore, Miss Ella Hughes, Miss Mary Love, Miss Lida Howell, Mrs. W. F. Shelley and Mrs. A. Bridgman, Jr., of this city.

When the badges were presented the world renowned and famous Sho-wae-cae-mettes for their victory in the free-for-all four oared shell race, the widest enthusiasm prevailed.

At the conclusion, Mr. E. D. Price, vice president of the club, made a short speech in which he attested the warmest appreciation of the kind hospitality with which they had been received in Keokuk. The Sho-wae-cae-mettes like your city and your people, and shall take away the pleasantest recollections of Keokuk. Your association is young, but in the front ranks, and will be in time one of the best in the country. You already have a plenty of the right kind of material in your association; for pluck and muscle will, in the long run, win. He paid a special tribute to the Saint Louis Rowing Club for the plucky spirit shown yesterday in a hopeless race with the

Sho-wae-cae-mettes. Mr. Irwin proposed three cheers for the Sho-wae-cae-mettes, which were given with a zest.

The members of the Keokuk Club were made the heroes of the hour, and when they came forward to take their badges won in the barge race the greatest enthusiasm prevailed.

At the conclusion, Mr. Osgood, in behalf of the association, stated that they had enjoyed themselves thoroughly, and hoped that the visiting clubs had contributed something to the enjoyment of the citizens of Keokuk and the surrounding country.

Mr. Shelley then announced supper ready in the banquet room below, where it had been spread by the ladies of St. John's Episcopal church.

While the guests repaired in detachments to the banquet room, Spencer's 7th regiment band of Peoria struck up a lively waltz and the dance began. It was continued until a late hour this morning when the guests took their departure, pronouncing the affair a decided success and one of the most elegant ever attended by them.

And thus was the grandest regatta ever given in the West brought to a successful and pleasing termination.

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ois Central and Chicago & Northwestern railroads for courtesies extended to the members of the club who took part in the regatta of the Dixon Boat club on the 4th. The remainder of the Farraguts who will take part in the regatta at Keokuk, leave for that point this evening with their boats. They will be joined by a large delegation of members on Monday. The club will be represented there by about fifty of its members. About two-thirds of the prize badges for the Keokuk regatta will be on exhibition in the windows of Trask, Rowe & Co., No. 105 State street, to-day.

Fort Madison Plaindealer: The Keokuk regatta is looming up grandly, clubs from all parts of the country will be represented, and the regatta, at Keokuk, this year, will be the boss of the northwest. Let everybody go and see it. There could not be a better place to have it. Thanks to the general government for the canal, and think of what a point to view it from, those beautiful overhanging bluffs. The regatta at Keokuk is going to be the biggest thing in the northwest—don't you forget it!

Ottumwa Democrat: Our neighbor towns and almost the entire country are manifesting a lively interest in the great rowing match that is coming off at Keokuk the 15th, 16th and 17th of this month.

Toledo, O., Commercial: As the fifteenth of July draws near the prospects of a successful regatta at Keokuk are freely canvassed, and every one conversant with sporting events predicts something great in boating annals. A large party will go from here, many from the Undines signifying their intention and several citizens also. The Commercial will be represented there by Mr. Fred H. Whipple, who will endeavor to furnish those at home with the fullest and most complete reports of the races.

The elegant solid gold badges to be awarded to the winning crews in the coming regatta are finished and are now on exhibition in the window of Ayres' jewelry store. There are twenty four of them, all of novel and beautiful design, and are well worth going to see. Those for the single and junior singles are especially artistic and beautiful. On the upper bar of the former are the words "senior single" in raised letters, with oars crossed between the words. On the second bar is the date, and in the circular pendant is the figure of the victor carrying his shell and oars. That for junior singles is similar, except that the date is in raised letters and the pendant is square instead of circular. The pendant in this is attached to the bar by miniature chains. Some of the other designs are quite unique and tasteful, and the workmanship throughout is excellent.

In addition to the beautiful display of gold badges for the regatta in the window of Ayres' jewelry store, there are five beautiful banners—white, blue, green, red and yellow—handsomely lettered, with a blank for the insertion of the name of the winner. They were spread to the breeze this morning and were greatly admired, together with the elegant badges.

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"THE GREAT DUST HEAP" CALLED HISTORY
R. J. BICKEL KEOKUK, IOWA

States has ever produced. The fear with which English oarsmen regarded them last year is proof of the estimate in which they are held abroad.

The first appearance of this crew as claimants for aquatic honors was at the Northwestern regatta, held at Toledo in 1874, where they pulled as winners, in the junior four-oared contest, three miles, carrying a coxwain and defeating seven other crews, steering with "traveler."

In 1876, at the same place, in a regatta held by the same association, they entered and won the "open to all" four, three miles and turn, in the splendid time of eighteen minutes and twenty-five seconds, defeating the Cincinnati rowing club's four, and the Wah-wah-sums, of Saginaw, Mich. The next day, in the senior four, they defeated the same crews in eighteen minutes and thirty-one seconds. The following month, on Saratoga Lake, they were defeated by the Northwesterns a-picked crew—which crew included such oarsmen as Curtis, Corning, Smith and Kiloran, the champion pair oars; time eighteen minutes, four and one quarter seconds, the fastest on record, pulling second, and leading the Atlantics, the Beaverwicks, (who subsequently defeated the London Eng, at the Centennial regatta) the Buffalo's, and two other eastern crews.

In 1877 at Detroit in the national regatta, in a race one and one-half miles straight away, they were defeated by the Emeralds, a crew which included Smith and Kiloran, the champion pair above mentioned. The following day at the same place in the Northwestern regatta they defeated the same crew in a three miles race, thus turning the tables on their powerful opponents.

In 1878 at Watkins, N. Y., in the "National test Regatta," they defeated in a trial heat the Watkins crew and the Floral City crew. In the final heat, one mile and five-sixteenths, next morning, they defeated the Atlantics, of New York, in the unprecedented time of seven minutes and one-half second, thus setting a mark for amateur fours to hammer at for some time at least. This victory constituted them the representatives of America at the international regatta at Henley, England, where on July fourth they won the first trial heat for the Steward's challenge cup, defeating Dublin, Ireland and Columbia College, N. Y.

The next day they were defeated by the London rowing club, Jos. Nadeau collapsing at the mile post. This the crew assert strongly, was owing to climatic influences, and not to any indiscretion on their part, as they kept themselves in strict training up to the very moment of the race.

During the present year they have rowed at Toledo on July 4th, where they were defeated in a three-mile race by the

Wyandettes. On the 10th of the present month at Saratoga, N. Y., they won the second trial heat for four-oared shells, defeating the Elizabeths, of Portsmouth, Va., Michigans, of Detroit, Olympics, of Albany, and the Lachines, of Canada. Next day they were disqualified for fouling the Elizabeths; the latter being allowed to row again under the rule permitting both, first and second, in trial heats to pull in final heat. The following are the personal statistics of the crew :

	Age.	Height.	Weight
Row—Moses Nadeau.....	26	5.07%	138
No. 2—W. H. Durell.....	26	5.0%	140
No. 3—Geo. C. Bowsby.....	26	5.07%	138
Stroke—S. Dusseon.....	27	5.11	160
Average	26½	5.02%	144

This is the Henley crew, with the exception of Bowsby, who replaces Jos. Nadeau the former number three.

The M. V. A. R. A. have been especially fortunate in securing the attendance of these brilliant oarsmen and their fame will undoubtedly attract many spectators that would not otherwise attend. They are entered for the "open to all" four oared race, which will be pulled on Wednesday. This is the first time this crew have been west of Toledo, and the chance to see them row may not be offered to our people soon again. This famous crew arrived yesterday via the Wabash, and are quartered at Mrs. Hubbard's on Concert street, between Second and Third.

SYLVAN CLUB OF MOLINE.

This club was organized in 1874, and now has thirty-four active members and eight honorary members. Their boat house is within one block of the post office in Moline, and located on Sylvan water, a fine course made by the Moline improvements of the Mississippi. It is one mile and a half long and eight hundred feet wide, perfectly slack water.

Their boat house is a two story frame building, seventy feet long and twenty feet wide, containing storage for twenty boats, club room, dressing rooms, and twenty-four full length lockers for the use of members. The club owns three four-oared shells, paper; four single shells, paper; one double scull; two four oared barges, and a light wherry used as a working boat. They did not appear in any regatta prior to 1876 as a club, but individual members contested at several meetings between 1874 and that time.

In 1876 at Peoria they entered and won the junior four-oared shell race, the senior single scull and the swimming race. At Burlington, same year, they won the junior four.

In 1878, at Peoria, they won the senior and junior four oared shell races, the junior single, the tub and swimming races, thus taking first prize in every event in which they entered. The Sylvans may well be proud of their record last year, and their friends look to them

to sustain the reputation then established.

In the present year at Silver Lake, Mich., they have won both the double and single seniors, and at Dixon, Ill. have won the senior four oared race, and the senior single.

Mr. Barnard, the senior single of this club, appears in three races here, he having a record second to no amateur, having pulled in twenty races, and now carries sixteen medals as evidence of his prowess as an oarsman.

The Sylvans have assisted with their presence in sustaining the M. V. A. R. A., and deserve credit for the same. The club is entirely out of debt, and are sound financially, for which they are indebted to the citizens of Moline, who have assisted them liberally on all occasions.

The record of this club is particularly brilliant, and their presence alone here would be a guarantee of fine sport. A large delegation of Moline people will be down to the regatta, and will watch their favorites, expecting them to leave Keokuk with their laurels in no wise dimmed.

THE MODOCS, OF ST. LOUIS.

This club was organized in 1872 was admitted to the M. V. A. R. A. in 1877. It is made up of 60 active members and 60 honorary, passive members. They own a boat house, No. 307 South Levee, St. Louis, brick front and frame in the rear, 25x110 feet, two stories in height, containing storage for 30 boats, club room, dressing rooms, bath rooms, with shower, etc.

The club now own two eight-oared barges—one paper and cedar; two six-oared barges—pine; three four-oared gigs—cedar; three four-oared shells—one paper and two cedar; one double scull—paper; one single scull—paper; two four-oared working boats; one single working boat, and several pleasure boats, the property of individual members.

The Modocs have participated in but one regular regatta, that at Peoria last year, to which the club sent a junior four-oared shell crew, merely to represent them, having no hopes of winning, as they were not in training, but the boys promise to let their friends hear from them this year, and we will venture to say—judging from their appearance in practice on the Keokuk course—that the crews that beat them will have to pull every foot of the race, from start to finish. They have appeared in several home contests, and ave held the four-oared championship of the Mississippi river against all comers, for two years.

The social standing of the club is undisputable, their balls and entertainments being regarded as events of the season, by the fashion of St. Louis.

Mr. Jas. A. St. John, the president of

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Royal Regatta

each crew or club entered will be held at the regatta office in Ayres' building this morning at 9 o'clock to report the names of the actual crew or crews appointed to contest in the races. The positions in the several races will also be drawn for.

W. L. Bassett, of the Lurlines of Minneapolis, arrived yesterday, and will pull to-day in the junior singles. Mr. R. R. Rand, of the club, accompanies him. They are talking up the Lake Minnetonka regatta, which comes off next week.

The barge crew of the Keokuk club have been showing up finely during the past week, and if we mistake not will push the visiting crews—who participate in this race—hard for first place. The friends of the boys are building their hopes high, and we would not like to see them disappointed.

"Essemg's" letter in the *Hawkeye* of a recent date, relating to the Hawk and Robin, don't appear to set well with the Burlington Barge crew, and they don't think they are going to be plucked as easily as the Keokuks imagine. They all have with them cards, on which is printed, "I am a Robin, bring on your Hawk."

The War Eagle Sunday brought in J. A. St. John, Vice-President of the Association, and twelve members of the club, including their barge crew, which is composed as follows: Ed Parcells, bow; Harry Assman, No. 2; Jacob Stumpf, No. 3; O. A. Green, No. 4; Geo. Brungward, No. 5; E. H. Cole, stroke; Olney Elston, coxswain.

C. W. Smith and A. W. Dingwall, of the Mitchell club, of Milwaukee, delegates to the annual convention, are in the city. This club lost their boat house and all their boats by fire, about six weeks ago, and have not been able to replace either as yet. Had it not been for this unfortunate occurrence they would have been fully represented.

The city authorities have taken in hand the matter of supplying the crowd with ice water and will locate barrels at intervals along the bluff. They ordered 6,000 pounds of ice from the Gate City Ice Company yesterday.

The different crews who will engage in practice work during Regatta week are desired to follow the rule, and keep to the right of the canal while pulling, avoiding at all times the center of course. If this rule is followed closely it will render collisions impossible, and we will be saved the duty of noting any accidents to oarsmen or damage to boats.

The "Jno. N. Irwin," the four-oared gig of the South Side Club, has been propelled fast during the last few days, by the crew, and although the club is a new one, they have been doing nice work, and the green and white may be victorious, who knows? The boys will "hit her

hard," and if they catch the "get there" stroke will get there sure enough.

The press will be well represented. Those who have reported thus far are: Nathan Cole, Jr., and Mr. Spink of the *St. Louis Globe-Democrat*; Mr. Morris, of the *Indianapolis Journal*; Frank Phelps, of the *Burlington Hawkeye*; B. F. Tillinghast, of the *New York Herald*; Davenport *Gazette*, and *Chicago Tribune*; Fred. H. Whipple, of the *Toledo Commercial*, and Mr. Dingwall, of the *Milwaukee Sentinel*.

Mr. O. A. Downs, of the Farragut Boat Club, of Chicago, has been selected to act as umpire during the Regatta. Mr. Downs has officiated in this capacity before, and his rulings have always given perfect satisfaction. Mr. Downs is thoroughly posted regarding all boating matters and the affair is in good hands when left to him. He was the unanimous choice of all parties interested.

Mr. Jas. Denslow, of the Burlington club, will be at the regatta, although we will miss him in the senior single. We are sorry that Mr. Denslow will not contest in this race for all Keokuk remembers him, and would like to see him carry off at least one of the medals. Mr. Denslow will be signal officer during the regatta, and will attend to running up the flags at the start and finish.

Tom Gill, of the Madisons, was in bad luck Sunday for a while, but it all came out right fortunately. He started out by losing his pocket book, which was found by one of the Peoria crew, and followed this up by dropping his diamond pin, which also turned up, and he would now be perfectly happy if somebody would find him a pair of oars to replace the ones broken by him, and allow him to pull in the double shell race.

The executive committee of the M. V. A. R. A. met at Regatta headquarters in Ayers' building at 9 o'clock yesterday. A number of protests were entered against crews and individual oarsmen, but as the press were not admitted no information can be given as to particulars; but the presumption is that all things were settled amicably, as all crews and oarsmen entered will row as advertised.

Ayres Bros. have on exhibition an elegant and beautiful prize cup, which will in all probability be offered as a prize in one of the races. The bowl is of silver, handsomely engraved with figures of single scullers, and rests in a hollow formed by the crossing of three golden oars, they resting on a base of silver, from which springs a pond-lily executed in gold. The six badges to be given to the winners in the barge race have also arrived, and are on exhibition.

There is a rumor to the effect that Mr. St. John, the President of the Modocs, will attempt to walk the whole length of

the course, from post to post, on the railroad track, in eight minutes, he having asserted that the track was short. Private wagers to quite an extent are ventured on the event, and much interest is manifested by Mr. St. John's friends in seeing him win. Mr. Osgood says that while he may be interested, he don't pretend to be a walker, but if it comes to running he proposes to take a hand.

Everything is in readiness, and the indications are that the Second Annual Regatta of the M. V. A. R. A. will be one of the grandest aquatic events ever held in the west, if not in the entire country. The outlook is most promising for complete success in every particular. Every detail has been thoroughly attended to, and the accommodation for storage of boats, for visiting crews, for persons who wish to witness the races, are perfect in every way. The grand stand, immediately opposite the start and finish, affords an elegant view of the entire course, and is comfortable and well protected and perfectly safe. Season tickets will be on sale until noon to-day, when they will be withdrawn. In addition to this there are the high bluffs and regatta train, which will accommodate thousands of sight-seers.

Yesterday's "Wabash" train brought in from Toledo the famous "Sho-wae-cae-mette" crew, of Monroe, Mich. They had intended arriving here on Saturday, but stopped over to spend Sunday in Toledo and consequently were delayed in arriving. This crew, which has made for itself a world wide reputation, is composed of the same men, with one exception, as was the crew that contested at the Henley regatta last year. Mose Nadeau is Captain and bow, W. H. Durell No. 2, G. W. Bowsby, Jr. No. 3 and Steve Dusseau stroke, and the way he lays out the work for the balance of the men made some of the 4-oared boys open their eyes yesterday afternoon. This was the first opportunity that many members of the Association have had of witnessing the "git there" stroke which some one has called that of the "Shoes," and as they pulled over the course with their long, sweeping stroke and quick recover it was evident to all that the "free for all" 4-oared shell race would call for some pretty work if they are defeated. With the Shoes came E. D. Price, Vice President of the Club and sporting editor of the *Detroit Post and Tribune*, D. R. Crampton, of the *Monroe Commercial*, Secretary, and Fred H. Whipple, sporting and marine editor of the *Toledo Commercial*. The entire party is quartered at Mrs. Hubbard's, on Concert between Second and Third streets.

The Belle of LaCrosse, Sunday morning, brought down a full delegation from that Club, and they have come with a

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determination to carry home as many medals as they did last season from Peoria, if not more. The party numbers fourteen, and they are nicely quartered at J. C. Curtis', on Second and Concert streets. The boys say that in order to keep from growing stiff during the long trip down, they amused themselves and the passengers by showing the roustabouts how to load sacks in a hurry. They brought with them a single shell, double shell and four-oared shell, and four tubs, and the following gentlemen will contest in the different races: C. A. Barnard, senior single shell; B. F. Tillinghast, junior single shell; Lewis and Barnard, free-for-all double; Lewis and Sleight, junior double; Perego, Lewis, Roseborough and Barnard, senior four-oared shell; W. Cooper, Good, Anthony and G. Cooper, junior, four-oared shell. It will be seen by the above, that this club will contest in nearly all events, and they will try their best to make it as lively for the boys as they did last season. The different members are talking up a proposed regatta at their place, to come off next September. We hope they will be successful in arranging it. If you do we will be with you.

Regatta Train.

The "regatta train" will leave the Keokuk Line depot each day of the regatta at 2:10 p.m. (city time) and will follow each race from start to finish, returning to the city about 7 p. m.

Tickets for "regatta train" are good only over this train.

All persons will be required to show their tickets before entering the cars.

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—Tickets for the regatta steamers for sale at the packet depot and at Ayres Bros.' Music Store.

—The steamers Rob Roy, Minneapolis and Tidal Wave will provide meals and state rooms at hotel prices.

—The finest view of the races will be from the steamers Rob Roy, Minneapolis and Tidal Wave. Boats leave for the races at 1:30 and 2 p. m.

—The steamers Rob Roy, Minneapolis and Tidal Wave will move up and down the river, just outside the race course, each of the three days of the regatta, and afford those on board the finest view of the races.

—Tickets good for the three days of the regatta on either of the steamers Rob Roy, Minneapolis or Tidal Wave, one-dollar, tickets good for one day on either boat, 50 cents.

MEN OF MUSCLE

Pitted Against One Another in the Regatta Races.

Trials of Speed on the Opening Day of the Contest.

Some Interesting Exhibitions of Rowing Witnessed.

And Others that Were Weak, Wild and Unsatisfactory.

Muchmore, Beasley and Rhodes Win Trial Heats.

The Four-Oared Shell Race an Easy Victory for the Farraguts.

Peoria and Burlington Win Trial Heats in Junior Four.

The Shoe-Wae-cae-mettes Will Take Part in To-day's Races.

The Programme—The Saengerfest this Evening—Miscellaneous Items of Interest.

INAUGURAL DAY.

THE SPORT BEGINS.
The inaugural day of the second annual regatta of the Mississippi Valley Rowing Association dawned bright and clear and the morning but gave promise of what the afternoon proved to be. The surface of the course was without a ripple, and everything seemed to combine to make this a

MEMORABLE MEETING

Of the Association. Large delegations of the friends of the different crews are present, and many more are to come. Peoria people are prominent in the grand stand, on the boats and on the moving stand, many ladies being noticeable for their elegant summer toilets and the colors of the Peoria club worn conspicuously. Burlington is here in force, and promises a large delegation to-morrow. The fact of their crew having won a trial heat for Junior four-oared shells will but add to the attendance from that city. Our visitors from Toledo are seen scattered around at all the principal points wearing the colors of the famous Sho-wae-ca-mettes, while the friends of all the clubs are proud to wear the badges of their favorites wherever they may be.

When the grand stand began to fill up at about 1:30 p. m., nothing but

EXPRESSIONS OF SATISFACTION could be heard on all sides, and when the

boys began to take their positions for first heat of the Junior Single Sculls it was evident who the favorites were. Cheers greeted the winners when they pulled across the finish, and when the Peorias crossed the line as winners of the first trial heat for junior fours the Peoria delegation was in a perfect turmoil of excitement.

The only fault that any one can find with the regatta so far is the fact of crews retiring when the race is but half pulled. We know that it is terrible work for the boys to pull under the broiling sun, but they are all in training, and hundreds of people have paid to see them row, and walkovers are not very interesting. We know that the crews are not bound by any rule to pull the whole course, but merely as a

MATTER OF COURTESY
to their friends and other onlookers they should show up at the finish. Whether a race looks hopeless at the first or not, there is no telling what may happen in the last mile, and many a poor second has pulled out between the buoys a good first.

The winners of the trial heats yesterday will pull the final heats to-day, and some good work may be looked for, and in addition to other attractions the "Sho's" will show our Western four-oared shell crews the wonderful efficiency of the

"GIT THERE STROKE."
There are foemen in the M. V. A. R. A. worthy of their mettle, and that the Sho's are not looking for a soft thing is shown by the hard work they have been doing since coming here. Many unlooked for things have happened before in races, and the fame of the "Four Jolly Sho-makers" should not deter their contestants from showing them that the Mississippi Valley can produce oarsmen that can send a boat through the water at, at least a lively rate.

THE ATTENDANCE
at the Grand Stand, on the boats, the moving stand, scattered along the banks of the course and on the bluffs, is estimated by persons well able to judge, as from six to eight thousand. It must be borne in mind that the spectators are distributed over a natural amphitheatre a mile long and not all at one point as is generally the case at regattas.

THE RACES.

YESTERDAY'S CONTESTS.
At 2:20 the "Plough Boy," which has been chartered as the Umpire's boat and also for the accommodation of the press, left the boat house and steamed up over the course upon which the contests were to take place to a point directly opposite the grand stand and just above the start and finish of all the races. On board, in

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addition to the Umpire, were Mr. L. B. Glover, Secretary; Mr. J. A. St. John, President; Dr. J. C. Hughes, Jr., E. D. Price, *Detroit Post and Tribune*, Fred H. Whipple, *Toledo Commercial*; B. F. Tillinghast, *Davenport Gazette*, and R. S. Ranson, GATE CITY, the other members of the press who are in attendance being either in the stand or upon the train.

Considerable time was lost after the boat arrived at the starting point in arranging preliminaries that should properly have been attended to earlier in the day, and while lying out in the center of the course those on the boat had a splendid opportunity of observing

THE LOVELY SCENE

spread out before them. Looking down the course towards the boat house, here and there could be seen the Single Scullers of the different heats of the afternoon, pulling leisurely up towards the judges' stand, the water being all that could have been desired, scarcely a ripple being observable on the surface. Looking directly opposite was the Grand Stand, decorated with flags of all sizes and descriptions, presenting a gala appearance. Just below this the train was to be seen, which was to accompany each race up and down the course, which was well laden with sight-seers, and all along the banks of the canal people were scattered in groups, discussing the merits of the different men as they passed, and talking of boating matters in general. Vehicles of every description lined the roads, and the vendors of pop, lemonade, sandwiches, etc., were out in force, while scattered along the route were side showmen who were loudly descanting upon the relative merits of their different exhibitions. Up on

THE BLUFFS

All the way from a point above the stand, on the hill, to the residence of S. P. Pond large numbers of people were scattered along vainly endeavoring to distinguish at such a long distance who the different oarsmen were. Just below Gilmore's quite an extensive amphitheater has been erected, but the distance is so great from it to the course that it is almost impossible to distinguish the different colors, and we would advise those who were up on the Bluffs yesterday to come down in the neighborhood of the grand stand, from which point an admirable view of all the proceedings can be had.

At just 3 o'clock everything was in readiness, and Umpire Downs gave the word "Go" to the starters in the first race of the regatta which was the first heat of the

JUNIOR SINGLES

with the following entries: T. H. Gill, Madison Boat Club; W. H. Underwood, Minnesotas; W. L. Getty, Minnesotas, and Geo. T. Muchmore, Farraguts. When the word was given, Muchmore was the first to take the water and was off in advance of others, obtaining a good lead at the outset, with Underwood close upon him. Gill was slow in starting and fell to the rear, but soon commenced to push ahead of Getty, who he passed, Muchmore continuing to draw away from Underwood. Just before reaching the buoys, Underwood broke his slide, and ceased to row. Getty was

rowing all over the course at this point, and was passed by Gill. Muchmore rounded the stake slightly in advance of Gill, and passed the umpire's boat four lengths ahead, which advantage he increased to six lengths, before the finish was reached, which was crossed in 15:15 1/2. Gill, 15:30 3/4.

In the Junior Singles

SECOND HEAT

A. W. Beasley, of Peorias, G. L. Becker, of Minnesotas, T. R. Eddy, of Farraguts, and C. A. Billings, of Riverdales, started, and at the command Billings was backing water, but quickly recovered and sent his boat to the front, Beasley losing considerable time in taking the water, not getting away until last, Becker being a good second, Eddy at no time after start being in the race. Beasley soon passed Becker and Eddy, and shortly after the half mile was reached passed Billings, who drew out of the race at the buoys, as did Eddy. Beasley rounded the buoy about four lengths in advance of Becker, and when the umpire's boat was passed had increased this lead to six lengths, and from this on the Peoria man had an easy thing of it, winning in 14:34 1/2; Becker second in 15:48 1/2.

The contestants in the

THIRD HEAT,

Junior Singles, were B. F. Tillinghast of Sylvans of Moline, W. L. Bassett of Lurlines of Minneapolis, and Wm. Rhodes, Jr., of Minnesota. This heat was an easy one from start to finish for the St. Paul man, he getting away quickly at the word and obtained a lead which none of the others could wrest from him. Tillinghast was late in starting, and it was thought that he would have made it warm for the balance of the starters in this heat, but his friends were doomed to disappointment, and the representatives from Moline stood by and saw their first chance for a prize slip away from them. Rhodes was not headed during the race and won easily. Tillinghast second with Bassett far in the rear. Time, Rhodes, 15:29; Tillinghast, 16:17 1/2. The final heat in this race is to be rowed this afternoon at 2:30 sharp, with Muchmore of the Farraguts, Beasley of the Peorias, and Rhodes of the Minnesotas as starters. This will be an interesting race, and everybody should be on hand early to witness it.

SECOND RACE.

In the Senior four-oared shells, the Modocs, of St. Louis, J. Stumpf, bow, Green No. 2, Brunguard No. 3, E. H. Cole stroke; Sylvans, of Moline: Barnard bow, Roseborough No. 2, Lewis No. 3, Perego stroke; Dixons: Howell bow, McMartin No. 2, Hazen No. 3, Hutchinson stroke; Farraguts, of Chicago: Downs bow, J. E. Muchmore No. 2, G. T. Muchmore No. 3, Young stroke, were the starters. In this race it was almost universally expected that the Sylvans would carry off the honors, although many were inclined to the opinion that the Modocs would show some good work, and possibly push to the front. Not many were prepared to witness such a poor display as was made by them, they not figuring in the race after the first hundred yards was pulled. The Farraguts, who proved the winners, were not generally looked upon as standing much of a chance, and caused those who had backed the Sylvans and Modocs to drop their bundles to a considerable extent.

The Farraguts were the first to get away at the word, and starting out with

a good stroke, managed to take the lead, closely followed by the Sylvans, who were struggling hard for first place, Dixon stopping before having gone twenty yards, the Modocs from the start

STEERING WILDLY

and appearing to try all in their power to strike everything along the Iowa shore before going one hundred yards they ran into a flock of geese that were paddling around close to shore which caused them to stop rowing, and when they resumed their stroke they barely missed a barge which was in near the bank and entirely out of their course. This kind of work was kept up by them until they drew out of the race, and it was a miserable display of rowing and one which they should be ashamed of. The crew consists of material that would make an excellent one if properly worked and not depending entirely on one man to do the entire labor.

THE FARRAGUTS

drew steadily away from the Sylvans and turned the stake in 6:30, pulling 42 strokes, the Sylvans following them six seconds later, pulling 40 strokes. At this point Roseborough of the Sylvan, who could usually be depended upon for a spurt, refused to answer when called upon, having "doubled up," and from this on the Farraguts took things easy, although the Sylvans before reaching the finish increased their stroke to 42 while the Farraguts dropped to 38. It was of no avail, however; and Chicago carried off the Senior four-oared medal, in 13:11 1/2; Sylvans, 13:35 1/2.

THE MEDAL

for Senior fours is an elegant one in design, consisting of a heavy gold bar with wreath in center, from which rises a figure 4, the word Senior appearing on each side of wreath.

Hanging pendant from the bar is a circular band, in center of which appears the figure of a sculler, and around him a wreath. Crossing the band and wreath is a golden four-oared shell, which is held in place by the sculler. On the band is engraved M. V. A. R. A., Keokuk, 1879.

THIRD RACE.

Junior fours. First heat—Farraguts, C. S. Downs, bow, J. E. Muchmore 2, G. T. Muchmore 3, Young, stroke. Davenport, Weston bow, Hirschl 2, Rouse 3, Fleming stroke. Peorias, Walker bow, Hook 2, Cockle 3, Brown stroke. Modocs Stumpf bow, Green 2, Brunguard 3, Cole stroke. This heat was a soft thing for the Peorias, the Modocs drawing out after ten strokes had been pulled, and the Farraguts shortly after and when the buoys were reached Davenport followed suit and Peoria came leisurely back, finishing in 13:54.

SECOND HEAT.

Dixons, Howell, bow; McMartin, 2; Hazen, 3; Hutchinson, stroke. Sylvans, Anthony, bow; Good, 2; Brown, 3; Cooper, stroke. Burlington, Fowler, bow; Schenck, 2; Osgood, 3; Ohrt, stroke. The Sylvans were away first, pushed by Burlington, Dixon last and losing at every stroke. Before the half was reached Burlington had lapped the Sylvans and soon led them, the Sylvans showing up badly and pulling a fearfully irregular stroke and splashing badly, the Burlingtons going away from them fast. The Dixons stopped at the half, but resumed rowing, but could do nothing, as the steering was of almost the same description as that indulged in by the Modocs. Just before reaching the turn it was evident

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that the heat was Burlingtons, as the Sylvans appeared to be pulling as if they were entirely pumped out. Burlington turned in 6:34 and finished in 13:23, the Dixons and Sylvans drawing out at the turn. In the final heat this afternoon, Peoria and Burlington will all be on hand to witness the contest. Keokuk should also be out in full force.

CONTESTING CREWS.

THE FARRAGUTS, OF CHICAGO.

This fine club was organized in 1872, and now has forty-eight members, ten honorary and forty associate, these associate members having the privileges of the boat house during one year, but to retain their standing must be elected each year.

The club owns an excellent two-story boat house, constructed of stone and brick, situated at the foot of Twenty-fifth street. It was constructed last year, at a cost of four thousand dollars. There is no debt attached to it. A small amount of bonds are outstanding, but are owned by members of the club. The house has storage for from thirty to forty boats, in the lower story, the upper story being divided in a large club room, ladies parlor, dressing and bath rooms, secretary's office, etc. The whole is furnished in brussels carpets, fine furniture, paintings, engravings, &c., making an attractive home for the boys when engaged in boating.

The club has also at Riverdale, seventeen miles from Chicago, a nice frame boat house, which is used as headquarters during training, the water at the principal house being seldom smooth long enough to permit thorough work.

Owing to the distance to the training course and the roughness of the water at Chicago, the club devotes a large portion of its time to pleasure rowing, social entertainments, etc. But if we may judge from the brawny muscles and darkly tanned skins of their working members here, some good work may be anticipated from them.

No club in the association has a higher social standing than the Farraguts, its membership comprising, as it does, gentlemen of the leading families of the Garden City.

The club owns thirty-five boats, ranging from an eight-oared pleasure barge down to a number of paper singles.

During the first two years of their existence, the club had only one four-oared working boat, and did not contest at any regatta, but say they had plenty of fun among themselves.

Their first appearance in regular regatta was at Grand Haven, August 12th, 1874, in the Grand Haven and Silver Lake association regatta, where they won the four oared shell race. The same year at Geneva Lake, Wis., won the four oared barge race. In 1875, at Geneva Lake, they won the junior double shell race. In the Northwestern regatta at Toledo they took second to the Sho-wae-cae-mettes' first in a field of seven starters—this in four oared shell. In 1876 they won the four oared gig race at Peoria, and took second prize in four oared junior shell same place. Same year at Burlington, Iowa, they won the four oared gig race. Same year at To-

ledo in Northwestern regatta, the junior double, and were second in junior four. In 1877 they only contested in one regatta, that at Grand Haven, having only one entry, the junior double, in which they took first prize. In 1878 they had no crew in training, but took part in the regatta of the South Chicago rowing association, in which they took first prize for six oared barge.

During the present year they have only been to Dixon, Ill., where they won the handicap six oared gig race, and also the junior single scull. In addition to the above they have won several tub and swimming races.

Lovers of aquatic sports in the west are much indebted to this club—the wealthiest in the Association—for the helping hand they have always extended to clubs throughout the west, and the fact of their coming to Keokuk on very short notice, to attend the impromptu regatta last year is merely another evidence of the manner in which the Farraguts have always acted when a young and struggling club was to be assisted or boating interests in any way advanced.

THE PEORIA BOAT CLUB.

This club was organized in 1876, and now has seventy active and two honorary members. It is possessed of a fine boat house, situate on Peoria Lake, a fine natural course, formed by the widening of the Illinois River, immediately in front of the city, making a course three miles long and one mile wide. The house is a frame structure, with storage for twenty boats, club room, dressing room, forty lockers, six bath rooms, with shower and all modern improvements.

The club now own one six-oared barge—paper, one cedar barge, one paper four-oared shell, one cedar four-oared shell and four-oared paper gig, one double shell—paper, one single scull—paper, one single scull—cedar, one four-oared, lap-streak, working boat and one single gig.

The club has taken part in only one regular regatta, that the first annual regatta of the M. V. A. R. A., at Peoria last year, in which they took the first prize for six-oared barge, and also the first prize for four-oared gigs.

The same year at the impromptu regatta at Keokuk, they took the first prizes for six-oared barge and four-oared gig.

The club is composed of the wealthiest citizens of Peoria and its social standing is manifested by the elegant parties of ladies and gentlemen that accompany them whenever they leave Peoria to participate in contest or regatta. Many Keokukians will remember the large delegation that was here with them on July 4th, last year. The party given by this club every year, is regarded by the people of Peoria as the social event of the season.

They own a temporary boat house, built of wood, one story high, sixteen by sixty, but in dimensions has ample storage for boats. They own one four-oared paper shell, one four-oared paper gig, two paper single shells, one working boat and one double-skull paper gig. In addition to these, the club is in possession of several fine pleasure boats, owned by individual members.

The club has taken part in the regatta at Peoria July 4th, 1876, and at Burlington July 5th the same year, in four-oared shell and Junior Single.

They modestly say that they are young but are willing to learn, and judging

from the physique of the crews they have sent here, they will make a creditable showing for the honor of the club and their city.

In common with all the other clubs the Peorias are enthusiastic in praise of their quarters.

PROGRAMME.

TO-DAY'S RACES.

After the winding up of yesterday's unfinished races the first thing on to-day's programme will be the four-oared gig race, for which there are the following entries:

PEORIA CLUB.

Table with columns: Name, Age, Weight, Height. Includes A W Besaley, B Allison, N E D Huggins, W P Townsend, Coxswain John W Day, Substitutes W H Beasley, B Smith. Colors, blue and white.

BURLINGTON CLUB.

Table with columns: Name, Age, Weight, Height. Includes E L Parsons, W W Dodge, J A Gregg, E S Phelps, Ed Harbach, Coxswain C M Levey, Theo Blachof. Colors, cardinal and white.

KEOKUK CLUB.

Table with columns: Name, Age, Weight, Height. Includes T Marshall, G Dunlap, M Rice, M Huffman, Coxswain S M Graften, Substitutes F S Popin, R C Parrott, C E Ehtinger. Colors, maroon and blue.

SOUTH SIDE CLUB, KEOKUK.

Table with columns: Name, Age, Weight, Height. Includes N Welch, John McCaffrey, Thomas Malloy, George Walters, Coxswain John Finnelly. Colors, pale green, red and white.

The next will be the free to all race for double sculls, with the following entries:

MINNESOTA CLUB, OF ST. PAUL.

Table with columns: Name, Age, Weight, Height. Includes H M Butler, W H Hyndman. Colors—Blue and white.

MADISON, WIS., CLUB.

Table with columns: Name, Age, Weight, Height. Includes W W Gill, T H Gill, Substitutes—J Reuter. Colors—Black and yellow.

SILVAN CLUB, MOLINE.

Table with columns: Name, Age, Weight, Height. Includes W N Lewis, E H Slight, Substitutes—Chas A Barnard and J R Fleming. Colors—Dark blue.

WAE-WAE-SUMS.

Table with columns: Name, Age, Weight, Height. Includes P McElgun, B Topping, Substitutes—A Emerson. Colors—Red, white and blue.

Then will come the great race of the regatta, the free-for-all four oared shell, in which the famous Sho-wae-cae-mettes will take part. The entries for this race are as follows:

SHO-WAE-CAE-METTES.

Table with columns: Name, Age, Height, Weight. Includes Bow—Moss Nedeau, No. 2—W H Durell, No. 3—Geo W. Bowsly, Stroke—S Duesseau, Substitutes, D. R. Crampton, E. D. Price. Colors, red, white and blue.

SILVANS OF MOLINE.

Table with columns: Name, Age, Weight, Height. Includes Ben B Peregoy, W H Lewis, Jas Rosborough, W V Cooper, Substitutes, Chas A Barnard, J M Waters.

PEORIA BOAT CLUB.

Table with columns: Name, Age, Weight, Height. Includes Geo I Brown, Chas S. Cockle, W W Hook, Herbert Walker, Substitutes. Colors, blue and white.

Handwritten notes on the right margin: 'July 16, 1876 - Pg #3 (Men of Muscle)', 'REGATTA', 'THE ONLY DUST HEAR CALLED HISTORY KEOKUK, IOWA', 'W. MICHEL'.

WAH-WAH-SUMS.

Name	Age	Weight	Height
Henry Smith	32	168	6
P McElgin	34	160	5.10
A Emerson	24	165	6.1
F Haven	30	170	5.11

Substitutes, B Topping, James Jerome. Colors, red, white and blue.

The Wah-wah-sums are entered in two of the above races, but have not arrived and will probably not be here. The Showae-cae-mettes are on the ground, however, and will positively participate in the free-for-all.

The Sængerfest, under the auspices of the Concordia Mænnerchor, takes place at Kraft's Garden this evening and will be a grand affair. They will be assisted by Spencer's Seventh Regiment Band, of Peoria, and the Mænnerchor societies of Burlington, Peoria, Ft Madison, Ottumwa, Warsaw and Quincy. The grounds will be illuminated and accommodations will be provided for 2,000 people. The following is the programme:

- PART FIRST.
- Overture—"Bandit's Frolic".....Suppe
Spencer's 7th Regiment Band.
 - Chorus from Rienzi.....Wagner
Concordia Mænnerchor.
 - Potpourri—"A Day at the Regatta".....Class
Spencer's 7th Regiment Band.
 - Chorus—"Song of the Beer" (Bierlied).....Kuntze
Concordia Mænnerchor.
 - Forest Echoes, with Imitations, (sports-
men shooting, flight of birds, cuckoo
call, &c.).....Riedel
Spencer's 7th Regiment Band.
 - Chorus—"Freedom of Song" (Leidesfrei-
heit).....Marshner
Concordia Mænnerchor.
- PART SECOND.
- Overture—"Semiramide".....Rossini
Spencer's Seventh Regiment Band.
 - Chorus—"The Song of May" (Mallied) Marshner
Concordia Mænnerchor.
 - Potpourri—"Twenty Minutes with Old
Friends".....Ringleben
Spencer's 7th Regiment Band.
 - Chorus—"Evening Song" (Abendlied).....Kreutzer
Concordia Mænnerchor.
 - Selections—"H. M. S. Pinafore".....Reeves
Spencer's 7th Regiment Band.

REGATTA RIPPLES.

All trains brought in good delegations from the neighboring cities yesterday.

Quincy is fully represented this week in Keokuk and these here promise more to follow.

Don't forget that the famous Showae-cae-mettes start to-day in the free for all four oared shell race.

Burlington promises to turn out in full force to-day and we may expect large crowds from the Metropolis.

An excellent picture of Ned Hanlon, the champion oarsman of the world, is displayed in Lowry's window.

Everything passed off smoothly and pleasantly yesterday, not a foul or protest occurring to mar the day's sport.

The police arrangement for regatta week are excellent and the force now on duty is one of the most efficient we have ever had.

The delegation from the Undine Club, of Toledo, have donned the colors of the "Shoes" and pin their faith on them in every way.

A large delegation from Peoria, consisting of members of the Peoria Club and their friends, came in on the T., P. & W. yesterday.

Considerable delay was occasioned after the first heat yesterday by the passing through the Canal of the Steamer "Golden Gate."

The final heats in the Junior Single and Junior four oared races are to be rowed to-day, and look out for warm work in both events.

Western Union Telegraph Company has established an office at the grand stand for the general business accommodation of visitors. This is a great convenience.

To see the members of the press buzzing around after item in the grand stand yesterday, made that cool and shady spot look like a ward polls during election.

Major H. W. Hall, of the *Hawkeye*, is attending the regatta. He was one of the delegates from the Burlington Boating Association to the annual meeting of the M. V. A. R. A.

None need stay away from the regatta this week, fearing that the accommodations are not sufficient, as they are fully ample in every way and all who come will be well entertained.

Muchmore was considerably overcome by the heat yesterday immediately after his pull in the Junior Singles, but was sufficiently recovered to start in the Junior 4-oared race and assist his crew in winning.

A. H. Dooley, of the Quincy *Modern Argo*, W. O. Crosby, of the Centerville *Citizen*, and Will Glazebly, of the Burlington *Gazette*, were among the members of the press who arrived yesterday.

Spencer's Seventh Regiment band, of Peoria, arrived on the T., P. & W. yesterday morning and will furnish the music during the races and at the reception at the Opera House, Thursday night. They also play at Kraft's Garden Concert to-night.

As Underwood, of the Minnesota who pulled in the Junior Singles, was pulling up after having broken his slide, he asked the Umpire if he could not be allowed to start in the third heat, as there were only three starters in that and he wished to try in again. He should post up on boating rules.

A delegation from the Rock Island Athletic Club arrived on the steamer Clinton yesterday morning, bringing with them a double scull, which they have entered in the Junior Double, and which will be pulled by E. W. Heath and C. W. O'Neill. With the crew came Fred Plummer, L. G. Andrews and A. C. Smitn.

The visiting crews are much pleased with the accommodations provided for storing their boats. There is ample room in the temporary boat house for storing all their crafts in good shape. This part of the work was under the personal supervision of Dr. J. C. Hughes, Jr., who anticipated the wants of our visitors to a dot.

Muchmore, of the Farragut crew, was much more ahead in the first heat of the Junior Singles yesterday, than he had dared to wish for. If he does as well to-day in the final, it will be much more than some of the Peoria boys think he can do, and they have backed their man to a considerable extent. There is not much more of this article, as we do not think the readers could stand much more.

On the press car during the races were Messrs. W. M. Spink and Nathan Cole, of the *Globe-Democrat*; A. H. Spink, of the *Missouri Republican*; G. B. Thomp-

son, of the *Indianapolis Journal*; Frank M. Morris, of the *Indianapolis Herald*; A. W. Dingewall, of the *Milwaukee Sentinel*—the latter gentleman being also a prominent member of the Mitchell Rowing Club—and Harwood, of the *Mo-line Evening Dispatch*.

Messrs. E. G. and H. F. Heck, H. C. Gerber, Bob Durfee and Al. Peters, of the Undine Boat Club, of Toledo, Ohio, arrived on the Wabash at 11:05 yesterday, and are quartered at the Patterson and Hardin houses. These gentlemen, in company with C. G. Cheseboro, of the same place, propose seeing every oar stroke of the M. V. A. R. A., and to compare style, finish, etc., with their own crack crews of the Northwestern Association.

From the Press boat the scene in the grand stand and on the train was a pleasing one, but would have been much more so had things around the stand presented a more animated appearance. We hope to see the grand stand completely filled to-day. Peoria was there in force, and cheered and encouraged their boys on every occasion as they passed by. The Peoria ladies were also present in considerable numbers, and helped to increase the enthusiasm in that delegation.

The friends of the Keokuks and South Side Clubs should not forget that crews from both clubs start to-day in the 4-oared Gig race, and should be on hand in large numbers to encourage the boys in their initial races in a regular regatta. Anticipation runs high as regards the doughty boys of the "South Sides," and their friends will be considerably disappointed if these muscular men do not show up in front to-day. The Keokuke while not having paid as much attention to this race as they have to that of the 6-oared Barge, will work hard to show in front of the "Green and White" at least.

Mr. T. H. Gill, of the Madison Boat Club, leaves for home this morning. Mr. Gill has been particularly unfortunate since coming here, having broken an oar in practice on Sunday morning, he was obliged to row in the first trial heat for junior singles in a shell kindly lent him by Mr. Osgood, of Burlington, the slide of which was some three inches shorter than he has been accustomed to, and the oars being of Barnes' make, an oar he had never handled before. But with all he has the satisfaction of rowing second in the good time (considering the circumstances) of fifteen minutes and thirty and three-fourths seconds. The Madison double will also leave at the same time as they find it impossible to get oars to fit the Davis' lock with which their boat is fitted. We are sorry to see this fine lot of oarsmen leave us, but as they cannot stay with any hopes of winning, and as their business awakes them at home we can see no alternative but to say "good bye, and better luck next time."

Mr. Downs, the Umpire, allowed his enthusiasm to obtain the better of his judgment yesterday, and indulged in conduct that was hardly befitting his position as Umpire of an event so important to aquatic interests in the West as the Regatta of the M. V. A. R. A. On two occasions, when the Farraguts had contestants in the races, he coached them as they passed the Umpire's boat, and indulged in such remarks as "Go it, George," "Give it to her," "You've got 'em," "Keep out and steer straight,"

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etc., and afterwards when the four-oared crew of the Farraguts passed, he encouraged them in the same way when there was no necessity for it, as they had the race well in hand, and it was an easy thing for them to the finish. We do not wish to be understood as intimating that this would have in any way influence on Mr. Downs' decisions had he been called upon to have given any when his club was interested, but simply wish to caution the gentleman against any such proceedings hereafter, as it does not look exactly right, coming from a person who is supposed to be disinterested in all crews contesting.

THE DAILY GATE CITY.
JULY 17, 1879.
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PULLING FOR PRIZES.

Carsmen of the M. V. A. R. A. Measure Their Strength.

The Second Day of the Regatta an Improvement on the First.

A Larger Attendance and Much Better Racing.

Fully Twenty Thousand People Witness The Contests.

The Peorias the Most Successful So Far.

They Already Winning Nine of the Thirty Badges.

Full Details of Yesterday's Trials of Speed.

The Sho-wae-cae-mettes Will Pull in the Free-for-all To-day.

Programme of To-day's Doings—The Affair to Conclude With a Grand Reception and Ball.

SECOND DAY.

AN IMPROVEMENT.

Yesterday, the second day of the regatta of the M. V. A. R. A., will always be a marked one in the annals of amateur boating in the west. The day was all that could be desired, with the exception that the water was a little rough, and owing to the fact that the wind was down stream, the boys were obliged to row against it during the last half of each race, at a time when they were less able to meet any such obstacle than would have been the case had the wind been in any other direction. But withal every thing passed off pleasantly, and

nothing but expressions of satisfaction could be heard on all sides.

THE ATTENDANCE

was simply immense, and the difficulty of calculating the number, owing to the natural advantages offered for viewing the course, has resulted in estimates ranging from eighteen to twenty-five thousand. A fair and impartial judge would, in all probability, put the number at twenty thousand. The bluffs overlooking the canal were black with people, while the owners of the grand stands reaped a rich harvest from spectators wishing shade and a place to rest. Three of the largest of the Keokuk Northern Line Packet Comyany's boats were moored outside of the canal bank, and with the people that crowded every available space on their guards and decks, presented

AN ANIMATED APPEARANCE.

The moving grand stand was taxed to the utmost of its capacity to provide accommodation for the throng that endeavored to get seats on the cars. The lower banks of the river, between the railroad track and the water, were taxed to the utmost to furnish standing room for the people, who proposed to see the races in as economical a manner as possible. The grand stand, at the start and finish, was much better filled than it was the day previous, and, as usual, Peoria was conspicuous by the number of elegant ladies present. The multiplicity of the white caps of the Peoria boys was, if possible, more noticeable than on Tuesday. Peoria seems to have determined to capture everything at this regatta, if a large delegation of ladies and gentlemen, and well trained crews could do it, and the result of yesterday's races, added to the victories of the day before, appears to confirm the most sanguine hopes they could have entertained.

NINE MEDALS.

out of thirty have now been won by the Peoria boat club, and well may her people grow enthusiastic. Burlington people were here in force and for a while, during the four-oared gig race, it looked as though the well known Burlington boat club cheer would ring out as a token of victory achieved in one of the best contested races of the regatta. It would be well for the friends of the Keokuk barge crew to assemble in force at the finish to-day, as the encouragement afforded by friendly cheers is not to be overestimated, a proof of which is seen in the case of Beasley, stroke of the Peoria gig, who pulled a long sweeping stroke, (sustained by the cheers of his friends) clear past the grand stand and only failed when he knew he had rowed a winning race.

Quincy sent a large delegation to wit-

ness the races, and from what was said by many from there we are confident that next year will see Quincy

KNOCKING FOR ADMISSION

to the M. V. A. R. A. with a club of which they will never be ashamed. Quincy is one of the most enterprising cities in the valley, and there is no reason why she should not have as good a club as any in the West. With the material she has and the splendid course offered by her bay, Quincy need be second to none as a claimant for aquatic honors.

The interest manifested yesterday is but evidence of the regard in which the people hold amateur boating, and it is to be hoped that it will spread until no town of any pretensions will be without its club of active oarsmen.

To-day the

SHO-WAE-CAE-METTIES,

the best amateur club that sits in a shell, will contest for the "free for all" four oared shell race, and this announcement needs only to be made to attract thousands of the lovers of aquatic sports. The trial heats in the tree for all four oared shell race were announced for yesterday, but owing to the failure of the Wah-wah-sums to arrive, these were dropped from the programme, and the race will be pulled to-day.

No one connected with the GATE CITY was notified of the change, hence the announcement of the race as coming off yesterday. We can only say that the "Shoes" are here, and are ready to row, and will row to-day. Nothing like these phenomenal oarsmen have been seen west of the great lakes. Their stroke, has put them to the fore in many a hotly contested race, is different from any of the accepted standards, and while one is known as the Cambridge, England, stroke, another as the Yale, etc., the only title that has seemed applicable to this one is the name given to it by themselves: the "Git there Stroke." Let our people, and those of neighboring towns turn out en masse, to see the Sho-wae-cae-mettes in this, probably their only appearance in the Mississippi valley.

TO THE COURSE.

At 1 o'clock the "Plough Boy" started from her landing at the foot of Main street for the scene of the contest, and passing up through the bridge and by the boat house of the South Siders, indications could be seen everywhere of the decided success of the second day's races in regard to the number of people in attendance. All up along the C. B. & Q. track men, women and children were to be seen footing it up towards the starting and finishing points of the races. Going up further and into the lower lock the scene above on the hill leading down from Third street was an animated one.

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THE GREAT DUST HEAP CALLED HISTORY
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In addition to the numerous pedestrians who lined the road on both sides, vehicles of every description were hurrying back and forth as fast as possible. There were carriages, buggies, busses, excursion cars, wagons of all kinds and sizes; and in fact, everything on wheels had been pressed into service to carry the crowds thronging to see the day's sport.

While lying in the lock it was noticeable that

A STRONG WIND

was blowing down the course, and fears were entertained lest it should become so strong as to spoil the races for the day, but upon entering the canal proper the water was observed to be somewhat rough and chopped, but not sufficiently so as to interfere with the pulling, as the waves created were not high enough to interfere with the work. Going up the canal, past the bluffs, just above S. P. Pond's, the crowd there had already become a large one, and the stand at this point was crowded full. All along the bank the crowds were swelling rapidly, to large numbers, and when the starting point was reached the scene in the grand stand and immediate vicinity was a beautiful one, and a sight which was one to be long remembered. All along the sides of the bluffs which rise just above the stand, little groups of people were to be seen enjoying themselves, under the cool shade of the trees which line the bluffs at this point, and making the appearance of picnic parties out in the woods. Just outside the wall of the canal

THE STEAMERS

Rob Roy, Minneapolis, Tidal Wave and Keokuk, were moored their decks, completely covered with people taking this method of witnessing the races, bands playing upon each boat, and all lending to the general success of the regatta. If the third day of the regatta improves as much in comparison as yesterday did with the day before, the friends of the association will have no cause to complain of the locating of the regatta at Keokuk this year.

THE RACES.

YESTERDAY'S CONTESTS.

No time was lost yesterday in starting the races, and all were out in good time, in consequence of which the contests for the day were over in good season and no long waits were experienced in getting the starters off. Owing to the wind which prevailed, blowing directly down the course and ruffling the water, the time in the events was not as good as it would have been had as smooth water been had as on the day previous. The day was a nice one for pulling, barring the wind, as the sun did not pour its rays down upon the water with such brilliant fury as on Tuesday, appearing to scorch

the very shirts upon the backs of the contestants and rendering the work more of a disagreeable duty than of a pleasant pastime.

At 2:35 the winners of the trial heats in the junior singles on Tuesday were started in the

FINAL HEAT

of that race. The contestants were Muchmore, of the Farraguts, Beasley, of Peoria, and Rhodes, of the Minnesotas, and at the word "Go," Rhodes was first to take the water, pulling a stroke of 36, while Muchmore was second with 35 strokes and Beasley going at 34. Before the first quarter was reached Muchmore had gone to the lead, with Beasley close upon him, while Rhodes had dropped far behind. While passing the half Beasley caught a crab and Muchmore improved his lead slightly. Beasley now indulged in some peculiar steering, and it looked as if the race was to be Muchmore's without much further exertion upon his part, but at three-quarters he commenced to gain upon the man from Chicago, but bad steering again prevented him from overtaking him. As the turning stake was being reached Beasley had lapped Muchmore and they turned the buoys in close company, Muchmore rounding in 5:40, Beasley in 6:45 and Rhodes in 7:15. Coming back the race between Muchmore and Beasley was

A PRETTY ONE

to the point where the umpire's boat lay moored, but at this point Beasley warmed up to the work before him, and showed in front and slowly continued to increase the advantage obtained to the finish. Muchmore spurred at a point opposite Anschutz's, but could not decrease the lead obtained by his opponent, and Peoria commenced the day's good work for her men by winning by three lengths in 15:11, Muchmore second in 15:25, and Rhodes third in 15:52.

The medal which is the trophy carried off by the winner in this race is one of the handsomest in the collection. On the bar appear the words "Junior single," crossed by two tridents. From the upper bar hangs a lower one on which the figures 1879 stand out in bold relief, and below this, attached by gold chains, is a diamond shaped background which is crossed by a pair of golden oars, held in position by the figure of a single sculler that appears in the center, and crossing this is a single shell, all surrounded by a wreath of beautiful design. Around the sides of the diamond appear the words "M. V. A. R. A., Keokuk."

THE SECOND RACE

of the day was that between the four oared gig crews with the South Sides of Keokuk, George Walters bow, Thomas Malloy 2d, John McAffrey 3d, N. Welch stroke, M. V. Graley coxswain. Peorias, W. P. Townsend bow, Ned Huggins 2d, B. Allison 3d, A. W. Beasley stroke, J. W. Day coxswain. Burlingtons, E. L. Parsons bow, W. W. Dodge 2d, J. A. Gregg 3d, E. S. Phelps stroke, Ed. Harbaugh, coxswain. Keokuks, M. Huffman bow, S. M. Graffen 2d, H. Rice 3d, Thos. Marshall stroke, F. E. Williams coxswain. This crew merely scored, and went out of the race after pulling a few strokes, leaving the race to the first three named. The Keokuks were the only crew that started in a race yesterday that

did not pull it through from start to finish for all they were worth, and considerable disappointment was felt by the many Keokukians present that the Keokuks did not place a strong crew in their boat yesterday and compete at least with their rivals of the South Sides and allow the friends of both clubs who were present in large numbers to judge of the comparative merits of the material of which the crews of the clubs of our own city are composed.

Burlington was first to catch the water at the word, but the South Sides sent their boat slightly to the front in a few strokes, but the lead thus obtained was a momentary one, as Peoria

HIT HER UP HARD

and went by them before the first quarter was reached, Burlington and Keokuk fighting for second place, and going down to the buoys in close company. Peoria rounded in 6:25, Burlington in 6:27 and South Sides in 6:30, looking from the Umpire's boat as if they were all coming around together. Peoria was the first to start for home, but was closely pressed by the Burlington boys, but at this point the coxswain of the Burlington crew apparently lost his head, and indulged in some very erratic steering, at one time making the boat describe a half circle, and then sending her from one side of their water to the other. There was a possibility of their success up to this stage, but this banished all the hopes of their friends, as they lost at least ten lengths, owing to the bad steering of their coxswain. When the Umpire's boat was passed Peoria was an open length ahead of the South Sides, with Burlington forging their boat to second place at every stroke, and making a desperate attempt to overcome the lead obtained by the Peorians, but they had lost too much, and their case was hopeless, and again Peoria was highly elated by the success of her men, they winning the race in 14:39, pulling a stroke of 40 at the finish, Burlington second, in 14:58, pulling 42, and South Sides third, in 15:25, pulling a stroke of 38.

The medals in this race do not compare in execution with the others offered, but, nevertheless, are quite handsome, and ones that the boys may well be proud of. On the bar above is the word "Gig" in slightly raised letters, and below a diamond, open in the center, where there appears a wreath which is crossed by a pair of oars, all surmounted by a large figure 4, inscribed similarly to the other medals.

THIRD RACE.

The third race of the day was the final heat of the Junior four-oared shell, the trials of which had been pulled the day previous, Burlington and Peoria were again pitted against each other, and for the third time during the day the Peoria delegation had the satisfaction of seeing their men show up in the front at the finish, which was a good day's work for the blue and white. Many had hoped to see the different prizes well divided at this regatta; but Peoria was destined to carry off the honors yesterday, and her oarsman covered themselves all over with glory. When the word was given Peoria went off quickly, and were to the front in a few strokes, pulling 42 to the minute but steering wildly. Burlington lost no time at the start, and was well away with a 40 stroke; but the company was too warm for them, and they could not head Peoria during the race. The

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buoys were turned by Peoria in 5:55 and Burlington in 6:00, Peoria leading at the first mile by seven strokes. The Burlington crew steered nicely, and worked hard, but it availed them not, as after the umpire boat was passed Peoria continued to increase the lead, and it was an easy thing to the finish for them, they going in on a 40 stroke, while Burlington had dropped to 32. Peoria 13:57; Burlington, 14:31.

To each one of the winners in this crew is given a medal—all similar in execution—the following being a description of the same: From a bar, on which is handsomely engraved "Junior 4," and crossed by a pair of oars, hangs a pendant similar in shape to a Maltese cross. On the top point 1879 appears, while on others "M. V. A. R. A., Keokuk." In the center a four-oared shell and crew at work crosses the same, the figures all being well brought out.

THE LAST RACE

of the day was the Double Sculls, "open to all," and the Minnesotas of St. Paul were represented by Hyndman and Butler, while the Sylvans of Moline, who were so successful last season, were represented by Barnard and Lewis. This was a walk away for the St. Paul men, they starting out at a 40 stroke, while the Sylvans were pulling 38. Hyndman and Butler began to pull away from the Moline men at the start, and continued to do so all the way around, turning the stake in 6:10, the Sylvans coming around 20 seconds later. The St. Pauls dropped to a 32 stroke while the Sylvans were hitting it at 34, which was continued to the finish, the St. Pauls crossing fifteen or twenty lengths ahead in 14:53; Sylvans 15:36.

The medal for double sculls is about as handsome as any that were offered, the design being a beautiful one, and the workmanship and execution almost perfect. On the top bar appears the words "Double sculls," while just below, on another bar, "Free for all," crossed by oars similar to the others. From the lower bar is hung, attached to an anchor, a heavy band, in the center of which is a large golden star, crossed by a pair of oars and a double shell. Rising immediately above the boat are the figures of two oarsmen, with right hands clasped and oars in left, all encircled by a wreath of golden leaves.

CLUBS PARTICIPATING.

BURLINGTON BOATING ASSOCIATION.

This club was organized in 1875. A few gentlemen of our sister city having an interest in boating matters got together and organized with only ten members, merely for pleasure rowing. They purchased a second hand four oared shell and entered the Peoria regatta the same year. The present fine club is the outgrowth of this small beginning. They have now an active membership of forty and have gradually changed the character of their boats until now they have a large fleet of racing boats, consisting of one six oared barge—paper—one cedar six oared barge, two four oared shells, one four oared gig, two single sculls, one working boat, and one double scull gig. In addition to these the club is in

possession of several fine pleasure boats owned by individual members. They own a temporary frame boat house one-story high, in dimensions sixteen by sixty feet, with ample storage for boats dressing rooms, lockers and other conveniences. They have accepted plans for a new house as follows: It is to be thirty-two by eighty feet, ground plan, two stories high, storage for forty boats, large club room, reception room thirty by fifty feet, smoking room, ladies parlor, dressing rooms, five bath rooms with shower, and running water throughout the whole house. The second story will have a large balcony running around it, and the architectural design will be ornamental and a credit to the club. The cost will be twenty-five hundred dollars the whole of which is now provided.

The club has taken part in the regatta at Peoria on July 4th, 1876, and that at Burlington same year, entering the four oared shell and junior single at both places. In 1877 they entered the same events at Madison, Wisconsin.

In 1878 at the first annual regatta of the M. V. A. R. A. at Peoria, they entered in the six-oared barge, the four-oared gig, the junior four-oared shell, and the junior single. The same year, at Keokuk, in the impromptu regatta, Mr. James Denslow, of this club, was the only entry, he going in the junior single and winning it, and when we consider that he had no training, to quote Pin-afore, "It is greatly to his credit."

The club has never had a crew in regular training until this year, and as the material of the working members is good, Burlington may show to the front in more than one event.

The membership is composed of gentlemen of the highest social standing, and a file from rowing, the club takes an active interest in social events generally, their balls, receptions, etc., being attended by society people of not only Burlington but of Keokuk and other neighboring cities.

DIXON BOAT CLUB.

The Dixon Boat Club is an outgrowth of the Dixon boating association, which was organized in 1878, this club being incorporated in 1879. They have a membership of sixty-seven, twenty-five of whom are active. They have a boat house twenty-five by seventy feet, built of frame and having storage for fifteen boats, with dressing rooms and other conveniences. They own one ten-oared barge—cedar—two four-oared shells—paper—two single shells—paper—and one single cedar shell. This club having only been admitted to the association this year, have not pulled at any regatta except that held at Dixon, July 4th, 1879, in which the the Farraguts of Chicago, Sylvans of Moline, and Wapsipinacons of Clinton, Iowa, took part. They entered the four-oared shell race against the Sylvans in the handicap race, entering their ten-oared barge against the Farraguts' six-oared gig and the Clinton's six-oared shell. Handicapping each of the other crews twenty-five seconds—won by the Farraguts. They entered their ten-oared barge against the Sylvan's senior four and the Clinton's six, won by the Dixons by one-half length. This club being a young one, have entered only in the junior four-oared shell at Keokuk, but from the appearance of the gentlemen representing

them here, they will be heard from next year in more than one event. In this connection we would say that their crew started on Tuesday last, but owing to the sickness of their bow and the fact that the crew were all rowing out of position, they did not pull through.

Financially the club is sound and in a flourishing condition, and Dixon will probably see the time when it will be proud of them.

The club is composed of the best young men in Dixon and they deserve credit for being represented here, and have only come to show the interest they take in boating and in the M. V. A. R. A. especially. Their uniform is handsome and we hope to see it showing to the front in future regattas of the association.

THE LURLINES, OF MINNEAPOLIS.

were organized in 1877 and admitted to the Association in 1878. They have now thirty-six active and fifteen honorary members. Their boat house is a frame structure, two stories high, thirty by eighty feet in dimensions, with a balcony twenty feet wide and thirty feet deep, facing on Lake Calhoun. The house affords storage for twenty-five boats, is furnished with dressing rooms, lockers, etc. The upper story is so arranged as to be used for balls, parties, and other assemblages.

The club has two four-oared gigs—paper—four single sculls—paper—two four-oared cedar gigs, and two working boats. They have never been represented at any regatta by any of its working members, but have sent Mr. W. L. Bassett to look after their interests here, and he only entered for the junior single scull race. The Lurline Club will hold a regatta, lasting three days, the 23d, 24d and 25th of the present month, on Lake Minnetonka, one of the finest natural courses in the west, at which they offer over eight hundred dollars in badge prizes. Many of the clubs now here will undoubtedly be present, and the people of Minneapolis promise visiting orsmen and spectators a hearty welcome and three days of fine sport.

RIVERDALE ROWING AND ATELETIC CLUB.

This organization, while being one of the smallest in the association, is one of the oldest, being one of the original members that assisted in bringing into existence the M. V. A. R. A., with whom they have been identified ever since its commencement. Riverdale is a small place seventeen miles distant from Chicago on the Calumet River, upon the bank of which the boat house of this club is situated. The Riverdales were organized in the spring of 1878, although they were in existence during the season

of 1877, but not as a regularly organized boating association but merely for pleasure purposes. They number but ten members, and although small in size are well fixed in things pertaining to boating, having a commodious frame boat house 55x20, which is supplied with everything necessary to the comfort and welfare of those connected with the club. Their boats are one four-oared shell, two double shells, seven single shells, which are, however, individual property, and one duck canoe. "Old Pomp" should not be forgotten as he is a great favorite of all. They entered at the Keokuk regatta in the Junior single and Senior double, and were at the Peoria regatta

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of 1878 where Billings came in second to Fleming of the Sylvans, and were defeated in the Senior double by Hyndman and Butler of the Minnisotas. They have not participated to any great extent in the events of the West, confining themselves to the regattas of the association. The club own all the property which they occupy and are entirely free from all indebtedness.

LAST DAY—THE PROGRAMME.

SENIOR SINGLE SCULLS.

Table with columns: Name, Age, Weight, Height. Includes Chas. A. Barnard, Moline; H. M. Butler, St. Paul; W. H. Hyndman, St. Paul; A. W. Bealey, Peoria.

SIX OARED BARGE RACE.

Farragut, Chicago.

Table with columns: Name, Age, Weight, Height. Includes W. W. Young, Geo. T. Muchmore, J. E. Muchmore, C. S. Downs, W. V. Booth, Fred T. Haskell.

Substitutes—C. A. Billings, H. P. Darlington, Henry Smith, Geo. P. Blodgett, Geo. J. Adams, W. R. Collins, Frank M. Staples. Colors—Maroon and blue.

Modocs, St. Louis.

Table with columns: Name, Age, Weight, Height. Includes Ernest Cole, F. Ferris, Wm. Keller, Geo. Brungard, Tansig, C. A. Green.

Substitutes—Stumpf and Salzman. Colors—Blue and Tan.

Peoria Club.

Table with columns: Name, Age, Weight, Height. Includes Geo. H. Brown, C. J. Cockle, W. W. Hook, Herbert Walker, Herbert F. Lay, B. Allison.

Substitutes, Wm. Townsend, N. E. D. Huggins, B. Smith, coxswain, James A. Taylor. Colors, blue and white.

Keokuk Rowing Club.

Table with columns: Name, Age, Weight, Height. Includes Geo. Dunlap, H. Rice, C. E. Ehinger, W. M. Irwin, Tom Marshall, M. Huffman.

Colors, maroon and blue.

Burlington Boat Club.

Table with columns: Name, Age, Weight, Height. Includes J. B. Harrington, E. L. Parsons, W. H. Maurer, W. W. Edge, J. A. Gregg, E. S. Phelps, G. H. Towsey.

Substitutes, C. E. Osgood, J. J. Oart, C. M. Schenck. Colors, white and cardinal.

JUNIOR DOUBLE SCULLS.

Sylvans, Moline.

Table with columns: Name, Age, Weight, Height. Includes W. H. Lewis, E. H. Sleight.

Substitutes—B. F. Flinchast and W. V. Cooper. Colors—Dark blue.

Peoria Club.

Table with columns: Name, Age, Weight, Height. Includes Geo. I. Brown, H. Walker.

Substitutes—W. K. Hook, B. Allison. Colors, blue and white.

Minnesota Club.

Table with columns: Name, Age, Weight, Height. Includes H. M. Butler, W. H. Hyndman.

Substitutes—W. A. Underwood and G. I. Becker. Colors—Blue and white.

Biscradle Club.

Table with columns: Name, Age, Weight, Height. Includes C. A. Billings, Geo. T. Muchmore.

Colors—scarlet.

FREE FOR ALL FOUR-OARED SHELLS.

Sho-Wae-Cae-Mettes.

Table with columns: Name, Age, Height, Weight. Includes Row—Moses Nedeau, No. 2—W. H. Ourell, No. 3—Geo. W. Bowlsby, Stroke—S. Dusseou.

Substitutes, D. R. Crampton, E. D. Price. Colors, red, white and blue.

Sylvans of Moline.

Table with columns: Name, Age, Weight, Height. Includes W. V. Cooper, Jas. Rosborough.

Table with columns: Name, Age, Weight, Height. Includes W. H. Lewis, B. B. Perregoy, C. A. Barnard, J. M. Waters.

Peoria Boat Club.

Table with columns: Name, Age, Weight, Height. Includes H. Walker, W. W. Hook, C. S. Cockle, G. J. Brown.

St. Louis Club.

Table with columns: Name, Age, Weight, Height. Includes Jacob Stumpf, C. A. Green, Geo. Brungard, Theo. Salzman.

Substitute, Ed. Parcells. Colors, blue and tan.

Tub Races.

SPRAY.

Umpire Downs filled the bill exactly yesterday. The happiest men in town are those from Peoria.

Denslow at the Judge's boats has flags up in good time.

Blue and white are the colors of the winners and are freely displayed.

The representatives of the Madisons did not get away until last night.

All the races were well contested yesterday and gave general satisfaction.

The Farraguts are highly pleased with their success in the Senior four-oared race Tuesday.

Artists were out yesterday taking sketches of scenes along various points of the course.

The T., P. & W. offices were decorated yesterday in honor of the victories of the Peoria crews.

The fractions displayed on bulletin boards cannot be distinguished ten feet from the boat.

The telephones worked admirably yesterday, and no trouble was experienced in operating them.

The Peoria boys took the prizes in every race they started yesterday. Good enough for one day.

Everything looks lively down around the boat houses, and the boys can always be found there in full force.

Visiting oarsmen and others can obtain copies of Wednesday, Thursday and Friday's GATE CITY at this office.

Commodore Davidson and Captain Hutchinson estimated the crowd on their three steamers yesterday at over 1200.

Peoria is going to make a desperate attempt to-day to wrest a victory from the famous "Shoes" in the free-for-all. Who can tell?

All the Regatta trains brought in full loads yesterday, and the indications are that the crowd to-day will be far in excess of any so far.

Large numbers of the oarsmen now here will participate in the Lake Minnetonka Regatta, to be given by the Lurline Club, of Minneapolis, next week.

Quite a number of ladies were on the Umpire's boat yesterday, and all manifested great interest in the different events, some of them growing very enthusiastic.

The Peoria crowd made things lively in the grand stand yesterday, and if all delegations were as well represented there as they, it would assure a lively air thereabout's.

The steamers that are moored outside of the canal could add much to the interest of each race by blowing their

whistles and ringing their bells as each winner passes the finish. Try it to-day.

Moline is not so fortunate as at the Peoria regatta last year, where they carried off nearly all the principal prizes. So far this year they have not come in for anything. We wish them better luck to-day.

Many of the contestants at this regatta go from here directly to that to be held on Lake Minnetonka next week. Half rates are to be had from Ottumwa via C. R. R. of Iowa for men, and boats transported free.

It is the desire of the committee that all the visiting clubs and their friends should receive their tickets, and the captains or secretaries would confer a favor upon the home club by furnishing a list of their crews and friends as early as possible.

The boys from the Undines of Toledo, did not bring any boats with them, but come for a good time and are evidently having it. They are a lively crowd, and are making things howl. They wear the colors of the "Shoes," and are prepared to back them strong.

The Globe-Democrat attributes the defeat of the Modocs in the Senior 4-oared shell race Tuesday to a crooked course. The steering done by them was enough to make any course crooked, and had Stumpf done his work well they would have found the course straight enough, and had a good chance of winning the race.

The condition of the South Siders was such that they would have been justified in not having started in the gig race, and they deserve great credit for pulling as plucky a race as they did and pushing the winners so hard and making the most interesting affair of the regatta so far.

The invitations for the Grand Ball and Reception, tendered the visiting clubs by the Keokuk Rowing Club, this evening at the Opera House, are all ready and have been nearly all delivered. Any who may not have received invitations will oblige the committee by calling at Ayers' store and procuring them.

The reception and ball, at which the badges will be presented to the winners, takes place at the Opera House this evening. Tickets are on sale at Ayres Bros. and Hornaday's. This will be one of the grand features of the regatta, and will, no doubt, attract a large gathering of our citizens to witness the presentation and participate in the festivities.

Among the members of the press attending the regatta who called at the GATE CITY office yesterday were W. Wisner Garrison, of the Quincy Modern Argo, Local Editor Barrett, of the Canton Press, Mr. Day, city editor of the Peoria Democrat, W. H. Milligan and Wm. Donald of the Burlington Gazette, Frank Hawood, of the Moline Dispatch, and C. E. Lionberger, of the Edina Sentinel.

So far the regatta has been a complete success in every way. The arrangements upon the course are excellent in every particular, and every detail looking toward the safety of contestants and the preventing of fouls, have been well attended to. The accommodation for boats at both the houses and at the judge's boat are excellent, and nothing has been lacking to insure a good regatta.

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REGATTAS

A WARM RECEPTION

and a hearty shake of the hand for them whenever they may meet one of our citizens. Long may they row to show our scullers what scientific training and hard work can do for crews that determine to do good work.

The weather during the whole of the regatta has been the best that has favored any meeting during the season. The water has been without a ripple sufficient to impede fast rowing, and there has not been a single dispute, foul or accident. Altogether, Keokuk and the Association can congratulate themselves upon this regatta being a most brilliant success and as having given an impetus to boating in the West that cannot be overestimated.

OFF FOR THE RACES.

The train for the grand stand was in waiting, the bands were playing, ribbons fluttering, handkerchiefs waving, strong men and handsome women were assembling in large numbers, and altogether the scene presented at the foot of Johnson street was such an one as Keokuk has never seen before. Down Main and Johnson streets the crowds were pouring, all eagerly wishing to obtain whatever advantage might be offered to procure a good position to witness the races. The boats at their landings were rapidly filling up, and the train had a full load as at 1:30 she pulled out for the scene where was to be contested the best day's races of the regatta. Arriving at the boat house of the Keokuks, the Plough Boy was all in readiness to receive the Umpire and press representatives, who, together with quite a number of ladies and gentlemen, boarded the boat, and we were away for the Judge's boat to prepare everything for the first race of the day. Everything presented a more animated appearance, if possible, than on the day before, and Keokuk was well represented in the stand to witness the first race in which their favorite crew was to take part. Peoria was also there, but there was no cause for enthusiasm amongst them, as they seemed to consider that they had all that they wanted, but the Barge race which they tried hard for.

THE CLOSING CONTESTS.

THE LAST DAY'S RACES.

Promptly at 2:30 the men were brought into position for the senior single sculls, and W. H. Hyndman, of St. Paul; C. M. Barnard, of Moline; H. M. Butler, of St. Paul, and A. W. Beasley, showed at the buoys as starters. At the command they dashed away together, but it was not long before the nose of Barnard's boat showed in front, he pulling thirty-six strokes, Butler, being a close second and fighting hard for first place, putting in thirty-eight, while Hyndman was dropping behind, although

getting his strokes up to forty. Before 300 yards were reached Beasley, who had not fully recovered from the effects of the work done by him the previous day, drew out. At the first half Barnard was still in the lead with Butler in hot pursuit, both striking the water rapidly. Before the buoys were reached Barnard had settled down to a long, sweeping stroke, and here Butler began to diminish the lead obtained by the Moline man, and the buoys were

ROUNDED TOGETHER,

in 7:14. After straightening up for the second mile Butler began to draw away from his man, Hyndman going to the boat house, leaving the race to his companion, and at the mile and a quarter was leading by two lengths, pulling 38 strokes, Barnard 34. Butler put on a spurt at the mile and three-quarter, but soon let down to 32, as it was evident the race was his, which he won by six full lengths in 14:41; Barnard, 15:06.

The prize carried off by the winner in this race is an exceedingly handsome one in every particular, being one of the largest and heaviest in the entire collection. On the top bar appears the words "Senior Singles," these being crossed by a pair of oars around which a small wreath is seen. From two tiny gold chains hangs a bar similar to the one above, on which stands out in prominence, "1879." From the lower band is hung a golden band around which the words "M. V. A. R. A., Keokuk," are nicely engraved. Crossing the center are a large pair of sculls, and above these is to be seen the figure of a sculler in boating costume holding in his hands a single shell, at the bottom of which is a gold star and from top and bottom of band appear the points of a trident.

Now followed

THE EVENT OF THE DAY

that was of interest to the members of the association present and the numerous Keokukians, Burlingtonians and Peorians who were scattered around in plentiful numbers. After considerable waiting the boat was started for the turning point, from which was to be started the six-oared barge race, one mile straight away, the finish being at the same point as the finish in other races. After reaching the boat house more waiting was caused by boats not being in readiness. And here we will remark that this was the only occasion of a delay arising from his cause during the entire regatta. Finally, when the barges started for their positions the following crews were in the boats at the buoys:

BURLINGTONS.

Table listing crew members for Burlingtons: Bow, No 2, No 3, No 4, No 5, Stroke, Coxswain.

PEORIAS.

Table listing crew members for Peorias: Bow, No 2, No 3, No 4, No 5, Stroke, Coxswain.

MODOCS.

Table listing crew members for Modocs: Bow, No 2, No 3, No 4, No 5, Stroke, Coxswain.

FARRAGUTS.

Table listing crew members for Farraguts: Bow, CS Downs

Table listing crew members for Keokuks: No 2, No 3, No 4, No 5, Stroke, Coxswain.

KEOKUKS.

Table listing crew members for Keokuks: Bow, No 2, No 3, No 4, No 5, Stroke, Coxswain.

More time was lost in starting them, and the word was finally given to a

FAIR START,

all getting the water well together, Burlington slightly to the front, and striking the water at a rapid pace, Keokuk pulling in fine form and making the work warm for them, the Farraguts, Peorias and Modocs falling to the rear and leaving the race to the rival crews of Burlington and Keokuk. The race was warm all the way up to the three-quarters, with the nose of Burlington's boat showing slightly in advance of the Keokuk's; however, but when this point was reached, Graffen called on his men for a spurt, and right nobly did they answer him, taking the water in nice style, and pulling in beautiful form, striking a quick stroke and a good recover. They shot slightly ahead at a point where the Minneapolis was landed, and past the Judges' stand, winners, in the most hotly contested and most interesting race of the regatta, in the good time of 6:18, Burlington 6:19, Farraguts 6:35, Modocs 6:40, Peoria 6:41. The scene at the finish of this race was one of the

WILDEST DESCRIPTION.

Men cheered themselves hoarse, boys went tearing up and down the bank of the canal as if they were wild; the ladies clapped their hands and waved their handkerchiefs, and as the Keokuks went down past the grand stand to acknowledge the compliment the cheers which arose from the assembled crowds on the trains, on the bank way up on the brow of the bluffs, down in the stand, on the press boat, along the bank outside of the canal and on the steamboats, were such as will ring in the ears of Keokukians for some time. At no time during the regatta was such an enthusiasm created, and richly did the boys deserve the ovation they received from the hands of their friends for the excellent work done by them in the race. We dared to hope that the boys would make a good showing at least, but when their boat showed in front at the finish yesterday it set Keokuk wild.

The medals in the Barge race are much plainer in execution than any of the others, but are very neat in design and will show up well on the breasts of the winners. The word "Barge" appears on the bar above and below on the band is the usual inscription; cross the band are 6 oars, and above these a diamond of gold, upon which a raised 6 is placed around the figure, a wreath holding the oars in position. In addition to these individual medals the challenge cup described in yesterday's GAZETTE and an elegant silk banner appropriately inscribed.

THE THIRD RACE

Of the day was the Junior double sculls, with the following entries:

Table listing crew members for Junior double sculls: PEORIA 5, RIVERDALES, SYLVANS, MINNESOTA 5.

Winona, at the foot of Canal street, in which they have stored a six-oared shell, two four-oared shells and a double and single shell.

They took part in the junior four-oared race at the Tom Lake regatta in 1878, and were successful, but were prevented from going into the senior, owing to the illness of one of the crew. At Peoria, in 1878, they carried off the honors in the Junior Double, and were entered at Keokuk in the junior and free-for all double and junior and single-scutt races, but on account of the extreme bad luck which has appeared to follow them ever since their arrival here, they drew out of both the double races. The officers are: J. H. West, President; J. Thuringin, Secretary and Treasurer; J. Reuter, Captain, and T. H. Gill, Coxswain. Mr. Gill was also elected a member of the Executive Committee for the ensuing year.

THE KEOKUK ROWING CLUB was organized in 1878 and admitted to the association in 1879 at a meeting held in Chicago, and although the club had not been a member for more than twenty-four hours, its exertions, combined with the pleasant recollections of those present on July 4th, 1878, and the liberal inducements of our citizens, resulted in Keokuk being chosen as the place of holding the second annual regatta of the M. V. A. R. A., and that it has been the finest and most successful ever held in the valley is conceded on all sides.

This club has a very convenient boat house situate on the government improvement of the Des Moines rapids, with a storage for twenty boats, dressing rooms, lockers, etc. There is an airy balcony built over the water on the river front of the house, where the boys can entertain their friends upon all occasions when they have boating parties, and other entertainments. They now possess one six-oared barge, built in Philadelphia, and it is considered the finest one at the regatta, also a cedar four-oared gig, built at Burlington, that is a perfect model of its class. The club intends to gradually increase their boats until they have a fleet second to none on the river.

They are only entered in the six-oared gig race and the six-oared barge race at the present regatta. The crews have been training faithfully, and while they may not be winners, they show an efficiency that will make them no mean antagonists for any crew they may meet. Mr. Graffen, the Secretary of the club and Captain of the crew, has been working like a beaver, and the boys will not be slow in giving him the credit he so well deserves. In this connection we wish to say a few words in commendation of Mr. Wm. F. Shelly, President of the club. He has been indefatigable in his efforts to place the Keokuk Club on a sound footing and also to make the regatta the success it has been. We hope he will be long identified with the club, and that the blue and magenta will show in the front in many a hotly-contested struggle.

The above was written prior to yesterday's races. For the gratifying result we refer our readers to the report in another column.

THE SOUTH SIDE CLUB.

The South Side Boat Club of Keokuk was organized in 1879, and admitted to the Association July 1st, 1879. The club

is the result of a feeling among the workmen of the city, that men who work every day can make as good oarsmen as those who may only follow boating for pleasure. The fine crew they have put in their four oared gig is an evidence of the brawny material that composes the membership of this club.

They have at present a comfortable boat house situated just below the lower lock of the canal, and owing to the difficulty of locking into the canal, most of their work has been done on the river, where the conditions are altogether difficult to slack water rowing, owing to the fact that whatever way you may pull the current acts either as an impetus or a retarding element to the boat. We would suggest that the working members of this club learn to use the sliding seat more, and to get in more length to the first of the stroke and not so much at the last. The great fault with them is that they depend too much upon their arms and not enough upon their backs and legs. There is no doubt in the minds of those who have seen them row that they are capable of making one of the finest crews in the Association, as soon as they have learned the science of rowing. The boys are great favorites here, and we expect to see them do good and effectual work at the future regattas of the Association. They deserve credit (which no one will withhold from them) for training for and entering this regatta.

They have now a fine 4-oared cedar gig, built in Burlington, a sister and fac simile of the one owned by the Keokuk Boating Club, and also a working boat with sliding seat and all modern improvements.

The club is in a flourishing condition and bids fair to make a good record.

Mr. Jas. Kinney is the President, Mr. John Finnerty Vice President and Mr. R. M. Marshall Secretary. The gig is named after Mr. John N. Irwin, ex-Mayor of the city. Their colors are a gold star on a pale green shield. Let the boys show us what they can do. We know it will be something of which they will be proud.

It was the intention of the GATE CITY to publish a sketch of all the clubs in the Association, but owing to the fact that our reporters could not gain the needed information from parties here one or two clubs are left out, of necessity.

THE GATE CITY:

TUESDAY MORNING, JULY 29, 1879.

KEOKUK'S HOSPITALITY.

Heralded by the Champion Sho-wae-cae-mettes on Their Return Home.

(Monroe, Mich., Commercial.)

Perhaps no crew were ever received with more open-hearted hospitality than were the Sho-wae-cae-mettes on their arrival at the beautiful little city of Keokuk, Iowa, the Monday following their Saratoga races.

On their arrival at Keokuk they were met at the depot by S. M. Graffen, one of the solid boating and railroad men of the city, and a large delegation from the Keokuk Boat Club, who immediately took charge of the company and hurried them to their quarters, which were in the most fashionable part of the city. About 2

o'clock carriages called for the Shos and they were taken to the boat house, which is situated on the west bank of the government canal. The house is large and commodious, and the internal arrangements the best of any the Shos had ever seen; the boats were all hoisted to their position with pulleys, and so arranged as not to interfere with the movements of any or all of them at the same time if occasion should require. The arrangement was certainly superb, and Dr. Hughes, whose idea it was, ought to receive a medal.

There is considerable wealth in the city, and the people threw open their doors and their purses to entertain and make it pleasant for visiting crews.

The news of the arrival of the Shos went through the city like a whirlwind, and hundreds of boating men repaired to the boat house to meet them and to see them in their practice pulls. The ladies, too, did all they could to make it pleasant for them, but as the crew were kept in strict training, the "subs" had to bear the burden of entertainment.

The reception in the evening, tendered by the Keokuk Club, was gorgeous in the extreme, the wit, wealth and beauty of the city being in attendance. The hall was handsomely decorated with flowers and tastefully adorned with floral devices and banners. The prizes were arranged upon the stage, where the winning crews went to receive them, and as each successful oarsman stepped forward to receive his badge he was met by a lady, who did the delicate and agreeable task of pinning it on his breast. When the Shos appeared to receive their trophies, the house rang with cheers, and after receiving them, Mr. E. D. Price stepped forward, and, in a neat, well chosen speech, thanked the Association for courtesies extended.

Thanks from the club are due to the officers and members of the Mississippi Valley Amateur Rowing Association and to Mrs. Hubbard and her charming daughter, who threw open their elegant residence and did so much to make the Shos' visit to Keokuk a pleasant one.

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KEOKUK, IOWA.

THE BOAT CLUB.

A Brief History of its Career. A Successful and Popular Organization.

THE BOAT CLUB.

The Keokuk Rowing Club is eminently an organization which has the hearty good-will and support of the community. It is composed of men who are recognized as business and social leaders here, and its welfare is a source of interest to every right-minded Keokukian. Besides fostering a love for aquatic sports (a very commendable object) and developing its members physically, it is a powerful factor in our society and binds those who are in its membership in strong bonds of brotherhood and sympathy. It is, taken altogether, a fine, prosperous

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evening July 2nd and John Cleaver won the tub race medal offered in the name of the club by C. L. Williams, On Dec. 24th, 1881, the club held its first meeting in the handsomely-appointed new club-rooms on Fourth and Main At this meeting President Jones resigned and Wells M. Irwin was elected in his place: The first dancing party in the club-rooms was given on the evening of Jan. 4th and three have been given since then, all successful, including the one of Wednesday evening, a full account of which will be found in another column.

healthy club, and the brief history of its career which follows, will be read with interest: The Keokuk Rowing Club was organized early in June, 1878. The membership was not large but the infant club succeeded in giving a very creditable regatta upon the fourth of July in that year. Crews were present from several other cities including a four-oared shell from Peoria, two four-oared pleasure boats from Quincy, a four-oared shell crew and barge crew from Chicago, and John Denslow with shell from Burlington. This regatta proved a gratifying success and aroused a great deal of interest in boating among our young people, but nothing more of importance occurred until in 1879, when the annual regatta of the Mississippi Valley Amateur Rowing Association was held in this city. Among the clubs here were the Farraguts, from Chicago, Peorias of Peoria, Modocs of St. Louis, Boating Association of Burlington, and another club from St. Louis, in addition to several visiting Clubs, which did not participate. The Keokuk Club took an active part and won the Barge Race amid great enthusiasm. During the next year, 1880, the Club reached its lowest ebb, and everything looked dark and ominous. There was no money in the treasury, and there seemed to be no way of raising any. Depressed in spirit and yet determined to be victorious, the boys went to the M. V. A. R. A. Regatta at Moline, Ill. which was held July 22nd and 23d. Here, after a hard contest they won the Barge Race again but were cheated out of the honors that should have belonged to the victors, on account of some technicality. They returned home and continued struggling against and adversity until the heavens should grow brighter, and the fate more propitious. The officers elected for 1881 were vigorous, enterprising men however, and popular interest soon revived and the Club gained its feet again. The officers last year were President, R. R. Jones; Vice-President, C. L. Williams; Secretary, Fred Stripe; Treasurer, Arthur Bridgman; Captain, Wells M. Irwin; First Vice Captain, Frank Williams; Second Vice Captain, Arthur Comstock.

The conduct of the crew at the Peoria regatta last summer is well known. They again won the barge race and were triumphantly received by the whole city upon their return home where a grand reception was tendered them at the Keokuk Opera House. Since that time the Club has been prospering finely and constantly adding to its already large membership. After the return from Peoria they gave a club regatta upon the canal, Saturday

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DAILY GATE CITY.

FRIDAY MORNING, APRIL 23, 1875

Base Ball Items.

The Brown Stockings of St. Louis defeated the Olympics of Louisville, at the last named place, on Monday last, by a score of 26 to 0.

The recent improvements made at Perry Park will prove decidedly advantageous. The extension of the grounds not only affords more field room for the players, but additional room for vehicles. The entrance gate and ticket office have been removed to the southeast corner, which is also an improvement, as there will be no occasion now for blockading the passage way with teams.

To-morrow afternoon there will be a game between the full Western nine and a picked nine of the best amateur players in the city. The Keokuks will appear in their new uniforms for the first time. The admission to the grounds will be free. The game will be commenced at 3 o'clock.

The batting positions of the nine for the season are in the following order: Hallihan, s. s.; Quinn, c. f.; Simmons, 1st b.; Miller, 2nd b.; Barnie, c.; Golden, p.; Goldsmith, 3rd b.; Riley, r. f., and Jones, l. f. The boys are earnestly engaged in daily practice, and are all doing well.

The Chicago *Tribune's* correspondent at this place writes that paper the following concerning the Westerns and the preparations that are being made for the opening of the season:

KEOKUK, Iowa, April 15.—The reorganization of the Westerns, of this city, into a professional nine, and their admission to the National Association of Professional Base Ball Players, has awakened a lively degree of interest in the national game hereabouts, and the formal opening of the season is looked forward to with feelings somewhat akin to enthusiasm.

Nearly all the newspapers in the country have undertaken to give a list of the players composing the Westerns, but none of them have succeeded in giving it accurately. The following is a correct and reliable list of the nine, together with the weight, age, and height of each:

Players.	Weight.	Age.	Height.
Barnie, c.	157	23	5.7
Golden, p.	168	23	5.8
Simmons, 1st b.	168	25	5.8
Miller, 2d b.	169	24	5.10 1/2
Goldsmith, 3d b.	146	25	5.7
Hallihan, s. s.	172	24	5.9
Jones, l. f.	191	24	5.11 1/4
Quinn, c. f.	148	23	5.8 1/2
Riley, r. f.	160	21	5.10

Pratt, who was engaged as change pitcher, has written that he will probably be unable to play at all this season, owing to the recent death of his father. He has been released from his engagement, but his place has not yet been filled.

Simmons has been elected Captain of the nine. The great point of strength on the part of the Westerns, as at present organized, and the one on which they rely largely

for success in the professional arena, is Golden's pitching. He has already achieved a reputation for swiftness. During the Winter months he has been in constant practice, and has succeeded in changing his delivery from an underhanded throw to a regular pitch. He pitches much swifter and more accurately than ever before, and is now able to deliver the ball about where he wants it. The officers of the Association are very much gratified with the marked improvement which he has made since last season.

The next feature of importance in the nine is the catching. The difficulty heretofore has been in finding any one who could stop Golden's hot shots. Barnie, the new catcher, is succeeding admirably in this respect, and the utmost confidence is entertained that he will fill his place satisfactorily. He is quick and accurate, a sure thing on fouls, and a spendid second-base thrower. Quinn, the change, is a sure catch and a fine second-base thrower, but is not as quick in getting foul bounds as Barnie. Hallihan is the best base runner in the nine.

The fielders are all good, and the bases are well filled. There are also some heavy batters in the club, Simmons, Hallihan, and Goldsmith being among the foremost. The nine is generally conceded to be a strong one, and much will be expected of it. Whether or not the high expectations which have been formed will be realized remains to be seen.

The club practices regularly twice a day whenever the weather will permit. They are all in excellent trim, and expect to be able to give the Chicago something to do in the game here May 3. The grounds have been enlarged and improved, a new amphitheatre built that will hold 1,000 people, and everything seems to be in readiness now for the opening of the season.

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DAILY GATE CITY.

SUNDAY MORNING, MAY 2, 1875.

BASE BALL.

The Season of '75 Will be Formally Inaugurated To-morrow.

WHITE STOCKINGS VS. KEOKUKS.

Miscellaneous Notes.

The Base Ball season of 1875 will be formally inaugurated here to-morrow, by the White Stockings, of Chicago, and the Keokuks. The event has been the ruling topic in base ball circles for some time and has been eagerly looked forward to by everybody. The fact that the Keokuks have entered the professional arena, and that a large number of professional games will be played here during the season has awakened a wide spread interest in the national game hereabouts, never before experienced. But the interest in to-morrow's contest is not confined to this locality

by any means. The Keokuks and their capabilities have been discussed all over this country, and the result of their first performance in the professional field is expected to indicate whether they will come up to the high expectations that have been formed of them. The White Stockings will be very formidable contestants. It will be the first championship game of the season. All these circumstances have contributed to the interest in to-morrow's game, both here and abroad.

The Keokuks are an organization that our city may well feel proud of, and one which they should heartily support and encourage in every possible way. They have done more to advertise Keokuk abroad than any other institution in existence. They are a credit to our city, and we trust that our citizens will sustain them in their efforts to maintain a professional nine, by turning out in large numbers whenever there is a game here.

They have been industriously engaged in practice for some time past, are all in excellent condition, and will go to the bat with every assurance of being able to give their contestants a close game.

The White Stockings will arrive by the 10:20 train on the C. B. & Q. Road to-morrow morning. We understand also that the citizens of Chicago feel such an interest in the game that a large number of them will accompany the Whites, and that to-morrow evening's train will be held half an hour in order to give them an opportunity to see it out and return home that night.

The second game will be played on Tuesday afternoon, instead of Wednesday. This change is made in order to anticipate any interference on the part of the weather, as the Whites are compelled to leave for St. Louis Wednesday evening, and any interruption on that day would knock the game in the head. If the weather should be unfavorable on Tuesday, then the game will be played on Wednesday. To-morrow game will be called at 3 o'clock.

Arrangements have been effected with some of the carriage and hack lines for carrying passengers to and from the grounds for 30 cents.

Admission to this and all professional games, 50 cents. Children and vehicles, 25 cents each.

Tickets may be had at the Patterson and Hardin Houses, D. G. Lowry's News Depot, and Westcott's Book Store. Season tickets may be obtained of the Directors of the Association.

The grounds are in excellent condition and provision has been made for accommodating any number of spectators that may attend.

BRIEF ITEMS.

The New York *Herald* has this to say of the Whites: "The Chicago White Stockings expect to accomplish wonders ere long, and will doubtless have many a stub-

born about for the championship of the west. Their nine is somewhat stronger than last year, and under the present efficient management ought to give a good account of itself."

A wag says that base ball is not a new game by any means, and quotes an instance where Captain John Smith was appointed catcher for the Powhattan Club.

"It is not batting that wins—it is fielding." So says the *Clipper*, but base ballists out west are inclined to think that batting goes a good way towards winning a game.

The Mutuals (N. Y.) are coming out in a new uniform, composed of brown colored stockings, white breeches, shirt and cap trimmed with brown. This is a return to the colors worn by the club when it was on the amateur list. Gerhardt (third base) is a decided acquisition to the club. Holdsworth is back in his old position as short field, and Hicks is behind the bat. Gedner still holds left field. In the out field are two new men: McGee and Booth. Joe Stark will captain the nine, supported by Hicks as his aid. Mathews is not pitching well, but it is expected that he will sober down as the season advances.

blue legs by a score of six to one, it was conceded that they were young lads who knew considerable about the national game. Three to one were the figures yesterday, with the Reds in the van, much to the disgust of the Western men.

Wally Goldsmith won the toss, at which "Sweez" slyly remarked that they would lose the game. His prophecy, which proved true, was based on the fact that in the previous games this season between these two organizations the winning toss lost the game.

About 500 persons were in attendance, for which they were well paid, the display on both sides being one of the finest ever seen. The Westerns played their full nine in regular positions, while the Reds were short-handed, Sweazy having just got over a severe spell of sickness, and Elleck and Dillon being still incapacitated from duty, owing to broken fingers. Morgan played third, McSorley taking Dar's place in left field. The contest was an usually exciting from start to finish. So effective was the pitching that not a base hit was credited until the fifth inning, when Hallinan and Jones got in good ones for three bases each, earning the only tally that the visitors were destined to make in this game. Nothing else was done by the Keokuk men with the stick.

For the Reds, McSorley, Blong and Houtz earned first on model hits, Blong's being the cleanest of the day. The display in the field was brilliant, but bad errors by Carbine and Bernie lost the day to the Ku-klux.

Golden, as usual, was wild in his delivery, but effective. Quinn did not play up to his usual high mark, but Miller, Goldsmith and Hallinan fully sustained their reputations as brilliant, reliable and steady infielders. Simmons made a fine catch at center, but Jones and Bernie each dropped a fly ball, and the latter, by a wild throw to Quinn, allowed a Red Leg to cross the home plate.

Yesterday morning a delegation of about twenty from Blandiusville, eight or ten from Bloomfield, about forty from Burlington and smaller delegations from a number of other places arrived in the city to witness the game, and general disappointment was expressed when they were informed that it was "off." The action of the Bostons was a breach of faith which merited the severe condemnation which it everywhere received. They evidently got weak in the knees, and there is every reason to believe that they entertained a fear of being defeated here as well as in Chicago.

The truth of the matter is that the red legs have encountered more formidable antagonists at the West than they anticipated, and see the necessity now of looking well to their laurels.

Their treatment of our boys was extremely shabby, in view of the fact that they had already been released from one game, which they had engaged to play here.

The Keokuks went to the grounds yesterday afternoon, placed themselves in position, chose an umpire, and went through the formal proceedings of claiming the game. It was given to them by a score of 9 to 0, and will go upon the record to their credit.

DAILY GATE CITY.

SUNDAY MORNING, MAY 23, 1875

BASE BALL.

The Keokuks Didn't Win a Game But They Won the Fraction of One.

The game at St. Louis yesterday between the Keokuks and Red Stockings was interrupted at the end of the fourth inning by a rain and a postponement was necessary. At that stage the score stood 5 to 1 in favor of the Keokuks. The game will probably be finished to-morrow.

AT CHICAGO.

The game at Chicago yesterday, between the Whites and Brown Stockings, resulted in another victory for the former by a score of 6 to 2.

FRIDAY'S GAME.

Of Friday's game between the Keokuks and Reds the *Globe Democrat* of yesterday says:

In the Red Stocking camp last night there was great rejoicing, the friends of that organization having gone into extacies over the handsome manner in which the boys polished off their muscular visitors from Keokuk. The Westerns of that village are the heaviest professional team in the arena, while their opponents yesterday are the lightest. When stripped for the fray, the contrast was very noticeable, so much so that odds of two and even three to one on the Keokuks went begging. When the Reds visited Keokuk this season, the press of that place likened them to a set of half starved boys, but when they defeated the

DAILY GATE CITY.

SATURDAY MORNING, JUNE 12, 1875.

THE BOSTONS SKIP OFF.

And the Keokuks File a Protest and Claim the Game.

The Bostons left for Chicago yesterday morning, having determined not to play the second game with the Keokuks. Prior to their departure the Keokuks filed the following formal protest:

KEOKUK, June 10, 1875.

Harry Wright, Esq., Manager Boston B.B.C.:

DEAR SIR:—Learning that it is your intention to leave our city without playing the game arranged and advertised for Friday, June 11th, with the "Keokuks," we wish to enter our protest against such action on your part as an act of bad faith to us, and on account of the disappointment it will be to parties desiring to witness the game. Should you not be on the grounds on the date mentioned, we will claim a forfeiture of the game.

W. M. TRIMBLE,
M. R. B. C.

The Daily Gate City.

THURSDAY MORNING, JUNE 5, 1875.

THE Western Base Ball Club, as has already been announced, has leased block 43, in Reid & Perry's Addition, and propose to make permanent base ball grounds of it. In order to enable them to make the necessary improvements in the way of fence, &c. they will be compelled to solicit subscriptions from our citizens. It is to be hoped that a liberal response will be given them. Other cities have base ball grounds where match games can be played to advantage, and why should not Keokuk?

DAILY GATE CITY.

MAY 5, 1875.

BASE BALL.

CHICAGOS vs KEOKUKS

An Easy Victory for the Former by a Score of 15 to 1.

LOOSE FIELDING AND WEAK BATTING ON THE PART OF THE KEOKUKS.

TO-DAY'S GAME.

The championship game of base ball yesterday afternoon between the White Stockings and Keokuks resulted in an easy victory for the former.

The weather was comparatively pleasant during the early part of the afternoon, and about fifteen hundred people were in attendance. Much interest was manifested in the contest in advance thereof, and confidence was entertained that our boys would give the white hosed gentlemen a close game, if indeed they did not succeed in scooping them. After the first few innings, however, all hope of that was abandoned.

The playing of the Westerns was characterized throughout by very loose fielding, The errors in the second inning, by which they permitted the Whites to get in three runs, threw them off their balance, and from that time on they were nervous and unreliable. As it was their first tilt with a professional nine, they very naturally felt solicitous as to the result, and their overzealousness to make the best possible showing caused them to appear to a disadvantage. Golden, usually accurate and reliable, did some wild pitching, and Bernie threw low to second base every time. Some wild throwing was also done in the field, and the batting was weak all around. Our public should not judge the Keokuks, however, by the result of yesterday's game. With experience in the professional arena they will gain confidence, and that's about all they need now to enable them to play a good game.

Another thing which was against them yesterday was an erroneous decision of the Umpire, by which the Whites got two unearned runs. This was in the seventh inning, when Bernie put out Warner at the home-plate fairly, and such was the almost unanimous opinion of the audience. It is true that Warren knocked the ball from Bernie's hand, by colliding with him, but it was not until after the latter had touched him with it. It was such a manifestly unjust and unfair decision that it called forth

loud expressions of disapproval from the spectators, and the opinion was pretty freely expressed, that such umpiring as that would beat the oldest club in America.

The Chicagos played a good game throughout, and are charged with but three errors. They are a tip-top nine, but we think our boys will give them considerably more to do to-day, than they did yesterday.

The play was called at 3 o'clock by Fred Boardman, of Chicago, who had been chosen as Umpire, with the Whites at the bat. Both sides took a coat of whitewash in the first inning. In the second inning, by intolerable muffing and wild throwing, which was generally indulged in by the Westerns, Keerl, Peters and Zettlein crossed the home plate. The Westerns took another coat of lime, Riley by fly to Glenn, Goldey by Warren to Glenn, and Miller by fly to Glenn. Both nines took blanks in the third inning, some nice fielding being indulged in by both sides. The calomining process was kept up in the fourth inning, although it looked as though the Whites would secure a run, as Zettlein had nearly reached the home plate when Goldey sent the ball to Bernie in good style, retiring that player. Peters fouled out, and Glenn's easy hit to Golden was sent to first in time. The Westerns were again retired in one, two, three order. In the fifth the Westerns indulged in another streak of muffing and two unearned runs was the result, Higham and Warren getting home. Riley succeeded in reaching third in this inning, having struck safe for his base, and being advanced a bag each by hits of Goldey and Miller, who were retired at first base, but was left there, as Bernie fouled out to Higham.

Peters succeeded in getting in an earned run in the 6th; after Keerl was retired on fly by Goldey he hit safe for 1st, and got 2d safely, and on Glenn's hard hit to left field fence came home, Glenn getting 2 bases on the hit; but was caught on 3d by Hallihan's throw to Goldey. Higham's high fly to Riley was taken in. Hallihan after earning 1st by a safe hit to centre came around home on past balls, being the only run scored on the Western's side.

During the 7th inning quite a discussion arose on account of Bernie's attempt to make a double play. Hastings struck out, Warren hit safe for 3d and on loose fielding got to 3d, as did Devlin to 2d. Hines to 1st on called balls, when Keerl struck out Bernie muffed the ball and touched home base, and sent the ball to Goldey. The umpire decided Keerl out, and Warren, who had started for home, was put out by Bernie, as Goldey sent the ball right back Mr. Boardman — decided "not out. Warren scored, and Devlin, who in the meantime had secured third, came home on a passed ball, and Peters out on a fly to Riley; Riley succeeded in reaching 1st on Peter's low throw of his grounder and down to 2d on a passed ball; Goldey out by Warren to Glenn, and Riley to 3d;

Miller and Bernie were retired by Hines.

More loose fielding in the 8th inning gave the Whites six runs, Glenn, Zettlin, Higham, Warren, Devlin and Hines crossing the plate; while Hastings went out at 1st by Golden's throw to Simmons, Keerl on fly to Jones, and Glenn by Hollman to Simmons. After this no more run-getting was indulged in by either club, the Westerns drawing blanks in the 8th and 9th, and the Whites being treated in the same manner in the 9th.

The following is the

SCORE.															
KEOKUKS.				CHICAGOS.											
R	B	P	A	R	B	P	A	R	B	P	A				
Hallihan s	1	2	1	2	Higham c	.....	2	1	7	0				
Quinn c	.....	0	0	2	Hastings c	.....	0	1	0	1			
Simmons l	b	0	2	10	Warren 3d	b	3	2	4	4					
Jones l	f	.....	0	1	Devlin r	f	.....	3	2	0	0		
Riley r	f	.....	0	1	Hines l	f	.....	1	2	3	0		
Goldey 3d	b	.....	0	1	Keerl 2d	b	.....	1	0	0	1		
Miller 2d	b	.....	0	1	Peters s	.....	2	2	1	3			
Barnie c	.....	0	0	7	Glenn 1st	b	.....	1	11	0			
Golden p	.....	0	0	1	Zettlein p	.....	2	2	1	1			
				1	6	27	13					15	13	27	10

Runs earned—Keokuks 0; Chicagos 1. Total base hits—Keokuks 6; Chicagos 15. Passed balls—Bernie 3; Higham 3. Errors—Keokuks 13; Chicagos 3. Time of game, 3 hours. Umpire—Fred. Boardman, Chicago. Scorer—Geo. Stahl.

To-Day's Game.

The second game between these two clubs will be played this afternoon, when it is to be hoped the Keokuks will get down to business and do some better playing. The game will be called at 1 o'clock sharp, as the Whites are compelled to leave for St. Louis on an early train this evening.

DAILY GATE CITY.

MAY 6, 1875.

BASE BALL.

Another Victory for the Whites By a Score of 7 to 1.

The Keokuks Partly Redeem Themselves.

RED STOCKINGS VS. KEOKUKS THIS AFTERNOON.

The Game Elsewhere.

The second game of base ball between the White Stockings, of Chicago, and the Keokuks yesterday afternoon, was a very decided improvement upon the first one, and it is to be regretted that the unfavorable condition of the weather prevented a larger attendance on the part of our citizens. The Keokuks settled down to business and partially redeemed themselves from the record they made on the day previous. Hallihan made two bad errors in the first inning, by means of which the Whites succeeded in scoring five

runs. Except for this the game would have been the finest ever played here. Both the fielding and batting of the Keokuks were very much better than in the previous game.

Jones performed well in the left field. Miller took in several flies in handsome style, and Quinn acquitted himself very creditably behind the bat. Golden improved somewhat on his pitching, although he made one fearfully wild pitch which gave the Whites one run.

With one or two changes in the positions of the nine we think the Keokuks will be able to make a very creditable record during the season.

The playing of the Whites was good, though hardly up to that of the day previous.

The game opened with the Whites at the bat, and after Higham had popped up an easy fly for Hallihan, which he dropped, Hastings hit him an easy grounder, which he let go by him. Warren was retired on a fly to Miller, and before the inning ended, 5 white-hosed lads crossed the home-plate.

Hallihan out on 3 strikes. Quinn's fly to White was taken care of, as was Simmons' to Keerl.

In the second inning, Devlin flew out to Miller. Higham hit to Miller, who retired him at 1st. Hastings' fly over 2d base was captured by Miller after a long run. A handsome catch.

Jones hit a hot one to Zetlein, which he didn't want, and Keerl got it and sent it to 1st in time to cut him off. Riley out by White to Glenn, and Goldey was served in the same manner.

In the third inning, White went to 1st on Simmons' muff of Hallihan's throw. Devlin out on foul bound to Quinn. Hines hit safe for his base, and White, in trying to steal home, was cut off by Hallihan to Quinn. Keerl's safe hit sent Hines home. Peter's hit gave him first, and advanced Keerl to 2d, Glen to 1st on error of Hallihan. Zetlein's foul bound was neatly taken by Quinn.

Miller's easy hit to Zetlein retired him at 1st. Barnie struck out, Golden hit to Peters, who retired him at 1st.

In the fourth inning, Higham out by Golden to Simmons; Hastings out on three strikes. White hit safe for 1st, but was caught in trying to steal 2nd, by Quinn to Miller. Hallihan hit to Keerl and was put out at 1st; Quinn to 1st on safe hit to center, but was forced out at 2d by Simmons' hit to White, who sent the ball to Keerl. Simmons came home on Jones' long drive to left field fence, Jones coming around to 3d. Riley out on fly to White. 1 run.

Both sides went out in one, two, three order in the fifth inning, no player reaching 1st on either side.

The sixth inning was a repetition of the previous one, the whitewashing process being kept up by both clubs.

In the seventh inning, Hastings, after

having been given his base on called balls, came around home on two wild pitches by Golden, who had become rather wild. White out at 1st by Miller to Simmons. Devlin flew out to Barnie. Hines to 1st on safe hit, and Keerl to same place on slow fielding, Hines going to 2d. Peters' foul fly to Goldey retired his side. 1 run.

Keokuks out again in one, two, three order; Simmons' fly to White. Jones' foul bound to Hastings, who was catching instead of Higham. Riley struck out.

Both nines took another goose egg in the eighth inning, and this terminated the game, as the Whites were anxious to catch the train for St. Louis.

The following is the

SCORE.

KEOKUKS.	R.	IB.	PO.	A.	CHICAGOES.	R.	IB.	PO.	A.
Hallihan s.s.	0	0	2		Higham c.	1	0	1	1
Quinn c.	0	1	0	1	Hastings r f.	2	0	2	0
Simmons l b.	1	0	3	1	Warren 3b.	0	1	3	7
Jones l f.	0	1	1	0	Devlin c f.	1	1	0	0
Riley r f.	0	0	0	0	Hines l f.	1	2	2	0
Goldsmith 3b.	0	0	2	1	Keerl 2b.	1	2	2	0
Miller 2b.	0	0	5	2	Peters s s.	1	1	0	2
Barnie c f.	0	0	2	0	Glenn lb.	0	1	13	0
Golden p.	0	0	0	1	Zetlein p.	0	0	0	2
	1	2	21	8		7	8	24	14

Innings.....1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
 Keokuks.....0 0 0 1 0 0 0 0-1
 Whites.....5 0 1 0 0 0 0 1 0-7

Runs earned—Keokuks 1; Whites 1.
 Passed balls—Quinn 3; Higham 0.
 High pitches—Golden 1; Zetlein 0.
 Time of Game—Two hours.
 Umpire—Fred. Boardman, Chicago.
 Scorer—Geo. Stahl.

RED STOCKINGS VS. KEOKUKS TO-DAY.

The first of the series of games between the Red Stockings and Keokuks will be played at Perry Park this afternoon, and the second one on Saturday afternoon. The nines are well matched and an interesting contest may safely be anticipated. The game this afternoon will be called at 3 o'clock, and we hope to see a large attendance of our citizens.

DAILY GATE CITY.
MAY 7, 1875.
BASE BALL.

Victory Perched Upon the Banner of the Keokuks.

They Get Away with the Red Stockings by a Score of 15 to 2.

SOME SPLENDID PLAYING.

Another Game To-morrow.

The White Stockings Get Scooped by the St. Louis Browns.

The first championship game of base ball

between the St. Louis Red Stockings and the Keokuks took place at Perry Park yesterday afternoon. Owing to the high wind which prevailed, the day was not a favorable one for the playing. To the same cause may be attributed the comparatively small attendance, only about five hundred people being present to witness the game.

The contrast in the physical development of the two nines was the first thing that attracted the attention of the spectator. Our boys are nearly all stalwart, muscular, and some of them rather fleshy, while the Reds are all small and comparatively slender, and a glance at them is calculated to impress the uninitiated with the idea that the nine is composed of puny, half starved boys. The individual who takes them for "sardines," however, will discover his error before the game is over. They have been in training all Winter, with the view of reducing their flesh and developing their muscle. That they have succeeded in accomplishing at least one of these objects there can be no question. They played a very fair game yesterday, and demonstrated that lofty stature and massive mold are not essential to success in the diamond field. They did some good batting and some tolerable fielding, but are charged with several bad errors.

The Keokuks played a magnificent game; one that was far in advance of any previous effort of theirs, and that gives their friends encouragement to believe that they will take high rank in the professional arena, notwithstanding the flaxing the Whites gave them at the start. They played effectively throughout, and have but very few errors charged up to them.

Jones, Hallihan and Simmons did some heavy batting, and Hallihan came through with a clean score. Golden got his pitching down considerably finer and did good execution. Barnie, in the center field, captured several flies in handsome style. He is a splendid fielder. Quinn rendered valuable service behind the bat. He made one of the most difficult one handed catches that we have ever seen. In going after a foul tip he fell upon his knee and elbow, and while in this position captured the ball with one hand and kept it off the ground, notwithstanding he rolled over himself after getting it.

The game was called promptly at 3 o'clock, with the Keokuks at the bat. Hallihan led off with a grounder to short center, went to first on error of Sweasey to Houtz, and to second on bad throw to first. Quinn out at first by Sweasey to Houtz, Hallihan going to third. Simmons was retired at first by Morgan to Houtz, Hallihan getting home meantime and scoring the first run. Jones went out on three strikes.

Blong sent a high fly into center field, which Barnie took on the run; Dillon to first on Golden's error, and to second on passed ball. Morgan's sky-scraper to left



field was captured by Jones in handsome style. Houtz out on three strikes, Golden's rapid delivery taking that player by surprise. First goose egg for the Reds.

In the second inning, Riley went out on foul tip, which Dillon took with one hand; Goldey out on fly to Blong; Jones deposited a fly in right, which Oran muffed, and went to second on Sweasey's muff of Dillon's throw. Bernie went out on fly to Oran, and the Keokuk's took their first coat of whitewash. Sweasey to first on three balls. Redmon hit safe for second, Sweasey going to third. Oran went to second on his hard drive to right, and Sweasey and Redmon crossed the home plate, scoring the only two runs made by the Reds. Croft out by fly to Simmons, and McSorley on three strikes. Blong popped up a fly to Goldey, which was thankfully received and properly cared for.

In the third inning, Golden hit safe for first and went to second on passed ball. Hallihan went to first on Sweasey's muff, stole second and went to third on passed ball, Goldey crossing the score. The plays that followed were in such rapid succession that it was impossible to keep track of them, but through the loose fielding of the Reds and the good batting and running of the Keokuks, the latter succeeded in scoring four runs. Dillon hit safe for first; Morgan out by fly to Miller, and Houtz by fly to Simmons; Dillon to third and Sweasey to first on Riley's error; Redmon fouled out to Quinn, the latter making the splendid one handed catch above referred to. In the fourth inning both sides went out in one two three order. In the fifth inning Golden was retired on foul bound to Dillon, and Quinn by Redmon to Houtz. Hallihan scored one run, and Simmons went to first on safe hit over second, but was retired on second by Dillon to Sweasey. Morgan made the only play for the Reds in this inning. He went to first on single base hit over second, but was left there by Houtz' easy fly to Bernie.

Jones made the only play in the sixth inning, he going to second on his hard drive to left field.

In the seventh inning the Keokuks did some excellent playing and got in four runs. Jones made a long drive to left center, which took him to third, where he was left by Riley's fly to Houtz. The Reds took another goose egg and retired.

The eighth inning resulted in a coat of lime for both sides.

The Keokuks did some more good playing in the ninth inning, scoring six runs, and retiring the Reds in one, two, three order.

The following is the

SCORE.										
KEOKUKS.			R.			IB.			PO.	
Hallihan.....	5	3	1	1	Blong.....	0	0	3	2	
Quinn.....	2	6	1	1	Dillon.....	0	1	4	1	
Simmons.....	1	2	9	1	Morgan.....	0	2	1	3	
Jones.....	2	2	1	0	Houtz.....	0	0	8	0	
Riley.....	0	0	1	0	Sweasey.....	1	1	6	2	
Goldsmith.....	1	0	2	1	Redmon.....	1	1	1	1	

Miller.....	0	0	3	2	Oran.....	0	1	2	0
Barnie.....	1	0	3	0	Croft.....	0	0	2	0
Golden.....	3	2	1	2	McSorley.....	0	0	1	0
	15	11	27	8		2	6	27	0
						1	2	3	4
Keokuks.....						1	0	4	0
Red Stockings.....						0	2	0	0

Total base hits—Keokuks 15; Reds 8.
Runs earned—Keokuks 3; Reds 1.
Passed balls—Quinn 1; Dillon 5.
Time of game—1 hour, 40 minutes.
Umpire—Fred Beardman.
Scorer—Geo. Stahl.

SATURDAY'S GAME

The second game between these two clubs will be played here to-morrow afternoon, commencing at 3 o'clock.

DATES CHANGED.

The dates for the two games here between the St. Louis Brown Stockings and Keokuks have been changed to Tuesday and Thursday, May 11th and 13th.

PERSONAL.

Pete O'Brien leaves this morning for Louisville, where he has been engaged to catch for the Olympics, of that place.

ELSEWHERE.

The White Stockings suffered an inglorious defeat at St. Louis yesterday, the Brown Stockings beating them by a score of 10 to 0.

At Boston on Wednesday the Bostons defeated the Centennials by a score of 14 to 2.

On the same day the Philadelphia Athletics again defeated the Washingtons on their own grounds this time by a score of 21 to 3.

DAILY GATE CITY.

SUNDAY MORNING, MAY 9, 1875.

BASE BALL.

THE RED ABOVE THE BLUE.

One more Defeat for the Keokuks.

Score Six to One in Favor of the St. Louis Red Sox.

BASE BALL ELSEWHERE.

If possible "Old Probs" intends that it shall be some time before we shall have a favorable day for a ball match. Yesterday at 3 o'clock p. m., about one thousand people had assembled at Perry Park, to witness the second game between the Red Sox of St. Louis and the Keokuks. So great was the wind that prevailed during the afternoon, that the parties who had come in vehicles were obliged to change their places and go down alongside of centerfield fence in order to escape the dust that was contin-

ually being swept across the field. The Keokuks presented a new player in the person of John Carbine, lately of the Franklin nine of Chicago, who will attend to first base in the future. He played creditably in the field, being charged with only one error. Simmons attends to right field and Riley is now the sub of the nine. The Keokuks, both in batting and fielding, fell far below their play of the day previous, while the Reds improved in every respect. "Old Sweaz" played second up to the mark yesterday, which shows that he has not forgot how to play ball, his fielding being the feature of the Reds play. In the ninth inning he nabbed Carbine's hot hit and made a nice double play. Precisely at 3 p. m. play was called by Fred Boardman, of Chicago, as umpire, and the Keokuks having won the toss, the game began with the red hosed gentlemen at the bat.

FIRST INNING.

Blong, their first striker, was retired on three strikes. Paskey Dillon hit an easy one to Golden and was out by that player to Carbine. Morgan's foul bound was well taken by Quinn. Hallihan led off for the home nine, and after having a life given him by Dillon's miss of his foul bound hit to Sweasey, was retired at first. Quinn's foul bound was taken, after a long run, by Morgan. Simmons out on a fly to Sweasey.

SECOND INNING.

Houtz retired on three strikes. Sweasey's hit to Hallihan was sent to Carbine in time. Redmon struck out to Quinn. Jones hit a fly in front of the home plate, which Dillon took in. Carbine's baby fly was taken care of by Blong. Goldey's foul fly was taken by Morgan.

THIRD INNING.

Oran out on foul fly to Carbine. Croft hit to Miller and retired at first. McSorley hit to Hallihan and secured his first on Hallihan's overthrow. Blong's safe hit over centre gave him first and advanced McSorley one bag. Dillon hit safe and sent all hards around one base, but Morgan left them all on their bases, as he went out on three strikes. Miller out on foul fly to Dillon. Bernie's easy hit to Blong was fielded to first in time and Riley retired, Golden out on three strikes.

FOURTH INNING.

Houtz again struck at air three times and retired. Sweasey's foul bound nicely taken by Quinn with one hand. Redmon hit hard to Miller, and went out by Jones' throw to Carbine. Hallihan's high fly taken by Sweasey. Quinn, after several ineffectual attempts, succeeded in blocking the ball, and reached second on Morgan's throw to first, and came around to third on a passed ball. Simmons bounder to Blong was sent to Houtz in time, and Jones was treated in the same manner.

FIFTH INNING.

Oran hit to Hallihan, and went out at first. Croft's foul bound was taken by

Quinn. McSorley to first on safe hit over short. Bernie captured Blong's fly to center in handsome style. Carbine hit right into Sweasy's hands and took a seat. Goldsmith's liner was missed by that player, and he reached first in safety. Miller's hit to Redmon forced Goldey out at second, and Joe went down there on a passed ball. Bernie's hit past short sent Miller home, and on McSorley's bad throw came around to third. Golden hit a foul, which Blong got and touched Bernie with as he had started for home—one run.

SIXTH INNING.

Dillon hit past first to Simmons, who sent it to first in time. Morgan hit a beauty which gave him first, and stole second safely. Houtz's safe hit over second sent Morgan around to third, and he came home on a passed ball, Houtz getting third. Sweasy's hit to Miller, who sent the ball home, but not in time to cut off Houtz, Sweasy getting first, Redmon out on foul to Goldey. Sweasy was caught in trying to steal second by Quinn to Miller—two runs. Golden's easy hit to Blong retired him at first. Hallihan was retired by Sweasy to Houtz. Quinn succeeded in getting in a fair foul, which gave him one base. Simmons hit to Morgan, who sent the ball to Houtz in time.

SEVENTH INNING.

Redmon's fly to Centre was muffed by Bernie, and Redmon reached first. Oran hit safe for first, sending Redmon to second, Croft out on fly to Golden. Both basemen advanced one bag on passed ball. McSorley out at first by Hallihan to Carbine. Redmon scoring, Oran came home on Goldsmith's; bad throw to first of Blong's hit, Dillon out at first by Hallihan to Carbine—two runs. Jones out on foul bound to Dillon. Carbine out by Sweasy to Houtz. Goldey retired at first by Morgan to Houtz.

EIGHTH INNING.

Morgan went to first on three balls. Houtz out on fly to Miller, and Morgan to second on Joe's bad throw to first to cut off Morgan. Sweasy to first on Carbine's error, and around to second on another, Morgan crossing the home plate. Redmon hit hard to Miller, and Joe failed to handle it. Sweasy home on Hallihan's error of Oran's hit. Croft out on fly to Miller. McSorley flew out to Bernie—two runs. Miller hit over second for first; got second on Croft's wild throw. Bernie, after having struck a foul which dislocated one of Dillon's fingers and made it necessary for the Reds to put in their sub, and send Redmon to catch, hit a hot liner to Sweasy, which he took in handsome style. Golden out by Sweasy to Houtz, and Hallihan popped up an easy one for Blong.

NINTH INNING.

Blong out by Golden to Carbine. J. Dillon, who had taken his brother's place went out on foul bound to Quinn. Morgan to first on three strikes. Houtz out on foul bound to Quinn. Quinn to first on safe over third.

Quinn to second, Simmons to first on Sweasy's error. Jones out on foul bound well taken by Houtz, up against the fence. Carbine hit hard to Sweasy, who stepped on his base, retiring Simmons and sent the ball to Houtz in time to retire striker.

Below is the

SCORE.

Table with columns: KEOKUKS, R, LB, PO, A, REFS, R, LB, PO, A. Rows include Hallihan, Quinn, Simmons, Jones, Carbine, Goldsmith, Miller, Bernie, Golden, and Innings.

Runs earned—Keokuks 6; Reds 0. Total base hits—Keokuks 6; Reds 7. Errors—Keokuks 13; Reds 6. Left on bases—Keokuks 3; Reds 7. 1 base on errors—Keokuks 3; Reds 5. Time of Game—Two hours and fifteen minutes. Umpire—Fred. Boardman, Chicago. Scorer—Geo. Stahl.

In a match game played yesterday afternoon between the Crescents, of Warsaw, and the Muffers, of this city, the Muffers were victorious, by a score of 10 to 6.

ELSEWHERE.

The second game between the Chicago White Stockings and the St. Louis Browns, yesterday afternoon, resulted in another victory for the latter, by a score of 4 to 3. At the close of the sixth inning the score stood 4 to 0 in favor of the Browns, and it looked very much as though the Whites were going to be "Chicagoed" again.

DAILY GATE CITY.

TUESDAY MORNING, MAY 11, 1875

BASE BALL.

BROWN SOX VS. KEOKUKS TODAY.

The Game Elsewhere.

MAY 11, 1875 The first game between the St. Louis Brown Stockings and the Keokuks takes place here this afternoon. The contest has been the subject of much comment, and there will undoubtedly be a large crowd to witness it. The Browns are the nine that defeated the white Stockings of Chicago so ingloriously in two successive games at St. Louis last week. In view of their achievements on that occasion the general impression here is that they will get away with the Keokuks without any difficulty. But the result of the season so far demonstrates that base ball is a game of painful uncertainties, and the Keokuks may be able to give the Browns more to do than is generally anticipated. In the last game at St. Louis Devlin pitched for the Whites, and the Browns were unable to bat him. It is claimed that they will

experience quite as much difficulty in battling Golden's pitching, and the game may, therefore, be a close one after all.

In any event there will be a curiosity to see the Browns play. They will arrive by the 12 o'clock train to-day. The game will be called at 3 o'clock.

ELSEWHERE.

The second championship game between the Bostons and New York Mutuals was played at Boston on Saturday, and resulted in a victory for the former by a score of 10 to 2.

The Hartford defeated the Washingtons on Saturday, by a score of 16 to 0.

The following is last week's record of games, the first mentioned clubs winning by the scores annexed:

- May 1, Athletic vs. Philadelphia, at Philadelphia 3 to 2
May 2, Centennial vs. New Haven, at New Haven 12 to 6
May 3, Boston vs. Mutual, at Brooklyn 11 to 1
May 3, Athletic vs. Washington, at Washington 21 to 6
May 3, Hartford vs. Centennial, at Hartford 13 to 3
May 3, Philadelphia vs. Atlantic, at Philadelphia 11 to 5
May 4, White Stockings vs. Keokuks, at Keokuk 15 to 1
May 4, Boston vs. Centennial, at Boston 14 to 2
May 4, St. Louis vs. Red Stockings, at St. Louis 15 to 9
May 4, Athletic vs. Washington, at Washington 21 to 3
May 5, Chicago vs. Keokuks, at Keokuk 7 to 1
May 5, Boston vs. Centennial, at Boston 13 to 6
May 5, Athletic vs. Washington, at Philadelphia 20 to 8
May 5, Philadelphia vs. Atlantic, at New York 8 to 2
May 5, Hartford vs. New Haven, at Hartford 5 to 3
May 6, St. Louis vs. White Stockings, at St. Louis 10 to 6
May 6, Keokuks vs. Red Stockings, at Keokuk 15 to 2
May 7, Hartford vs. Mutual, at Hartford 5 to 4
May 8, Boston vs. Mutual, at Boston 10 to 2
May 8, Hartford vs. Washington, at Hartford 16 to 0
May 8, Philadelphia vs. New Haven, at New Haven 3 to 2
May 8, St. Louis vs. White Stockings, at St. Louis 4 to 3

The Chicago Times says: "Will the managers of the Chicago base ball club be kind enough to call their nine hired men home? Chicago should send forth to the outside world none but first-class representatives of her excellence. The base ball players employed this year have played but two championship games, and have lost two. If Chicago desires to excel on the diamond field she will have to find more skillful players than those who now assume to represent her."

DAILY GATE CITY.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, MAY 12, 1875

BASE BALL.

YESTERDAY'S GAME POSTPONED UNTIL TO-DAY.

The Whites Defeat the Reds By a Score of 1 to 0.

Shortly before the hour for calling the game which was to have taken place yesterday, between the St. Louis Browns and the Keokuks, it commenced drizzling and the game was, in consequence, postponed until

this afternoon at 3 o'clock, when it will come off, the weather permitting, which, from present indications, it will.

The Browns arrived by the Wabash train yesterday at noon and are quartered at the Patterson House. S. M. Graffen is the manager, and the nine is composed of R. J. Pearce, E. E. Cuthbert, Jno. C. Chapman, L. Pike, H. J. Dehlman, F. H. Fleet, W. Hogue, Thos. Miller and Jos. V. Battin. Five or six young men from St. Louis accompany the club. Bradley, their brag pitcher, was detained on account of sickness, and will probably not be here to play.

In the game between the Chicago White Stockings and the St. Louis Red Stockings, at St. Louis yesterday afternoon, the former won by a score of 1 to 0. This is undoubtedly the closest game of base ball ever played.

The Whites defeated the Empires at St. Louis, Monday, by a score of 7 to 1.

The St. Louis *Globe* of yesterday says: "Bradley did not accompany his Brown Stocking associates to Keokuk, owing to sickness, and Fleet will occupy the pitcher's position in the 'Western' games. All lovers of the game hope to see Brad. on his pins again soon."

DAILY GATE CITY.

THURSDAY MORNING, MAY 13, 1875.

BASE BALL.

BROWN SOX vs. KEOKUKS.

The Keokuks Hold the Browns Level For Six Consecutive Innings.

THEN BREAK DOWN.

AND BY A SUCCESSION OF ERRORS GET SCOOPED TO THE TUNE OF 16 TO 6.

Another Game To-Day.

Yesterday's contest between the St. Louis Brown Sox and the Keokuks drew out one of the largest crowds of the season. The weather was delightful, and, although it was not anticipated that the Keokuks would be able to give the Browns a very close game, in view of the latter's recent achievements, quite a desire was manifested to witness the game, and about twelve or fifteen hundred persons were in attendance.

Contrary to general expectation, the Keokuks held the Browns level for six con-

secutive innings. The game that far was a magnificent one—the finest ever witnessed here—and had the Keokuks held out as well in the remaining three, they would undoubtedly have flaxed the Browns. But as soon as they began to have some show of winning they got excited and by a succession of the most intolerable errors in the seventh and eighth innings, permitted the Browns to score eleven additional runs.

It would be useless to try to conceal the fact that Golden's pitching was weak. It was the almost universal verdict of the audience that a majority of Bernie's passed balls were due to wild pitching. It would be unjust to Golden, however, to place the responsibility for yesterday's defeat upon him, for the fielders both out and in did some very loose playing in the last three innings; in fact, the nine went all to pieces in that portion of the game. Carbine played first capitally, being charged with only one error, and that not a bad one. Riley also played well. He captured several flies in good style, but made one bad muff. As we have already stated, the boys all acquitted themselves creditably in the first six innings, and demonstrated that they have the material for a first-class nine. In horse parlance they are fast, but they won't stay.

Owing to the illness of Quinn, he was unable to play. It is thought that he will take part in to-day's game, in which event he will play behind the bat, as he seems to be the most efficient man for that place.

Not much can be said in favor of the playing of the Browns. In the first six innings, they committed more errors than the Keokuks. They did some strong batting, however, as will be seen by the score. Fleet's pitching was very weak.

The game was called promptly at 3 o'clock. The Browns won the toss and the Keokuks went to the bat.

FIRST INNING.

Hallinan led off with an easy bound to Battin, which he fielded to first. Riley to first on his easy bound to Hague, which he juggled. Simmons popped up a fly to Hague and retired. Jones corked the ball to center field and went to third, Riley scoring the first run for the Keokuks. Carbine to first on a hot grounder, past Pearce, Jones coming home. Goldey was retired at first by Fleet to Dehlman. Two runs for the Keokuks, and everybody on the *qui vive*.

Cuthbert to second on a liner between second and short. Pearce to first on three balls. Pike's safe hit to center field took him to second and brought in Cuthbert and Pearce. Chapman went to first on an easy bound to Miller, which he juggled, and to second on a passed ball, Pike crossing the home plate. Hague popped up a fly, which dropped into Carbine's hands. Fleet out by Golden to Carbine, Chapman going to third and home on a wild pitch. Battin

out by Golden to Carbine. Four runs for the Brown Sox.

SECOND INNING.

Miller sent an easy one to Pearce, who fielded it to Dehlman in time. Jones to second on a base hit to right, which Chapman failed to stop. Golden to first by Pearce's muff of his easy bound. Hallinan to first on his easy bound to Battin, which the latter used to cut off Golden at second. Riley sent a hot bouncer to Battin, which he threw to second, retiring Hallinan. One more run for the Keokuks.

Dehlman went to first on three balls, and stole second and third. Miller out at first by Bernie to Carbine, Dehlman scoring. Cuthbert to second on a hard drive to left which Jones juggled. Pearce struck out, and Pike was retired at first by his easy bound to Carbine. One run for the Browns.

THIRD INNING.

Riley to second on fair foul to left field. Simmons went to first on his hot grounder past short, sending Riley to third. Jones got in a fair foul which took him to first, Simmons to second and Riley home. Simmons was retired at third by Carbine's easy bound to Pearce, Jones being forced out at second. Goldey to first on easy bound to Fleet, which he fielded to Hague to cut off Carbine, but arrived too late. Miller flew out to Cuthbert, leaving two men on bases.

The Browns took their first coat of lime, retiring in one, two, three order. Chapman on high fly to Miller. Hogue on fly to Riley, and Fleet by Hallinan to Carbine, the game standing 5 to 4 in favor of the Browns.

FOURTH INNING.

Barnie out at first by Fleet to Dehlman. Golden to first by Battin's muff of his liner and to third on passed balls. Hallinan out at first by Battin to Dehlman. Riley out by Pearce to Dehlman. First goose egg for the Keokuks.

Battin popped up a high fly for Carbine and retired. Dehlman to first on Jones' muff of his high fly and to second on passed ball. Miller out by Hallinan to Carbine and Cuthbert by Goldey to Carbine, leaving Dehlman on third. Another coat of whitewash for the Browns.

FIFTH INNING.

The calcimining process was continued in the fifth inning, both sides retiring with a goose egg, the Keokuks with a man on second base and the Browns in one, two, three order.

SIXTH INNING.

This inning was a repetition of the previous one, except that the Keokuks were retired in one, two, three order, and the Browns with a man on second.

SEVENTH INNING.

Hallinan hit safe for first. Riley to first on three balls, advancing Hallinan one bag. Simmons out by Miller to Dehlman. Jones sent a beauty to left field, which gave him

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MAY 14, 1875.

REDEEMED THEMSELVES.

That's What the Keokuks Did Yesterday.

THEY PLAY A MAGNIFICENT GAME.

Hold the Browns Down to a Score of Four to Two.

AND PLACE THEMSELVES IN THE FRONT RANK OF PROFESSIONAL NINES.

The Browns Get Two of their Runs on an Erroneous Decision of the Umpire.

THE KEOKUKS OFF FOR CHICAGO TO-DAY.

The second game between the St. Louis Browns and the Keokuks, yesterday afternoon, was the finest ever played in Keokuk, and one of the best of the season.

The Keokuks played a magnificent game throughout; one that they may well feel proud of, and that redeems them from their previous record and places them in the very front rank of the professional nines of the country.

The Browns are the lions of the diamond field in the West so far this season, and our boys have given them the best game they have had. They held them level from the word go, and had the game been decided on its merits the score would have stood 2 to 2 at the close of the ninth inning, instead of 4 to 2.

The umpire made one decision which is almost universally conceded to have been an erroneous one. Golden fielded to Goldey to cut off a man at third. Although it was a close play, it was apparent to almost everybody that Goldey put the man out fair. But the umpire decided not out. This erroneous decision gave the Browns two runs which they would not have had otherwise, as they had two outs and no runs and a decision the other way would have given them a whitewash.

standing at third at the time, if it was an out, and he replied that it was. The umpire then expressed regret at having made the decision as he did.

As we have already stated, the Keokuks played splendidly throughout, and are charged with but few errors. Bernie acquitted himself behind the bat in a most creditable manner, coming through without a single passed ball. He played the position as well as any man could possibly have done. Golden made a very decided improvement on his pitching of the day previous. His delivery was very effective, and he did very little wild pitching. Carbine made an extremely difficult play at first by laying at full length upon the ground, with one foot on base picking up a ball and putting a man out. The remainder of the nine all played well with very few exceptions.

Neither the fielding nor the batting of the Browns was up to that of our boys. By reference to the score it will be seen that the Keokuks had one earned run to the Browns' none; that they had but nine errors to the Browns' five; that the number of men left on bases was the same, and that the Keokuks are credited with eight base hits and the Browns but seven.

Since we commenced writing this we learn that the umpire has acknowledged a second erroneous decision which would have given our boys the game.

The Browns won the toss again, and the Keokuks went to the bat promptly at 3 o'clock.

FIRST INNING.

Simmons sent up a fly for Chapman and retired. Riley hit safe for first. Hallinan to first on an easy bound to Battin, which he used to cut off Riley at second. Jones out on fly to Cuthbert, the Keokuks retiring with their first goose egg.

Cuthbert to first on his hard drive to third, which took Goldey in the forehead.

Pearce sent an easy grounder to Riley, which he juggled, Cuthbert going to second. Pike struck out, Cuthbert stealing third. Chapman out on foul fly to Bernie, and Hague was retired at first by Carbine to Miller, leaving two men on bases, and giving the Browns their first coat of lime.

SECOND INNING.

Carbine to first on error of Hague. Goldey to first on his easy bounder to Fleet, which was fielded to second to cut of Carbine. Miller to first on his hard drive past third, Goldey going to second. Bernie flew out to Dehlman, and Golden was retired at first by Pearce to Dehlman, leaving two men on bases. Another goose egg for the Keokuks. Fleet out on easy bound to Golden. Battin to first on Golden's error, stole second, and went to third on a wild pitch. Dehlman went to first on three balls, and stole second. Miller popped up a little fly for Golden, and took a seat. Cuthbert sent an easy bounder to Hallinan, which he fielded to Carbine. The

first, Hallinan and Riley crossing the home plate amidst rousing cheers. This put the Keokuks one ahead, and would have given them the game except for their intolerable errors. Carbine flew out to Cuthbert, and Goldey was retired at first by his easy grounder to Dehlman. Pearce to first on Carbine's juggling, Cuthbert going to third. Pearce stole second, and went to third on passed ball, Cuthbert coming home and Pearce following on a passed ball. Pike to first on his safe hit, and to third on passed ball. Chapman out on high fly to Miller. Hague to second and Pike home on Hallinan's wild throw to the home plate. Hague to third on passed ball, and home on Hallinan's slow throw. Fleet was retired at second by Carbine to Miller. Dehlman hit safe for second, and Battin advanced to third. Miller flew out to Riley, leaving two men on bases.

EIGHTH INNING.

The Keokuks retired in one, two, three order, Miller on fly to Pike, Bernie on fly to Chapman, and Golden by Pearce to Dehlman. Cuthbert to first on Hallinan's muff. Pearce out on easy bound to Carbine. Pike to first on safe hit to right; Cuthbert home and Pike to third on passed ball. Chapman hit safe for first and Pike scored. Hague to first and Chapman to second on Hallinan's muff. Fleet to first on Miller's muff of his grounder, advancing Chapman and Hague one base each. Battin sent an easy one to Goldey, which he muffed, Chapman scoring and the others advancing one base each. Dehlman to first and Fleet home on his safe hit. Battin home and Dehlman to third on passed ball. Miller flew out to Riley and Dehlman scored. Cuthbert out by Miller to Carbine. By a succession of errors on the part of the Keokuks the Browns managed to get in seven runs.

NINTH INNING.

Quick work was made of this inning, both sides retiring with a goose egg.

SCORE.

Table with columns for Keokuks and Browns, listing runs, hits, errors, and outs for each player.

Runs earned—Keokuks 0; St. Louis 3. First base on errors—Keokuks 5; St. Louis 10. Left on base—Keokuks 6; St. Louis 6. Total base hits—Keokuks 9; St. Louis 15. Passed balls—Bernie 3; Miller 1. Wide pitch—Golden 2; Fleet 1. Base on called balls—Keokuks 1; St. Louis 2. Errors—Keokuks 3; St. Louis 8. Time of game, 2 hours and 30 minutes. Umpire—Mr. Mack. Scorer—Geo. Stahl.

TO-DAY'S GAME.

The second game between these clubs will be played this afternoon, commencing at 3 o'clock. If the Keokuks get down to business as they did yesterday and stay there they will give the Browns a hard rub.

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latter muffed it but made a long reach with one foot on base and succeeded in getting it, a very difficult play.

THIRD INNING.

Simmons to first on his liner past Battin. Riley out at first by Battin to Dehlman. Simmons caught trying to steal third. Hallinan to first on easy bound to third, and to second on Hague's wild throw to Dehlman. Jones went to first on his hard drive to left field, bringing Hallinan home 'midst rousing cheers. First run for the Keokuks. Jones stole second, but in an unguarded moment he left that base while the ball was in Battin's hand, and was retired. The Browns were retired in one, two three order.

FOURTH INNING.

Carbine flew out to Battin. Goldey hi safe for first. Miller sent an easy bounder to Fleet, which he fielded to Battin and he to Dehlman, retiring Goldey and Miller—a double play.

Hague to first on Jones' muff of his fly Fleet's easy bound to Hallinan was fielded to Miller and thence to Carbine, retiring Hague and Fleet—a nice double play for the Keokuks. Battin went out on foul tip to Bernie, and the Browns retired with another coat of lime.

FIFTH INNING.

Barnie was retired on foul bound to Miller, and Golden at first by Hague to Dehlman; Simmons got first on base hit; Riley out on fly to Cuthbert, which he captured after a long run—a difficult catch.

Dehlman to second on fair foul; Miller out on high fly to Simmons, Cuthbert following suit; Dehlman scoring the first run for the Browns; Pearce to second on Miller's fearfully wild throw to Carbine, and home on Pike's base hit; Chapman was retired at first by Golden to Cuthbert. Two runs, leaving the score 2 to 1 in favor of the Browns.

SIXTH INNING.

Hallinan to first on his safe hit. Jones out at first by Fleet to Dehlman, Carbine following suit. Goldey hit safe for first and Hallinan scored the second run for the Keokuks. Miller out by Hague to Dehlman.

The Browns were retired in one two three order, leaving the score 2 to 2 on even innings, and ruaning the excitement up to fever heat.

SEVENTH INNING.

The Keokuks were retired in one two three order. Barnie struck out. Golden out on foul bound to Miller and Simmons on fly to Chapman.

Dehlman out on foul bound to Barnie. Miller hit safe for first. Cuthbert to first and Miller to second on Simmons' muff of the former's fly. Pearce sent a high fly to Riley, which he captured. Miller home and Cuthbert to second on a wild pitch. Pike to first and Cuthbert to third on Miller's juggle of the former's easy grounder. Chapman out on foul fly to Barnie, which

he captured, after a long run. It was in this inning that the Umpire made the erroneous decision referred to.

EIGHTH INNING.

Riley to first on his base hit. Hallinan to first and Riley to second on Pearce's muff. Jones out on foul bound to Miller. Carbine to first on his fly to Pearce, with which the latter attempted to make a double play, but failed, simply forcing Riley out at third. Goldey out by Pearce to Dehlman. Hague to second on Riley's juggling of his fly. Fleet out at first by Miller to Carbine, Hague going to third. Battin out on high fly to Simmons, Hague scoring. Dehlman out on fly to Hallinan.

NINTH INNING.

The Keokuks went out in one, two, three order, then turned around and touched up the Browns with the sixth coat of whitewash.

SCORE.

KEOKUKS.	R.	IN	PO.	A.	BROWNS	R.	IN	PO.	A.
Simmons c f.	0	1	3	0	Cuthbert l f.	0	1	2	0
Riley r f.	0	2	2	2	Pearce s s.	1	0	1	3
Hallinan s s.	2	1	2	2	Pike c f.	0	1	0	0
Jones l f.	0	1	0	0	Chapman r f.	0	0	3	0
Carbine l b.	0	0	7	1	Hague s b.	1	2	2	2
Goldsmith 3b.	2	0	2	2	Fleet p.	0	0	1	5
Miller 2b.	0	1	2	3	Battin 2 b.	0	0	4	3
Barnie c.	0	0	9	0	Dehlman l b.	1	1	9	0
Golden p.	0	1	2	1	Miller c.	1	2	5	1

Innings.....	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Keokuks.....	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0-2
St. Louis.....	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	1	0-4

Runs earned—Keokuks 1; St. Louis 0. Passed balls—Barnie 0; Miller 0. Wide Pitches—Golden 2; Fleet 0. Errors—Keokuks 9; St. Louis 6. Left on bases—Keokuks 7; St. Louis 7. Total base hits—Keokuks 8; St. Louis 7. Time of Game—Two hours. Umpire—D. Mack. Scorer—Geo. Stahl.

ELSEWHERE.

In the game at St. Louis yesterday between the White Stockings and Reds, the former won by a score of 15 to 2

The Keokuks leave this evening at 5 o'clock, for Chicago, where they will play the Whites to-morrow and Tuesday.

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TUESDAY MORNING, JUNE 15, 1875.

MORE HARD LUCK FOR THE KEOKUKS.

The Mutuals Defeat Them by a Score of 1 to 0 on Five Innings.

The game between the Mutuals, of New York, and the Keokuks, yesterday afternoon, resulted in another clear case of hard luck for the home nine. The contest, so far as it went, was unquestionably the finest ever witnessed here. During the first three innings neither club succeeded in making a run. Some magnificent work was done on both sides, and in most instances the players were retired in one, two, three order. In the fourth inning, by an overthrow of Quinn's

to third, one of the brown legs managed to cross the home plate. That was the only run getting indulged in. The Keokuks quit once with Jones on third and Quinn on second, which was the nearest they came to scoring a run. Quinn made an extremely difficult foul bound catch, and Hallinan, Carbine and Goldsmith got in a nice double play. Both the out and in fielding of the home nine was good, there being few, if any, errors recorded against them. The Keokuks experienced considerable difficulty in getting hold of Matthews' pitching, and the Mutuals experienced the same trouble with Golden's. As a result very few base hits were made on either side. At the close of the fifth inning the rain came on and put a stop to the sport. At that juncture the score stood 1 to 0 in favor of the Mutuals, and as five full innings were played it will go on the record as a game.

The Mutuals go to Quincy to-day to play the new amateur club at that place, and will return here and play the second game with the Keokuks to morrow afternoon at 3 o'clock.

SCORE.

KEOKUKS.	R.	IN	PO.	A.	MUTUALS	R.	IN	PO.	A.
Miller 2 b.	0	0	4	1	Holdsworth s s.	0	0	2	0
Hallinan s s.	0	0	0	1	Start l b.	1	0	2	2
Jones l f.	1	0	2	0	Gibney l f.	1	0	3	0
Quinn c.	0	0	5	1	Metcalf r f.	0	0	0	0
Golden p.	0	0	0	0	Hicks c.	0	0	5	1
Simmons c f.	0	0	0	0	Booth 2 b.	0	0	2	2
Goldsmith 3b.	0	1	0	0	Nelson s b.	1	1	0	0
Barnie r f.	0	0	1	0	Mathews p.	0	0	1	0
Carbine l b.	1	0	2	1	McGee c f.	0	0	0	0

Innings.....	1	2	3	4	5
Keokuks.....	0	0	0	0	0-0
Mutuals.....	0	0	0	1	0-1

Umpire—Geo. Stahl. Scorers—R S Ranson and Mr. Cemmyer.

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The Keokuks Play a Splendid Game at Chicago.

SIX TO SIX ON NINE INNINGS

And a Score of Seven to Six in Favor of the Whites on the Tenth Inning.

The Keokuks played the White Stockings of Chicago at that place yesterday afternoon. As it was their first game away from home the result was naturally looked for with a good deal of interest, and as early as half past four or five o'clock the inquiry: "Have you heard anything from Chicago," commenced going the rounds. And when the announcement finally came that the Whites had been victorious only by

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KEOKUKS AT CHICAGO.

What the Papers of that City Have to Say of Saturday's Contest.

A Wild Throw of Hallinan's gives the Whites the Game.

On the arrival of the train from Chicago yesterday morning, there was a big rush for the papers of that city, to see what they had to say about Saturday's game between the White Stockings and Keokuks.

It will be seen from the report that at the close of the eighth inning, the score stood 6 to 4 in favor of the Keokuks, and that the chances were decidedly in their favor, but a wild throw of Hallinan's gave the Whites two runs, and left the score a tie. The *Tribune* grows facetious over the game. The following is its report:

The White Stockings returned from their disastrous St. Louis tour Friday morning, and yesterday afternoon played their first home game for the championship. It was with the Westerns, of Keokuk, and the third in their series with that club.

Only by the barest chance did they escape inaugurating their Chicago contestants with a bad defeat, and that, too, in the hands of a second rate nine, composed almost wholly of amateurs, which they have beaten this season by 15 to 1. Ten innings were required to gain a victory of one run, the score being 7 to 6.

The game was a poor one. The Whites did but very little execution at the bat, and their play in the field was sometimes but little short of disgraceful. In several innings there was sharp, pretty work, but it was offset by so many bad errors that the fielding, taken as a whole, must be regarded as much below a professional standard. The game played by the Keokuks was probably fully up to their average. Considered in comparison with the best championship contests, it was poor, but for a club of whom no one expects great things, and of its composition, it was good enough. It was equal to that of the White Stockings. The latter nine, however, must be allowed the benefit of a very strong excuse for their poor playing. It was no day for base-ball. The temperature was decidedly frosty, and the bright sunshine which held out the promise of a balmy day was a glaring deception. A cold wind blew down from the north as chilly and nipping as if it had just swept across a sea of icebergs. The fact is,

OUR BOYS WERE COLD.

It may be said that the weather was just as severe for the Westerns. But "that's where you make a mistake." The Westerns, all the time that our boys were shivering and blowing upon their fingers, were glowing with healthful warmth. This is easily accounted for. Nearly every man of the Westerns is a native of this city; the few who have not that honor were born in Alaska, and were early inured to a polar climate. The Chicago men of the nine lived here last winter. They experienced

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Betting began to be right lively. In the fifth inning the Browns got in two runs, and then there was enthusiastic cheering. When six innings had been played two to two was the score, and it was assuredly anybody's game. Run-getting for the Keokuks ceased at this point, and as the Browns got in two singles in the three succeeding innings, the well-played game was theirs by a score of 4 to 2."

The *Hawkeye* of yesterday, has the following very complimentary words to say of the Keokuks, who passed through Burlington Friday evening on their way to Chicago: "The Keokuk people have good reason to feel proud over the playing of their base ball club in the game with the Brown Stockings of St. Louis, on Thursday. It was the finest game, the *GATE CITY* says, ever played in Keokuk. Although the Iowa club was defeated, the score and the detailed report of the game shows magnificent playing on their part, and we heartily endorse the claim of the *GATE*, that the Keokuks have "placed themselves in the front rank of the professional nines." They have opened the season with honor to themselves, and have met the best clubs that can be sent against them. The fame of the Keokuks cannot be bounded by the limits of their own city, and while the rest of the State is heartily grateful to Keokuk for having thus nobly sustained the honor of the commonwealth in the diamond field, it joins in praise of the Keokuk athletes and claims the privilege of honoring the men who have brought honor to the physical prowess of their State. All honor to the Keokuks; and before the season is over we look to see the pet club of our sister city carry its victorious eagles into the diamond field against the very clubs that have so hardly wrested victory from its grasp. Iowa ought to be proud of this club. It is the only one of professional standing in the State, and it has never received, outside of the city of its birth, the encouragement and recognition its merits have deserved. To-day the Keokuks play the White Stockings on their own grounds, in Chicago, the second game to be played Tuesday. And whether or not the telegraph will bring us the news that victory has perched on the banners of the Keokuks, we know it will tell us that they acquitted themselves with credit to their city and State. Let us hope, and let the people of Iowa who are both pious and athletic, pray that our Keokuk boys may come back from their trip covered with glory a foot thick."

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a score of 7 to 6, a feeling of relief and satisfaction was expressed that our boys had succeeded in giving them such a close game. This feeling was intensified when it became known that at the close of the ninth inning the score stood 6 to 6, and it became necessary to play another inning to decide the game. In this inning the Whites made one run and the Keokuks none, giving the game to the former by the above-named score. From this it will be seen that the game was a hotly contested one, and that the Keokuks demonstrated their ability to cope with even so formidable an adversary as the Whites. The second game will be played on Tuesday.

The following telegram, concerning the game, was received with the regular Associated Press dispatches last night:

"CHICAGO, May 15.—In the game of base ball here to-day, between the Chicago White Stockings and the Keokuks, the former were successful, by a score of 7 to 6, in ten innings.

"There was a high wind, which favored the batting and rendered the fielding difficult. The winning nine made 8 errors and their opponents 10. The Keokuk boys displayed unexpected ability in the game."

A game of base ball played at Hamilton, yesterday afternoon, between the Charter Oaks, of this city, and the Hamiltonians, resulted in a victory for the former by a score of 25 to 20.

The Charter Oaks crossed the river in skiffs, and met the opposing club on the island on the other side.

ELSEWHERE.

The Bostons defeated the Washingtons at Boston on Thursday by a score of 10 to 6.

At Hartford, on the same day, the Hartfords beat the Athletics by a score of 6 to 2.

At New York the Philadelphias got away with the Atlantics, the score standing 4 to 1.

GOSSIP.

The St. Louis *Globe* says that Redmon, of the Red Stockings, is now looked upon as the coming short fielder.

The Bostons, Hartfords and St. Louis Brown Stockings are the only clubs that have won all the games they have played so far.

The *Globe* has the following, showing the uneasiness that was manifested at St. Louis during the last game here between the Browns and Keokuks: "During the entire afternoon a large delegation of base ball admirers thronged Mussey's Billiard Hall, on Fourth and Pine streets, to cheer or look solemn as each inning of the Brown Stocking-Keokuks contest arrived by telegraph. Victory for the home nine was considered a certainty, but the fact that in base ball you can't most always tell, was appreciated when four innings had been played and the score was one to nothing against St. Louis.

all the bitter cold weather of that remarkably cold season. They became used to it, grew rugged, hard and impervious to cold. They could stay out doors as long as a drug store thermometer, and never feel it. Most of them cut ice and worked in ice-houses during all the "cold snaps." They enjoy cold weather better than polar bears.

Could such men be cold on such a day as yesterday? It was simply one of the day's doings with them. The perspiration ran down their tanned faces, they tied handkerchiefs around their necks to keep from being sunburnt, and gulped down great pieces of ice to cool themselves. Now look at the Chicagos. They are men of delicate organization, of the finest human fiber, nursed in the lap of luxury, and just returned from luxuriating in the balmy climes of the South. During the whole winter they have reveled in sunnier climates than ours. Our chill air strikes them to the marrow. And as they had just returned from a very hot tour to St. Louis, they were not naturally prepared to buffet such a day as yesterday, especially in such light uniforms. They shivered with cold the whole afternoon, and it is surprising that they played as well as they did. That they defeated these Western Icelanders is remarkable. And the game, instead of being seized upon as an indication of their weakness, when the above facts are appreciated, should redound much to their credit.

If these men are to be obliged to play in such frosty weather,

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that they should be properly equipped. Let them be warmly dressed. They should be provided with, say pea-jackets of the thickest Pilot cloth, seal-skin caps with ear-tabs, woolen mittens, and flannel-lined overshoes, and a hot fire should be kept in the dressing-room, where they can warm themselves between bats.

Chicago's devotion to base ball was attested by the size of the audience. Notwithstanding the low temperature there were about 2,000 people present.

When the ninth inning was reached the score was 6 to 4 in favor of the Keokuka. It was a rather gloomy outlook for the frost-bitten Whites. But they retired the Keokuks with a cipher and tied the game, principally by Hallinan's terrible overthrow to first, by which Higham took third. Hastings's hit to short-stop, who fumbled badly, let Dick in, and Hastings in turn was brought home by White's fine liner over first.

The following is the

SCORE.

KEOKUKS.				WHITES.						
R	B	PO	A	R	B	PO	A			
Simmons c.	1	0	2	Higham c.	3	1	6			
Quinn c.	1	1	5	Hastings r.	2	1	0			
Hallinan s.	1	2	5	White 3b.	0	2	10			
Jones l.f.	1	2	1	Devlin 1b.	0	3	19			
Carbine 1b.	0	11	0	Hines 2b.	0	1	4			
Goldsmith 3b.	0	0	4	Peters s.s.	0	0	2			
Miller 2b.	0	5	5	Glenn c.f.	1	2	9			
Riley r.f.	1	0	0	Zettlein p.	0	0	1			
Golden p.	1	1	1	Bellaski l.f.	1	2	1			
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Innings	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Keokuks	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	6
Whites	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	1	7

Total bases on hits—Keokuks 8; Whites 12. First base on errors—Keokuks 7; Whites 2. Left on bases—Keokuks 6; Whites 5. Passed balls—Quinn 1; Higham 2. Runs earned—None. Errors—Keokuks 10; Whites 9. Time of game—2 hours. Umpire—David Alston.

The Times has the following concerning the game:

The Whites were the victors by a score of 7 to 6, after playing ten innings of as bad a game as it was possible to play. The day was very chilly, in fact so disagreeably cold that the spectators were at times obliged to stamp their feet to keep warm. Added to this a perfect gale of wind was blowing from the north, making it very hard for the fielders to judge a ball in its course from the bat. There were about 1,500 spectators present, and, shivering with cold, they sat through the muffled game with wonderful composure. The fielding of both nines was poor, hardly worthy of an amateur club, and showed a lack of practice or some trouble of some kind or another. The outfielding of the Chicago nine was better than the players of the Keokuks, but the infield of both clubs was about the same. At the bat the home nine excelled and did some pretty good striking against the famous pitcher, Golden. The Chicago club won the game by the merest accident possible, and it is doubtful if it will have another opportunity to get off so easily, after almost losing the game, as they did yesterday.

An unfortunate overthrow by Hallinan in the ninth inning gave the Whites two runs, and to this wild throw may be safely laid the loss of the game.

During the seventh inning the home nine were "rattled" terribly. First one player would pick up the ball and throw it regardless of consequences. The next man who got the ball did the very same thing, until nearly every player in the infield had a whack at it. During all this muffling the Westerns walked four men over the home plate, where every one of them ought to have been put out. "Warren," at third, seemed to have his off day, he being credited with five errors, all of them of the most inexcusable kind. It seemed impossible for him to pick a ball off the ground and hold it long enough to throw it anywhere to do any good. The same may be said of Goldsmith, the third-base man of the Keokuks, he having four errors of the same kind. Quinn, the catcher of the Westerns, made a couple of nice throws to second, and put his men out. He also did some very good baserunning. Devlin did the best batting of the lot. Nearly every time he struck it was a safe base-hit. Hallinan, of the Westerns, made a couple of good strikes, one of them sending two men in during the seventh inning. Golden, the pitcher of the Westerns, is a very swift underhand thrower. He sends them in like a shot, but at times he is inclined to be a little wild. The other players of both nines did little or nothing but miff, and played anything but good. At the ninth inning the home players were changed around a little, Bielaski going to right field, Hastings to center and Glenn to left. Taken as a whole, the game was a most remarkable one for the large amount of muffling done by both nines. It is doubtful if another such game will be seen this season.

Six to Two was the Score by Which the Whites won the Second Game at Chicago.

The Keokuks Outbat Their Opponents Three to One.

But as Usual Make Some Bad Errors, Which Cost Them the Game.

Special despatch to the Gate City.

CHICAGO, May 18.—The second game between the Keokuks and Chicagos resulted in a victory for the former by a score of six to two.

The only runs of the Keokuks were made in the sixth inning, Miller, Bernie and Golden making fine hits.

The Keokuks did some fine batting, out-batting their opponents three to one.

The fielding of the Chicagos was good, they making but one error.

The first inning gave the Whites 2 runs by errors.

In the ninth inning, by a wild throw of Golden and a fine two base hit by Hines, the Whites added two more to their score.

Miller, at second, played a fine game, Hallinan, Jones and Miller did the best batting.

The errors made by the Keokuks, though few, cost them the game, the Chicagos making but four base hits to the Keokuks twelve.

Golden's pitching in both games has been superb. He is gaining every day in command of the ball and uses a great deal of judgment.

Quinn caught well, and Bernie at right caught some very nice flies.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Keokuks	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0
White Stockings	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2

The Keokuks leave to-night for St. Louis confident of victory in their games with the Reds.

GOSSIP.

Pete O'Brien, of this city, in his first game with the Louisville Olympics, retired thirteen players, and was greatly praised by the press for his fine playing behind the bat.

The St. Louis Globe says: "Bradley, the Brown Stocking pitcher, has just arisen from a sick-bed to learn the sad intelligence that his mother died in Philadelphia yesterday. A telegram was received to that effect, and Bradley left for home last night. This will place his club at a disadvantage next Wednesday, when they are booked to play the Whites on their own grounds. The St. Louis Club managers have communicated with the Chicago Club, by merely stating

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the circumstances, and asking that the game be postponed. Should they decline to postpone it, the contest will, of course, take place, with Fleet in the pitcher's position.' The Empires defeated the Niagras at St. Louis on Saturday last, by a score of 13 to 9.

On the same day the Red Stockings defeated the Elephants by a score of 18 to 10.

The Keokuks stand tenth in the record of championship games played so far this season.

The St. Louis Globe has the following biographical and descriptive sketch of the players composing the Keokuk nine:

The next professional base ball organization to visit this city will be the Westerns, of Keokuk. They open on Wednesday next at the Compton Avenue Park, in the third game of their series with the Red Stockings; and, as each club has won a game, a close contest is anticipated. The Westerns have been prominently before the public for two years, their team being principally composed of Western men. The nine, as reorganized for the season of 1875, consists of Golden, pitcher; Quinn, catcher; Carbine, 1st base; Miller, 2d base; Goldsmith, 3d base; Hallinan, short stop; Jones, left field; Bernie, center field, and Simmons, right field. Goldsmith, Bernie and Simmons are the only Eastern men in the nine.

Golden, the pitcher, is a powerful young fellow, who depends more on speed than on strategy for success. He is occasionally wild in his delivery, but is a good fielder and strong batsman. He was formerly connected with an organization in Springfield, Illinois.

Quinn will supersede Bernie, who was originally engaged to play behind the bat. As a catcher Quinn has few superiors. He watches the game closely, and throws well to bases. He was formerly one of the old Etna nine in Chicago, then went to Fort Wayne to catch for the professional Kikiongas, subsequently joined the Franklins of Chicago, and was playing with them when his services were secured by the Westerns.

Carbine, the first baseman, is also a Chicago player, and one of the best that city ever turned out. He takes in the hottest thrown balls beautifully, and is principally noted for his one-hand play in the position. He is a very strong batter.

Miller, who mans second, is well known in St. Louis, and the manner in which he played his position last Summer led admirers of the game to believe that he would rank with the best this season. Joe graduated in an Indiana club and played with the Red Stockings in one of their Empire games last season. He is a splendid in-fielder, throws accurately, and is more than an average willow wielder.

Goldsmith is an Eastern professional, and has played ball for many years. He was formerly connected with the Marylands, of Baltimore, has played in Washington, was the Kikionga third baseman, and has been on the Keokuk nine for two seasons. His fielding this year is not up to that of last season. He is reliable at the bat.

Hallinan is a Chicago fire laddie, and was for years the model Garden City short-stop. While playing that position in the Kikionga team his record was equal to the best in the country, and he is, by all odds, the safest batsman in the Western club.

Jones, the left fielder, is a giant in stature, and one of the hardest hitters in the fratern-

ity. He played first base for the Westerns last season and filled the position to perfection. Being naturally an in-fielder, he has not realized the anticipations of his admirers at left.

Barnie is a New York player, and a good one. He caught pretty in an eastern nine last season, and has filled the position acceptably in one or two games this year, but seems not to have mastered Golden's rather wild delivery as yet. He is a fine out-fielder, and an average batsman. He will alternate with Quinn during the season.

Simmons is a prominent professional, having manned first in the White Stockings and Rockford organizations. He is a splendid out-fielder, very handy, and reliable with the stick, and adds strength to any nine on which he is placed.

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THE SAME OLD STORY.

THE KEOKUKS AGAIN DEFEATED BY THE REDS.

This Time by a Score of 7 to 1.

It would be preposterous to say that the Keokuks cannot play base ball. They have demonstrated on several occasions that they possess much more than ordinary skill. But when they get a game in their own hands they fly all to pieces and give it to their opponents. If it isn't that it's some other unfortunate circumstance that operates to their disadvantage.

They either lack nerve, or confidence, or discipline, or all three. We don't pretend to say where the trouble is. But we think the managers ought to undertake to discover and remedy it if possible, if they expect the Keokuks to make any sort of a record during the season.

Saturday's game, as has already been announced, was interrupted by rain. That was one of the instances in which the Keokuks were unlucky, as they had every prospect of winning.

Of the contest as far as it went the *Globe-Democrat* says:

The Keokuk lads, as far as the contest went, had everything their own way, and would undoubtedly have won had the game been played out. Rain interfered during the fourth inning, when the Keokuks were in advance by 5 to 1. As five innings were not completed, the game does not go on the record, and will have to be played over again. The batting was even, each side securing four base hits, and some noticeable plays in the field were made.

In the next contest the Keokuks were "off," and the Reds "rattled" them again, this time by a score of 7 to 1.

The *Globe-Democrat* says:

The blue-legged representatives of Keokuk in the professional arena, were neatly captured by the St. Louis Red Stock-

ings yesterday afternoon, for the third time this season. The game was played under the ten men and ten innings rule, and was the first of the kind ever seen in this city. Strange to say, on each occasion that the Westerns have been defeated by the crimson-hosed "striplings," this year they secured but one tally, which was all the Reds scored in the game in which the Westerns came off victorious. Fully two thousand spectators were in attendance at Compton Park yesterday, and they went away perfectly delighted with the magnificent display which they had witnessed.

Riley and "Fox" were the tenth representatives respectively of the Blues and Reds, and they acquitted themselves with great credit, especially the latter, who covered himself with glory at second base. The St. Louis lads played a perfect game, and all were loud in their praise of the pony team, which has made such a fine record for itself this season. Their magnificent play is due, more than anything else, to the coaching of Captain Sweazy, who has the boys well in hand, and by strict discipline prevents them from losing nerve and going to pieces. At the end of the third inning the score was a tie at one each, but in the fourth, by the good batting of Blong, Houtz and Morgan, and an error of Bernie's, the Scarlet Legs got in two runs, thus assuming a commanding lead which was never taken away from them.

The fielding, though marred occasionally by uncsty errors, was superb. * * * Only two base hits were secured off Blong by the Westerns, one each by Riley and Golden. Hallinan and Miller played finely in the field, the former being especially noticeable for his fine stops and sure throws.

DAILY GATE CITY.

MAY 27, 1875.

THE KEOKUKS AT ST. LOUIS.

They Lose the Game by an Erroneous Decision of the Umpire.

The Keokuks seem to be doomed to "hard luck."

One of their games with the Browns in this city, was clearly lost by erroneous decisions of the umpire. The same fate attended them at St. Louis Tuesday.

The *Globe-Democrat* says it was a "small hole through which the brown hosed ball tossers crawled, and that it was an erroneous decision, and not base hits, that gave them three tallies."

We make the following extract from its report of the game.

The Blue Stockings played their regular team, with Riley in charge of right field, Bernie being now the substitute. The Browns, on account of their crippled condition, found that several changes in their team were necessary, Seward being assigned to catch, Miller playing third, and Pike guarding second. Wiatt made his debut in the Brown Stocking nine at center. Bradley was expected home on Monday night, but did not arrive, and Galvin's services as pitcher were again called into requisition.

May 27 1875
(Keokuks at St. Louis)

1875-1876

With the crowd, and in the betting, the home players were naturally the favorites. Hallinan, before the game, was hit in the eye by a sharp bouncer, but was not incapacitated from duty.

The game commenced at five minutes past 4 o'clock, and was very exciting throughout. Mr. Barron, of the Empires, again filled the umpire's position, but not with his usual success. For the first five innings not a run was scored, so sharp was the fielding, but in the sixth, by glaring errors of Miller, two unearned runs were secured by the visitors. In the seventh inning the Blues were again cautioned, and the Browns would have been but for the umpire's error in deciding Dehlman not out at third, that player having overrun the base when Goldsmith touched him out, a fact apparent to all but the umpire. Dehlman was third out, but for this decision, which seemingly unerved the Ku-klux who allowed three men to tally subsequently by loose fielding. These were the only runs made during the game, the batting being weak on both sides. The outfielding of Outhbert and Waitt, and the infielding of Hallinan and Carbine were the features of the game. The entire Brown Stocking in-field, with the exception of Galvin, who acquitted himself very creditably, played wretchedly. But for Barron's erroneous decision, the score would have been two to nothing in favor of Keokuk, thus increasing the belief that the Westerns are doomed to have their rough streak of hard luck prolonged.

May 27, 1875. (Keokuks at St. Louis)

for the money was engaged, and that some good material was in the club is conclusively proven by the quick engagement of the players by the foremost clubs of the country—and these clubs are no "snappers up of unconsidered trifles." The club was formed in good faith, the men were hired in good faith, and the Directors acted in good faith to the end—and right here is the time to settle the rumor now afloat that the Club is badly in debt. It does not owe a dollar that it has not the money to pay. Every player received his pay in full up to date, and some were overdrawn, and every debt owed by the Club will be paid in full. Its outstanding liabilities are now less than one hundred and fifty dollars, and the money is on hand to meet these.

We disbanded because the people of Keokuk generally failed to support us. We do not blame them, however, for this. If they did not choose to go to the games, that was their undoubted right. We attempted to give them honest and pure amusement during the Summer, but as we failed to make money enough to carry us on, we stopped while we could honorably pay our debts. The gate receipts were so small that the eastern clubs refused to come here for fear of loss. As we could get nobody to play, we quit—"stepped down and out," and stayed not upon the order.

As to the playing of the nine, we have this to say: that though beaten, we have played the best average game of any club in the country, except the Bostons. To prove this we simply point to the official figures of the scores.

We had one or two weak places, but we didn't have money enough to strengthen them. We consider Quinn, our catcher, the best man that ever stood behind a bat. While in and out of the field he has borne himself as a faithful, efficient and reliable man.

There is no more effective pitcher and "squarer" man than Golden playing ball, while the work Carbine has done and can do speaks for itself. He is the star first basemen of all playing that position.

Of the other men we have many good words and few complaints.

We have heard it said that the Directors were making money out of the games. Any one wanting our share of the profits can have it at a large discount, and we will give a reward to any person sharp enough to find a balance on the credit side of our ledger.

Finally, we wish to thank the friends who have aided us, and to say to our unkind critics that if they knew a little more about the matter they would talk a great deal less.

DIRECTORS.

DAILY GATE CITY.

THURSDAY MORNING, JUNE 17, 1875.

DISBANDED.

THE WESTERN BASE BALL CLUB IS NO MORE.

A Number of the Boys Secure Excellent Positions Elsewhere.

At a meeting of the Directors of the Western Base Ball Association, on Tuesday evening, it was resolved to disband the club and the players were at once notified of the fact. This decision was arrived at after due deliberation and after having become fully convinced that the organization could not be permanently maintained. There is a variety of causes which contributed to this result, but the principal cause is the fact that a professional base ball club cannot be sustained here. The population isn't sufficient to furnish the audiences necessary to induce professional nines to come here and play the full series of games. The two last clubs undoubtedly lost money. Besides this the Keokuks have had a protracted run of hard luck, and the interest in the game hereabouts has in consequence decreased instead of increasing.

The boys accept the situation gracefully and are fully satisfied the managers have done the best that they or any one else could have done.

A number of them have already secured positions in some of the best professional clubs in the country, which demonstrates the fact that the nine embraced some first-class material. This fact was well known to the managers of the leading clubs, and there is no doubt that they have been doing all in their power to bring about the dissolution that has at length taken place.

Miller leaves this morning for Chicago, having accepted the position of second basemen in the White Stockings. The Bostons have secured Carbine as their second base man. Hallinan and Bernie will play with the Mutuals, the former at first base and the latter as change catch and right fielder.

Goldsmith has accepted the position of third basemen in the new amateur club at Quincy. Riley has been tendered the position of short stop and Jones that of first basemen in the same club. Simmons will probably go with the Hartfords. Quinn and Golden are open to propositions. They will be valuable acquisitions to any nine in the field.

DAILY GATE CITY.

MAY 28, 1875.

"RATTLED" AGAIN.

This Time by a Score of 12 to 4.

In the fourth game between the Keokuks and Brown Stockings at St. Louis yesterday afternoon, the latter were again victorious, this time by a score of 12 to 4.

This bad defeat may be attributed in a measure to Golden's disabled condition. His side is so sore that he is scarcely able to play at all.

DAILY GATE CITY.

FRIDAY MORNING, JUNE 18, 1875

THE WESTERNS.

A Few Words of Explanation From the Directors.

The Keokuk Base Ball Club has disbanded. A short explanation of the causes is probably due from the Directors, to those citizens who aided the club by good words and money assistance.

The club was formed during the Winter and the best material that could be hired

DAILY GATE CITY.

SUNDAY MORNING, JUNE 20, 1875

NEARLY all the Western nine have secured positions in other clubs. Golden received a telegram Friday night offering him the position of catcher in the Chicago White Stockings. He accepted, and left last evening for Chicago.

Goldsmith and Riley took their departure yesterday morning for Quincy to take their places in the new amateur nine at that place.

Quinn and Jones are the only players remaining here now. The former has been offered a place in two or three professional nines, but has not accepted any of them as yet. Jones is wanted in a Cincinnati Club, but has not determined yet whether he will go there or not.

DAILY GATE CITY.

SUNDAY MORNING, APRIL 4, 1875

BASE BALL BREVITIES.

The Westerns practice every day that the weather permit.

During the recent canvass of the city, quite a liberal sum was subscribed to keep the Westerns running until the season opens in May, and to make important improvements in the grounds.

The uniform of the St. Louis Reds will consist of red stockings, gray pants, shirts and caps trimmed with red. A small "Red Stocking" will be worked on the shirts, and the word "St. Louis" over it.

The St. Louis Democrat says: "Keokuk feels quite proud of its "nine" and rather thinks them "some," and it may turn out that the Westerns do know more about the yarn and leather than a great many imagine. Should their good-natured pitcher, Mike Golden, pitch right up to the handle, and as swift as they say he can, the Westerns will not occupy a very slow place on the list at the close of the season."

The base ball grounds at this place are to be enlarged for the coming season and a new amphitheater is to be built. This will be much larger than the old one. The work will be commenced this week.

The Chicago Times has this to say of our boys: "The Westerns, of Keokuk, are a very fine club, and may prove a genuine base ball surprise this year. They are under the charge of an able management, and are now engaged in active practice. Golden, the pitcher, is one of the swiftest in the country, and is said to be very hard to hit. The base ball excitement in St. Louis and Keokuk rivals that which Chicagoans experienced in 1870, and an immense crowd is expected to greet the Chicago and St. Louis clubs when they play their first game in that city."

DAILY GATE CITY.

THURSDAY MORNING, APRIL 8, 1875.

THE MINSTRELS.—The performance by Harry Robinson's Minstrels at the Opera House last evening was one of the very best that has been given in this city for many a day. There was a large audience in attendance and the entertainment was received with frequent expressions of satisfaction.

The statue, clog and songs and dances of Thomas and Heeney were capitally produced, as were also the songs and dances of Green and Sadler. Harry Robinson, in his Musical Melange and "Komikalites," kept the audience in continued laughter.

J. C. Murphy, an old favorite here, won new laurels in his character impersonations and bone solo.

George Robinson is unquestionably the best impersonator of female character who has ever appeared upon the stage in this city.

During all his visits here Harry Robinson never gave a better entertainment than that of last evening.

BASE BALL.—The first base ball contest of the season took place yesterday afternoon. It wasn't much of a contest, but it afforded our boys a little amusement. Some of the members of Harry Robinson's minstrel troupe challenged the Westerns to a tussel at the willow. The latter accepted, and in order to give the burnt cork delineators some sort of a show, gave them Golden and Bernie to pitch and catch for them. After chasing leather for our boys through nine innings, the Grenadier tooters found they had been "left" by a score of 24 to 2.

Harry's boys are at home on the stage, but they can't wield the bat with the Westerns. We suggest that they tackle some amateur organization—the Iowa City Club, for instance.

DAILY GATE CITY.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, APRIL 14, 1875

BASE BALL BREVITIES.

The base ball grounds have been enlarged somewhat, and the diamond will be removed so as to give more room for fielding than heretofore. Workmen are now engaged in enlarging the amphitheater, and the grounds will be in excellent condition for the first game here, on the 3d of May.

The Chicago White Stockings will have the same uniform as last year, except that the word "Chicago" will appear on their shirt fronts.

The Mutual Base Ball Club of Washing-

ton has been admitted into the National Amateur Association of Base Ball Players of the United States. This is the first recorded instance of a colored organization being admitted into the National Amateur Association.

The St. Louis Globe doesn't like the tripartite agreement between the Western clubs. It says:

It is to be regretted that the St. Louis club has entered into an agreement with the Chicago White Stockings and the Keokuk Nine to play no Eastern clubs prior to the first of June, because it cannot result otherwise than in a serious loss to them. With the Chicago and Keokuk Nine it makes no difference, because it is rarely that they can begin to play before the beginning of May, on account of the soil and climate. But the St. Louis club could have had several Eastern clubs here before the first of June; whereas, it is now so fixed that they can only play four Eastern clubs before the Fourth of July, June having only four weeks, and it will require one week to get through with each club, inasmuch as the Red Stockings will claim the attention of the visiting club a part of the while, and it is not the intention of Manager Graffen to have a game every day for he is too shrewd a base ballist for that. As it is, the club will not be able to get off before the Fourth of July, when, if it had not been for the tripartite agreement, they could have played the Mutuals at Brooklyn, on that day, a game which always draws from ten to fifteen thousand spectators. The action of the directors of the professional club in allowing the "Whites" to talk them into such an agreement is much regretted by all lovers of the game, who have an interest in our professional nine.

The following is a complete programme for the Western games in May.

- May 1, St. Louis vs Red Stockings, at St. Louis.
- May 3, Chicago vs Keokuk, at Keokuk.
- May 4, St. Louis vs Red Stockings, at St. Louis.
- May 5, Chicago vs Keokuk, at Keokuk.
- May 6, Chicago vs St. Louis, at St. Louis.
- May 6, Red Stockings vs Keokuk, at Keokuk.
- May 8, Chicago vs St. Louis, at St. Louis.
- May 8, Red Stockings vs Keokuk, at St. Louis.
- May 11, St. Louis vs Keokuk, at Keokuk.
- May 11, Chicago vs Red Stockings, at St. Louis.
- May 13, St. Louis vs Keokuk, at Keokuk.
- May 13, Chicago vs Red Stockings, at St. Louis.
- May 15, Chicago vs Keokuk, at St. Louis.
- May 18, Chicago vs Keokuk, at Chicago.
- May 19, Chicago vs St. Louis, at Chicago.
- May 19, Keokuk vs Red Stockings, at St. Louis.
- May 22, Chicago vs St. Louis, at Chicago.
- May 22, Keokuk vs Red Stockings, at St. Louis.
- May 25, Chicago vs Red Stockings, at Chicago.
- May 25, St. Louis vs Keokuk, at St. Louis.
- May 27, Chicago vs Red Stockings, at Chicago.
- May 27, St. Louis vs Keokuk, at St. Louis.

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THE GREAT DUST HEAP CALLED HISTORY
BY NICKEL AEDXON TOWNE
BASE BALL



THURSDAY, FEB. 4, 1954

FAMOUS KEOKUK BALL CLUB, the Gate City's of 1884, are shown in this picture owned by Clyde R. Jones of Davenport and taken by George Hassall on July 4 of that year. As will be noted the team had two baseballs and two bats, shown in the picture, but was not equipped with gloves and caught barehanded in those days. Many had mustaches, however. Players in the picture are J. N. Jones rf, T. Kennedy 3b, E. Falkenburg cf, C. Maxwell 2b, S. E. Rollins, manager, W. Sterne ss, F. Lynch lf, S. Sterne 1b, E. Dugdale, catcher, and C. Hawkins, pitcher.

C. R. Jones Recalls Falling Off Bluff With Pony Here in 1898

Clyde R. Jones of 2928 Middle Road, Davenport, a former resident of Keokuk writes to learn if The Gate City has records of his unusual fall with a pony over the bluff at Third and Orleans some 56 years or so years ago and incloses the accompanying picture of one of the most famous baseball teams in Keokuk history. It was taken on July 4, 1884 of the Gate City Baseball Club on which his father, James N. Jones played right field—barehanded in those days.

Father in Feed Business
His father was in the grain and feed business and a ticket broker on the levee on the south end of a stone building which the Gate City Milling Co. also occupied. He says he thinks the part rented by his father formerly was the Wabash railroad offices and the building now is occupied by the Purity Oats plant. The place where young Jones and his pony rolled over the cliff is about 500 feet north of Port Sunshine and near the stone house now occupied by Dr. and Mrs. L. C. Pumphrey, then owned by the Anderson family.

An abandoned road, closed by a gate, ran along the bluff back of the house and formed a short cut to Price's creek where the boys of the day went swimming.

Down They Go
Jones says he attempted to ride down this road after a heavy rain. The road was covered with weeds and the rain had softened or washed away part of the bed.

His pony fell, he recalls, and rolled all the way to the railroad tracks but the saddle girth broke and the boy did not fall all the way. As he recalls it a C. B. & Q. section gang was working on the track close by and they got the pony to her feet and held her until the noon passenger train passed.

One of the men who drove a team for his father said that when he heard of the accident his first reaction was: "Was the pony hurt?" The pony was cut up rather badly on the side where she slid down the cliff, but Jones says the teamster was kidding in his report of the elder Mr. Jones' remark.

At that time the Jones family lived at 721 Bank street.

Another \$100 Is Needed to Light Field

Need has arisen for additional money to complete the installation of lights on Tumelty recreation park and the board in control has consequently advanced its goal from \$300, originally asked, to \$400.

The original sum has already been subscribed and the board anticipates little difficulty in obtaining the other \$100. As soon as the money has been raised, work will begin on the large field at Seventeenth and Morgan street which is to be transformed into one of the finest softball diamonds in this section.

The following is a list of those who have made donations to the fund since the first list was published:

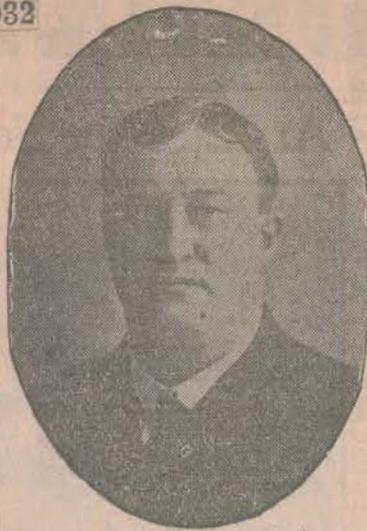
- Security State Bank, \$5.00; Purity Oats Co., \$10.00; Keokuk Steel Casting, \$10.00; B. P. & W. club, \$5.00; John Campbell post, \$2.50; Colored Churches, \$8.00; Lion's club, \$25.00; Johnson-Schmidt, \$2.50; Carl Klann, \$2.00; Moose Lodge, \$25.00; Pearson-Schmidt, \$5.00; Elks Lodge, \$10.00; St. Paul Baraca Class, \$10.00; First Christian church, \$10.00; St. Peter's church, \$10.00.
- St. Francis church, \$10.00; St. Mary's church, \$10.00; Knights of Columbus, \$10.00; Keokuk American Legion, \$5.00; Rubber Industries, \$5.00; J. C. Penney Co., \$2.50; Schouten's Bakery, \$3.00; Independent Lumber Co., \$3.00; Greaves Mortuary, \$2.00; Baur-Mullarky \$2.00; Stadler's Cigar Store, \$2.00; Stahl's Meat Market, \$1.00; H. Weirather, 50c; T. Tallarico, 50c; L. Woodruff, 50c; Model Meat Market, 50c; Herbert Vogel, \$3.00; James Joyce, \$25.00; James Huiskamp, Jr., \$5.00; Keokuk Savings Bank, \$5.00; State Central Savings, \$5.00; Golden Rule, \$1.00; Economy Furniture Co., \$1.00; Keokuk Barrel Co., \$5.00; Disabled Veterans of World War, \$2.00; Keokuk Trade and Labor Assembly, \$10.00; Merriam Hardware Co., \$1.00; George Koch, \$2.00; Keokuk-Hamilton Bridge Co., \$5.00; DeMolay, \$5.00; United Presbyterian Brotherhood, \$5.00; Trinity Methodist Sunday school, \$10.00, and First Lutheran Church Brotherhood, \$10.00.

March 21, 1939

Olympic Games Recall Days When C.H. Hennemann Held World Record

THURSDAY, JULY 28, 1932

Keokuk Man Leaves Today for Los Angeles to Watch Young Athletes Toss the Discus Much Farther Than in His Day.



C. H. HENNEMANN.

To most of the spectators at the Olympic games, the world's greatest athletic event will be merely another sports spectacle, more colorful and of vaster scope than most, but little else. There will be one person in the huge watching throng, however, to whose memory the games will recall one bright day in New York City in 1897 when he hurled the discus to a new world's record which stood for five years against the assaults of the strongest.

That person is Charles H. Hennemann of 115 South Twelfth street, who has accepted the invitation of his son Charles, who lives in Los Angeles, to attend the Olympic games. He leaves today and is almost as thrilled over the prospect of watching the athletes of another day far exceed his old records as he was when he first established them.

Weighted 220 Pounds.

C. H. Henneman was 31 years of age when he established the world's record for the discus at 118 feet, 9 inches. He was representing the Cherry Circle, or the Chicago Athletic association in the national championships at the time. His weight was 220 pounds and he stood well over six feet three inches.

This was in 1897. In 1896 Gerald had established a new record at Athens, Greece, at 95 feet, and Hennemann's mark was thus an eighth wonder of the world at the time. It seems a rather scant distance in these days with the record standing at almost 170 feet, more than 50 feet better than the Keokuk man's sensational toss.

It must be remembered, however, that in the old days the discus thrower was confined to a seven foot circle which restricted his pivot. Today they are stationed in an eight foot enclosure and the distance of the heave is increased accordingly.

Tossed 137 Feet.

Hennemann was first interested in athletics at St. Louis and when he found himself at home in the weight events he practiced them sedulously, finding the discus to be his preference. During the year prior to the national championships of 1897 he drilled at Hubinger's park, and on one occasion threw the missile 137 feet. If he could have reported this toss in New York his record would have stood until 1907. As it was his mark was broken by M. J. Sheridan in 1901 with a pitch of 124 feet, 7 1/2 inches.

In 1897, his best year, Mr.

Hennemann also won the shot put event with the 16 pound weight, and placed second in the 56 pound weight. He also won the discus throw in Chicago the following season, but did not compete in the other events. His last discus throw was during the 1904 world fair in St. Louis. He placed fifth in a great field that year with a toss of 117 feet.

Big Improvement.

Discus throwing has improved mightily since the days of the old Greeks in their Olympic games. In those times the athlete was stationed on a platform, elevated four inches at the rear and two at the front. The platter was projected with a straight-away toss instead of a pivot and great distances were impossible.

Few men were able to obtain a distance of 100 feet with the missile until Hennemann came along with his record of better than 118 feet. That stood until 1901 when M. J. Sheridan exceeded it by five feet.

Sheridan continued to improve his tosses for the next ten years, finally achieving 141 feet, 4 inches in 1911. That was his best throw, and it was bettered in 1912 by J. Duncan who made a great heave of 156 feet, 1 1/2 inches.

More New Marks.

Duncan's mark stood until 1924 when Tom Leib beat it by one and a fraction inches, and in 1925 Leib's best distance was excelled by Bud Hauser, who added another inch. Glenn Hartranft tossed the plate 157 feet, 1 1/2 inches in 1925, but Hauser came back with a fling of 158 feet, 1 1/2 inches in 1926.

That mark stuck for two years until Eric Krenz got a distance of 163 feet, 8 1/2 inches in 1929. Then came Paul Jessup, a giant of a man to toss the discus 169 feet, 8 3/4 inches in 1930. When it is all going to stop, no one knows. Perhaps Mr. Hennemann will see another record toss in Los Angeles.

Keokuk, At One Time, Was a Member of The Baseball National League?

Old newspaper files reveal accounts of Keokuk baseball games fairly early in the 19th century and Keokuk residents swelled with justifiable pride in pointing out that their city was at one time a member of the National league. That was in 1875 and although the National league as it exists today was still unborn, its precursor, the National Association of Professional Baseball teams answered the same purpose and



Keokuk joined Boston, the Athletics, Hartford, St. Louis, Philadelphia, Chicago and New York Mutuals, the St. Louis Reds, Washington, New Haven, the Centennials, and Atlantic in the 13-club circuit. Known as the Westerns, Keokuk's period of baseball greatness was very ephemeral and the club played only 13 games of which it lost 12. The city was so remote from the geographical center of the league that the relatively small crowds possible here couldn't pay the expenses of such eastern visitors as New York and Boston and Keokuk withdrew on June 16, 1875. During its brief National league career, games were played on the Walte pasture north of Rand Park.

THE GREAT DUST HEAP CALLED HISTORY"
R. J. BICKEL KEOKUK, IOWA

When Keokuk Was in the National League

These Days of Real Sport Were in 1875—In Western League Ten Years Later.

When Keokuk was in the National League—old time fans remember this bit of tradition, and it has been stated so often that it has become a sort of fixed history, like the first summerless summer. As a matter of fact Keokuk was never in the National League of baseball clubs as one thinks of it today, but Keokuk was in the National Association of Professional Baseball Players, which disbanded after the season of 1875 and out of which was born the National League of Professional Baseball clubs in 1876. As a matter of fact Keokuk has held membership in fast baseball company at various times in the last fifty years. Besides being in the big time circuit with Boston, St. Louis, Philadelphia and Chicago, Keokuk was in the Western League, although the ball diamond at that time was across the river, and players crossed the Mississippi by boat to take part in the games.

Besides having teams in the National and Western Leagues, Keokuk has always fostered a rivalry in baseball teams between local clubs, or has always looked to a strong semi-professional team to represent it, such as the one in 1901 which won nearly every game played. The city has supported teams in the old Iowa State League and the Central Association, and although no pennants decorate the walls of Keokuk's hall of fame, out of its baseball clubs have come some of the stars of the game today. Charles Hollocher, of the Cubs, played with the Indians in the Central Association. Alva Williams, who participated in many of the games in the season of 1907 and '08 went to Washington, and John Corriden, the third base first of 1908 went to the Cubs from Keokuk. Corriden is now managing Des Moines, of the western league. Keokuk has contributed stars to the Western league and the Southern league, among these being Pitcher Joe BH's, who went to the Western, and Shortstop Al Bnemiller, who went to the Southern Association after a successful season here.

Matthews and Golden.

Keokuk in the National league provides material for quite a laugh for some of the newcomers in the city, but to the old timers, the fact is as fresh in their minds as if it were yesterday. They talk about Bobbie Matthews, the first curve ball pitcher ever seen in Keokuk, who was pitching for

the Mutuals, and there are many who remember Golden, Keokuk's pitcher who used to practice speed and control by throwing a brass ball out back of the coal yards where he worked. Those were the days when Keokuk was in fast company and the team was known as the Western's. It was a disastrous season for baseball here, however, and the team did not complete its schedule. It played only thirteen games and lost twelve of them.

In 1875 the league was controlled by the players and the system, to quote Henry Chadwick, father of baseball, had produced evils "that threatened the future existence of the league. Contract breaking, 'revolving' the failure to meet engagements, and what was worse than all, pool gambling influences, led to the development of a degree of dishonesty in the ranks of professional ball playing." This condition of affairs brought about the organization of the National league the following year.

Thirteen Clubs in League.

Thirteen clubs, representing seven eastern and three western cities entered the lists for the professional Association Championship in 1875. The cities were New York, Boston, Brooklyn, Washington, Hartford and New Haven in the east, each entering a club, Chicago and Keokuk from the west, each entering one club; and Philadelphia entering three and St. Louis two. Only eleven of the thirteen clubs played out

their quota of games. Philadelphia entered the old Athletics, the Philadelphias and the new Centennials, while St. Louis had the Red Stockings in addition to the St. Louis Club.

Here is the record of the championship race of the old Association in its last year:

First Division.			
	Won	Lost	Pct.
Boston	71	8	.899
Athletics	55	28	.756
Hartford	54	28	.639
St. Louis	49	39	.574
Philadelphia ...	37	31	.544
Chicago	30	37	.448
Mutual	29	38	.426

Second Division			
	Won	Lost	Pct.
St. Louis Reds ..	4	14	.222
Washington	4	22	.156
New Haven	7	39	.152
Centennial	2	13	.133
Western	1	12	.077
Atlantic	2	42	.065

Golden Had Speed.

The most noteworthy contest of the old association "Father" Chadwick has set out is that between the Chicago White Stockings and the Dark Blues of Hartford, which Chicago won by the score of 1 to 0 in ten innings. Billie Barnie was the catcher for Keokuk's Westerns and Golden the pitcher. It is said of Golden, who was a coal heaver by trade, that at odd times he practiced for speed and deadly accuracy by throwing a brass ball against the coal sheds where he worked and that he attained a bullet-like delivery, and likewise an aim that was the envy of a Kentucky feudist.

The ball diamond in those days was in part of what was then called the Walte pasture. This was beyond Rand Park, on the south side of the boulevard. The team called the Actives' later acquired the grounds, and it was known for years as the Active's field. Games were played on week days only, no Sunday games being allowed. Crowds were slim in those days, too, it was recalled. However it is also recalled that grandmothers died with regularity among the younger followers of the game.

Boston's Shabby Trick.

Commenting on the game between the Keokuk's and Boston, The Gate City on the 12th of June, 1875, announces that Boston decided not to play the second game here, fearing that a game today and a trip to Chicago tonight would unfit them for a game with the Whites there tomorrow. "This is a shabby trick," the sporting writer declares, inasmuch

as Keokuk already excused the Bostons from one game.

This game was witnessed by a crowd of less than a thousand, but the fans were well repaid for their attendance, according to the report of the game.

New Keokuk's Appear.

In 1884 it was announced that on Monday, July 21, the new Keokuk team would appear, and that Evansville would be their opponents. The Keokuk line-up for this game, was: Hawkings, rf; Carr, p; Dugdale, c; O'Brien, 2b; Zimmerman, ss; Lynch, lf; S. Sterne, 1b; Kennedy, 3b; W. Sterne, cf.

In 1885 it was announced that the ball park at High Banks had been completed and that the Keokuk team would play the Pinafores of St. Louis. The steamer Rescue was to make trips at 12:30, 2 and 3 o'clock to the ball park at Crystal Glenn. On June 6 it was announced that the first game in the Western league would be played with Milwaukee. This was the game which Keokuk won by the margin of one run. Keokuk maintained its membership in the Western league for two years, according to the best recollection of the fans.

Carson Rand—Gate City.

Prior to the entrance into the Western league, in 1883 there were two fast local teams, styling themselves the Carson Rands and the Gate City's. These two clubs played a city series that was hard fought and resulted in victory for the Gate City's in the final game September 15, 1883. This game was played at Kilbourne park.

The box score of this game is interesting as it contains the names of the best ball players of Keokuk of this era. Here is the score:

Gate City.		Carson & Rand.	
AB.	R. H. PO. A. E.	AB.	R. H. PO. A. E.
Lynch, 1st	4 0 0 11 0 0	W. Gavin, ss	5 0 2 1 4 1
W. Sterne, 3rd-ss	4 0 0 1 1 1	King, c	5 0 0 8 1 0
Haley, c	4 1 3 12 1 1	J. Gavin, p	5 0 0 0 4 0
S. Sterne, ss-3rd	4 1 1 1 5 3	Touhey, 1st	5 1 1 13 0 1
Conklin, p	4 2 0 0 5 1	Real, 2nd	5 2 0 1 0 0
Jones, cf	4 3 3 0 0 0	Kinney, 3rd	4 1 1 0 0 1
Maxwell, 2nd	4 0 0 2 2 0	M. Gavin, cf	4 2 0 0 0 0
Peterson, lf	4 0 0 0 0 0	Griffith, rf	4 0 1 1 0 0
Sharpe, rf	3 0 0 0 0 0	Alton, lf	4 0 0 0 0 0
Totals	35 7 7 27 14 6	Totals	41 6 5 24 9 3

Score by innings:—
 Gate City000 024 010—7
 Carson & Rand...020 301 000—6
 Summary:—
 Struck out—By Conklin, 10; by Gavin, 8.
 Total strikes called—On Conklin, 44; on Gavin, 35.
 Total balls called—On Conklin, 55; on Gavin, 29.
 Home run—M. Gavin.

Keokuk vs. Boston, June 11, 1875 ..

Here's the way the box score looked in the old days when Keokuk was in the National League. This is a game picked at random from the Gate City files. The Sporting Editor of that day comments that Keokuk did well to hold the Boston club as it did. The crowd was slim, one thousand in attendance. The box score:

KEOKUK					BOSTON				
R	1B	PO	A	E	R	1B	PO	A	E
Miller, 2b	1	1	2	4	Wright, ss	0	1	2	3
Hallman, ss	0	1	1	2	Barnes, 2b	1	4	7	3
Jones, lf	1	1	1	0	O'Rourke, rf	1	1	0	1
Quinn, c	0	2	3	1	Leonard, lf	1	1	1	1
Golden, p	0	1	0	0	McVey, 1b	0	0	5	1
Simmons, cf	1	2	1	0	Spalding, p	1	1	2	1
Goldsmith, 3b	1	0	1	3	White, c	0	1	8	2
Barnie, rf	0	2	4	0	Manning, 3b	1	1	2	0
Carbine, 1b	0	1	14	0	Beals, cf	1	1	0	0
Totals	4	11	27	10	Totals	6	11	27	12

Score by innings:
 BOSTON 4 0 0 0 0 0 2 0 0—6
 KEOKUK 0 1 2 0 0 0 0 1 0—4
 Total Base Hits—Keokuk 14; Boston 13.
 Passed Balls—Quinn 1; White 1.
 Wild Pitch—Golden 1; Spalding 1.
 Time of Game—2 Hours.
 Umpire—P. O'Brien, of the Olympics.

More Fast Company For Keokuk

In the baseball park at Crystal Glen across the river, Keokuk opened the Western league season June 6, 1885, by defeating Milwaukee. Kennedy and Daniels were the Keokuk battery, with Baldwin and Arundel for the Milwaukee team. Here is the box score of this game:

Keokuk.					Milwaukee.					
R	B.	P.	A.	E.	R	B.	P.	A.	E.	
Fowler, 2b	2	2	2	1	2	Gorman, rf	1	1	0	0
Walsh, ss	1	2	2	4	2	Burns, cf	1	0	2	0
Corcoran, 3b	1	1	0	7	2	Schoehecke, 1b	2	2	12	0
Harter, c	1	2	1	0	0	Forster, 2b	1	3	3	5
Hudson, rf	1	2	0	0	0	McSorley, 3b	0	0	2	0
Shamberg, 1b	0	1	17	0	0	Baldwin, p	1	0	1	3
O'Brien, lf	2	2	0	0	0	Alvord, ss	1	0	1	3
Daniels, c	2	1	5	5	1	Lee, lf	1	0	0	0
Kennedy, p	0	0	0	4	0	Arundel, c	1	0	6	3
Totals	10	13	27	21	7	Totals	9	6	27	14

Score by innings:—
 Milwaukee 0 0 0 8 1 0 0 0 0—9
 Keokuk 2 0 0 4 1 0 3 0 0—10
 Summary:—
 Runs earned—Keokuk, 4; Milwaukee, 2.
 First on error—Keokuk, 3; Milwaukee, 6.
 Base on balls—Keokuk, 2; Milwaukee, 3.
 Struck out—By Kennedy, 7; by Baldwin, 8.
 Two-base hits—Fowler, Corcoran, Harter, Hudson, O'Brien, Gorman, Foster.
 Three-base hits—Walsh.
 Double plays—Walsh and Fowler; Baldwin, Schoenecke and Forster.
 Passed balls—Daniels, 1; Arundel, 2.
 Wild pitch—Kennedy.
 Time of game—2:20.
 Umpire—Stockwell.

Double play—Maxwell to Lynch.
 Time of game—2:05.
 Umpire—Charles O'Hara.

The Famous Team of '01.

In 1901 Keokuk had a semi-professional team that won thirty-two straight games played, according to the local fans who kept count. In this team were such players as Frazee, 3b; McRae, 2b; O'Leary, c; Schwarz, 1b; Miller, ss; Yeager, rf; Charnier, lf; Roberts, cf; Wick, p. O'Leary went to Rock Island of the Three-Eye league when it was formed, and caught there. He also caught in the Iowa State league after it was formed. Roberts was a University of Illinois star. Harry Miller was the manager of the team, and such teams as the Edgars of Chicago, Diels of St. Louis, and the Vinton Eagles and other fast semi-professional teams were

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booked. The fans saw some fast games that summer. It was during this summer that the Chicago Edgars advertised a catcher who would work behind the bat without a mask. He worked about two innings when a foul tip laid his cheek open, and injured his eye.

Quincy the Rivals.

In 1902 the team was much the same, with Schwarz, Miller, Figemeier, O'Leary, Yant, Charneier, Livingston, Jones and Lundin in the lineup. Lundin was the cannon ball artist who used to be the pitching ace of the locals. The Quincy Reserves and Keokuk were the rivals in those days and some fast games were played in Keokuk and Quincy.

In 1903 Womack was the pitching addition to the team and Cameron was seen in right field. He and Yant were "home boys." C. Moore was catching that year and J. Moore was on second. Keller was at second. In that year Weisbrodt, afterwards with Pa. Belt at Jacksonville, pitched for the Quincy Reserves and Hackett, next year with Keokuk, caught. Their appearance here was the signal for a real battle.

League Ball Again.

League baseball loomed again for Keokuk when it became a member of the old Iowa League in 1904. This was the circuit headed by Frank C. Norton, of Burlington, and included Keokuk, Burlington, Marshalltown, Boone, Ottumwa and other Iowa towns. This was the circuit that gave to the Chicago Cubs the great Jimmie Archer, who caught for Boone. His choppy whip to first base was highly respected in this league after he cut off many a would-be base runner around first base, when he had taken too long a lead. One seldom recalls Archer without recalling a humorous incident centering about Korn's, the Boone pitching ace. Jimmy Haviland, Keokuk hurler, would run across the line in front of a runner going to first base to back up the first sacker, and one day he almost collided with Korn's. Some wag yelled out, "don't step on my Korn's." Korn's later collided with Haviland and another wag urged him to be careful and "not break up the Haviland."

Cy Black was Keokuk's first manager in the Iowa state league, and he was followed by a succession of managers, among them Ned Egan, Pat McAndrews, Dave Hughes, Frank Belt, Frank Boyle and others. In 1906, the team was one of youngsters with McAndrews at its head. By a spurt in midseason, it gained 300 points and landed in fifth rather than cellar position to which all of the critics assigned it. Egan brought Sam Foster to Keokuk in 1905—silent Sam they called him. He had a reach like a star boarder and he hit the oall like a Ruth. Egan had Blexrud and Bills, a combination of hard to beat pitchers on this team, Blex winning fame by pitching a no-hit game against Burlington one Saturday.

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It was on the Fourth of July in 1907 that Rube Burch and Maury Kent engaged in their nineteen inning pitching duel before a crowd of 1,500 rabid howling fans. Marshalltown won on a combination of errors and a hit in the nineteenth frame. Both pitchers were stingy, walking two each and twenty-three men fanned, Burch fooling twelve and Kent eleven. The score:

Keokuk.					Marshalltown.								
AB.	R.	H.	PO.	A. E.	AB.	R.	H.	PO.	A. E.				
Yant, lf	7	0	0	7	0	1	Burg, 3b	8	1	3	3	9	1
Ryan, c	8	0	2	13	1	0	King, lf	9	1	3	3	0	0
Buemiller, ss	5	0	0	0	6	1	Foster, 1b	9	0	0	26	0	0
Birmingham, 1b	8	0	0	24	2	0	Kennedy, 2b	8	0	2	2	6	0
Armstrong, 3b	8	0	1	1	7	3	Kent, p	8	0	1	0	8	0
Williams, cf	8	1	4	3	0	0	Misse, ss	8	0	1	5	2	1
Yaeger, 2b	7	0	1	7	5	0	Giffen, rf	7	0	2	2	0	0
Morgan, rf	7	0	4	2	0	0	Forney, c	7	1	0	13	4	0
Burch, p	7	1	1	0	5	0	Slapnicka, cf	7	1	0	3	0	0
Totals	65	2	13	57	26	5	Totals	71	4	13	57	29	2

Score by Innings:—

Marshalltown	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	4
Keokuk	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Summary:—

- Stolen bases—Ryan (2), Buemiller (2), Williams (2), King (3), Foster.
- Sacrifice hits—Giffen, Forney, Yant.
- Two base hits—Kennedy (2), Armstrong, Ryan.
- Bases on balls—Off Burch, 2; off Kent, 2.
- Struck out—By Burch, 12; by Kent, 11.
- Double plays—Burg to Misse to Foster.
- Wild pitch—Kent.
- Hit by pitcher—Misse.
- Umpire—Hampton.
- Time of game—3:35.

Burlington and Keokuk were the natural rivals in the Iowa league and it was always a battle for the blood when the teams met. Hundreds of local fans traveled to Burlington by boat and train one Memorial Day to watch Ahlin pitch a twelve inning game and win a victory for the Keokuk tribe by Tommy Hackett's home run over the fence. Hackett was built much like Ruth and the way he walloped the ball was a crime. He was one of the best catchers, no doubt who ever worked in Keokuk and Keokuk lost him when Egan sent him to the Pacific coast league.

Nineteen Innings.

One of the games which local fans seem to have forgotten but which wrote Keokuk's name on the official record of baseball was that played July 4, 1907, in the afternoon, and lasted for nineteen innings, when Maurice Kent, University of Iowa star, won a victory over Rube Burch, south paw extraordinary and brakeman of Doe Run Mo., in the winter time, by the score of 4 to 2. "Rabbit" Yant's muff of an esy fly and a timely single by King, settling the long battle. The writer scored the game together with Charley Rudolph, then with the Western Union here, and remembers distinctly the uproar that followed the single by Rube Burch in the ninth inning with two gone, which tied the score, for nine more innings. It was a typical holiday crowd at Hubinger Park

that afternoon, noisy and baseball wild, and idolizing Burch. Manager Hughes sat on the bench watching every move, wondering what to do when Burch came up and two were down. To jerk nim for pinch hitter meant the staking of everything on a ten to one shot, and he left Burch ip. The Rube delivered, with a resounding smack to left that sent Williams home with the tying count.

Marshalltown had scored in the first on an error and a double. They duplicated the feat in the third on the same kind of a play. The locals made one in the third on an error and a hit, but going into the ninth it looked like Kent would chalk another win. He was the ace of the Marshalltown staff and had been going great guns all season. The longer the game the better he got, and his stuff fairly scintillated with speed and curves. But Kent had a foeman worthy of his steel in Burch who likewise got better as the game advanced. Going into the ninth, Williams singled. Yeager fanned, and Morgan rolled to Foster, putting Williams at second. Burch then delivered the necessary hit, although he was out trying to stretch it to a double.

Error Breaks It

The deadlock continued until the opening of the nineteenth inning when Giffen singled with one down. Forney forced him at second and Slapnicka worked Burch for a walk. Burg lifted a fly to left field, the ball bouncing out of Yant's glove and For-

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ney scored. King then hit a single scoring Slapnicka, and although Foster was the third out, the damage was done. Buemiller walked for Keokuk's only chance in its half, but no one could advance him against the kind of ball Kent was pitching.

It was in 1907 that "Pa" Belt and his Jacksonville team always came to Keokuk and departed with the big end of the score. Belt had a great team in the Central Association that year. Craig, right field, Berte, short stop; Hagel, third base and Moran center field, being the heavy artillery of the batting order with "Pa" himself following Moran and adding a hit when one was needed most of the time. The next season saw Belt in charge at Keokuk, and he gave the fans a good team.

This was the year that Belt had Ed Reichle, fence buster deluxe. Hill at shortstop and Corriden at third. Reichle used to hit the ball on a line drive over the Joy field fence and grandstand which stood in centerfield of the Hubinger park. Roland was at second for Belt, Miller at first, and among his pitchers he had Prough and Bramble.

Twenty-Two Inning Game.

Local fans who were appealed to about the long games Keokuk's Central Association team played in, recalled the twenty-two inning struggle which took place at Burlington in 1913 or 1914. This was the record for the old Central Association games, it was said, but the long winded affair took place in Burlington.

Whittaker who pitched for Keokuk about this time is still pitching in New Orleans, according to one of the fans who keeps tabs on the game. Kent, who pitched the nineteen inning game here in 1907 went to Brooklyn the next season.

Old Semi Pro. Days.

Hubinger Park was the scene of many a great baseball game in the days of semi-pro baseball in Keokuk. The lake back of center field where Keokuk people went bathing and the Maine was blown up in Fourth of July celebrations, could always be counted on to add gayety to the occasion, for it was a rare game that some embryo Babe Ruth did not clout the ball over the center fielder's head and cause him to do a back dive into the lake after the ball. Sometimes he caught it, but most of the time all he got was a ducking.

"Fatty" Faulkner was the Falstaff of Hubinger Park days. He was a natural born clown and played baseball almost as well. It was tradition that Fatty could not play well until he had gotten good and dirty, and he used to cavort on the coaching line in a fashion to make Germany Shaffer look like a solled two spot. Faulkner's specialty was either to be on his knees in an act of prayer, at the same time handing out a line of talk that would upset a graven

image or he was cavorting around with about as much grace as an elephant, throwing gobs of dust and dirt on himself.

Played Everywhere.

Faulkner's position was behind the bat, but let a pitcher go bad, and Fatty would go on the mound and tame the rampaging batters. He had nothing but a glove but he made the batters miss 'em somehow. A sudden rainstorm sufficient to wet the diamond but not hard enough to stop the game was Fatty's meat. He would discard spikes and socks and run around in the wet barefooted. Part of the time he caught without a chest protector.

Duffy was another hero of the old Hubinger park days, especially the day he knocked the pill into the fence separating the race track from the diamond and the ball lodged in a knothole and he circled the bases for the winning run. Duffy was a southpaw, and turned the hit into right field, naturally. The board fence running along this side of the field usually helped the right fielder, as it kept balls from rolling away from him, but this particular time the ball went straight as a die on a line drive into the fence and lodged in a knothole, where it resisted all efforts to dislodge it.

Amateurs Have Place.

Besides professional and semi-pro teams, Keokuk has always had fast amateur aggregations, and amateur sport was given a big boost when C. R. Joy built the Joy Athletic field on Thirteenth and Seymour streets. A fine grandstand was built, its rear wall forming part of the center field fence of the local professional diamond. The Joy park fence was of galvanized iron sheets and inside its enclosure some fast base ball was played on Saturdays.

Commercial league teams were organized and it was in these teams that Paul and Harry King, Clarence Dickey, John P. Johnson, Craig McManus, Norman Moody, Francis Hayes and others of the amateur ball player fraternity were enrolled. It was due to his showing as a catcher in the amateur games that Harry King was drafted several times to catch for the local Central Association team.

In recent years, especially since the war Keokuk has again taken her place in the ranks of baseball. Teams from Keokuk are playing every Saturday and Sunday in the vicinity, while the town has been represented for the last few years in what was called the Iowa league one year, and following this the Hancock County and the Ilmo league.

Baseball history in Keokuk is interesting if one has time and patience to delve deeply into it. In this article only the surface is scratched, but one might rightly conclude that Keokuk's part in the history of the national pastime, taking it by and large, has been a creditable one.

DAILY GATE CITY:

WEDNESDAY MORNING, JULY 1, 1874.

BASE BALL AT KEOKUK ON THE FOURTH.

"Blue Stockings" of Chicago to Have a Tilt with the "Westerns."—Other Clubs to be here During the Season.

One of the attractions in this city on Independence Day will be the match game of base ball to be played by the Blue Stockings of Chicago, one of the "crack" clubs of Illinois, and the Westerns of Keokuk, of which the lovers of the game in this State may well feel proud, for they have shown themselves equal to a hard contest, and have been victorious in two of the three played this season. This promises to be a splendid game, and will be worth coming to see. It will be played at Perry's Park, situated near the toll gate, at three o'clock on the afternoon of the Fourth. If you admire good ball playing be on the ground to witness the game. Other clubs are expected during the season, and engagements are now made as follows: The Blue Stockings will play a second game Monday the 6th; Iowa Cities of Iowa City are to "swing the willows" on the 8th; The Libertys, of Springfield, will be here the 15th inst. They are said to be a hard club to beat. The Red Stockings and Unions will play return games on our grounds the latter part of this or the first of next month.

DAILY GATE CITY:

THURSDAY MORNING, JULY 9, 1874.

SIX TO TWO.

The Best Game Ever Played in Iowa--- Westerns Ahead.

The contest yesterday between the Champions of the State, the Iowa Citys, and the Westerns attracted a large crowd to witness a game that would in reality decide the respective merits of the two best clubs in Iowa. The day proved to be most auspicious for playing. The shower in the morning laid the dust and put the grounds and the roads to them in splendid condition.

The game was called at four o'clock. Mr. A. Springer, who accompanied the visiting club, was accepted by the Westerns as Umpire. The toss was won by Jones, of the Westerns, and the Iowa Citys went to the bat bravely, confident of success. On the

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delivery of Golden's fifth ball the Umpire objected to his pitching, and the game was quite unnecessarily, delayed for twenty minutes or more, when time was again called and the playing continued.

Iowa City, sent us a strong nine with which to contest for the championship, but the result shows that it will take better material than that sent to maintain laurels over Keokuk.

The fielding of the Iowa Citys was splendid, after the first two innings, and gave the home club five whitewashes. The batting was very weak. Only one ball was sent out of "in field," and that was a beauty, by McIntyre, into right field.

Finkbine, catcher, is a lively little man and held Sawyer's ball nicely. Sawyer is a fancy pitcher, and quite effective in his delivery, but he is a sharper and a most fearful "squealer," and should learn for the credit of himself and the good town which he represents, that his strong declarations of "wanting nothing but what is square," is too thin a gauze to cover over his many unfair demands and his continual growling and whining. The balance of the Club are very gentlemanly and quiet, and are a fine set of men. This was noticed by those present, who were not at all slow in showing their appreciation of the good plays made by them.

On the part of the Westerns Jones distinguished himself on the first base, and with the splendid assistance of Miller, put out two-thirds of the twenty-seven of the other nine. Goldsmith took in a beautiful foul bound on the third base, which was about the only work he had to do.

Golden sent the ball to the bat in fine style, and Myers, behind the bat, allowed very few to pass, notwithstanding his badly bruised hands. Pete O'Brien was as lively as a kitten on "short." The out-field had little to do, as but one ball passed out of the diamond.

The Iowa Citys need not feel at all chagrined over their defeat, for it was a good game and a credit to the base ball skill of the State. They play at Fort Madison to day.

The following is the score of yesterday's game:

Iowa Citys	O. R.	Westerns.	O. R.
Finkbine, c.	4	O'Brien, s	2 3
Van Fleet, 2 b	3	Riley, 1 f	2 2
Finkbine, 3 b	3	Jones, 1 b	1 3
Sawyer, p	2	Baker, c f	0 4
McIntyre, s s	2	Goldsmith, 3 b	0 3
Clark, 1 b	3	Miller, 2 b	1 2
Chalfaut, 1 f	3	Stahl, r f	0 3
Burkhart, r f	4	Myers, c	0 3
Titcomb, c f	3	Golden, p	0 4
	27		27

INNINGS.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Iowa Citys	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0—2
Westerns	3	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0—6

Scorer, Arthur Springer, of Columbus y.

DAILY GATE CITY:

FRIDAY MORNING, JULY 17, 1874.

THE IOWA CITY PAPERS ON THE BASE BALL GAME.—The first issue of the Iowa City Press after the match game of base ball at this place between the Iowa City Club and the Westerns, contained a bitter, vindictive and ill-natured tirade of abuse of everybody and everything connected with the game, except the visiting club. It was the most flagrant misrepresentation of facts that could well be conceived of, and referred to our city and the Westerns in terms of the most unwarranted and uncalled for severity. We are glad to know that the article in question, does not reflect the sentiment of the members of the Iowa City Club. We had determined not to make any allusion to the fulsome fusilade of the adolescent genius of the Press, but the following from the Iowa City Republican is such a complete refutation of the charges made in the Press that we copy it:

Our champions found themselves over-matched at Keokuk last week by the Westerns, yet they held the latter the closest game they ever had, and but for a most unfortunate first inning would at least been even with them. On that inning a series of mishaps allowed the Westerns three runs, but after that they got but three to our boys two. It was one of the closest games ever played in the State and showed our club bully boys for non professionals. We are sorry to see in the Press report the following ill-natured paragraph:

"It was without doubt the best game ever played in Iowa, but at the same time no club in the West was ever awarded such inhuman treatment as were the Iowa Citys at Keokuk. They were hissed and hooted by the crowd, insulted and cheated by the players and officers of the Westerns, and grossly misrepresented by the papers of that place."

We are assured by the members of our club that better treatment could not have been asked than they received from the citizens of Keokuk. Some low bred fellows, such as are always found at such places, did some illmannerly things, but the people of Keokuk were not responsible for them. The charges against the Westerns are not well taken, and tend to bad blood when they come here for a return match. There were differences of opinions and of course each club earnestly defended its own views, and as to the misrepresentation by the papers that is almost impossible, for the papers there are edited by gentlemen. The best way is to own that our boys were beaten by misfortune and a very superior set of players, and when the return game comes try to reverse the score.

Our boys say they had a splendid time of it, and have no just cause of complaint.

DAILY GATE CITY:

THURSDAY MORNING, AUGUST 3, 1874.

THE WESTERNS AT ST. LOUIS.

Another Signal Victory for the Keokuk Boys.

The victory won by the Westerns over the Rowenas of St. Louis, at that place on Saturday, was followed by a still more signal one in their game with the Empires, from the fact that the latter is the champion club of Missouri.

Of Saturday's game, in which the Westerns defeated the Rowenas by a score of 16 to 2, the Democrat says:

The Westerns have improved in their playing fifty per cent. since they visited our city last. Their new man, Goldsmith, played third in the game yesterday about as well as that difficult position could be played. He is an excellent player. Miller played without making an error, putting out five of the Rowenas, and assisting in retiring three others. He is about as good a second baseman as there is in the West, as he covers a great deal of ground, is quick and as active as a cat, and uses good judgment. Jones played his part well, having taken two very difficult flies during the game; he also made the best hits, two of his drives being sent a long ways out of the reach of the out fielders. Golden pitched well, and as usual, he was good natured all the time. The Rowenas failed to "get in" on him to any great extent, as they only made six base hits. In the sixth inning Myers, of the Westerns, went to center field, Sellman taking his place behind the bat, who proved to be a very good player. He had nothing to do while in the out field.

Of the game with the Empires, the Globe says:

Fifteen hundred spectators were present at the Grand Avenue Base Ball Park yesterday afternoon, to witness the tilt on the diamond green between the Keokuk professionals and the purple hosed youths who fly the State pennant. To say that the spectators were pleased would but poorly express their delight at the magnificent game which was by all odds the most exciting played this season. The Westerns did not arrive on the ground until shortly after 4 o'clock, owing to some mismanagement in regard to carriages, but when they did put in an appearance little time was lost in getting the contest started. In the first inning owing to several foul drives that were decided fair by Maher, the visitors got in five runs, and, by whitewashing their opponents, assumed a commanding lead that almost ensured them victory, but the determined and plucky manner in which the Empires fought the uphill game was admirable. In the fourth, inning the Empires tied the score, and it remained a tie until the ninth innings, the excitement being intense as the game progressed. In their last turn at the bat everything looked blue for the Hawkeyes, until Paddy Dean made the horrible throw that allowed Baker to tally. Schimper, for the Empires, was equal to the emergency when he came to the bat, but poor support was given him, and the St. Louis players had to retire a defeated party. Only one run was earned during the contest and that by the home nine.

The Democrat says:

The Westerns go from here direct to Louisville, where they will play the Eagles of that city on the 4th and 5th, then to

Jeffersonville, and will return to St. Louis and play either the Unions or Empires on the 8th and the Reds on the 9th. AUG 3 74

throws by the usually unerring McSorley led to five unearned runs, and imbued the visitors with a confidence that was not afterwards lost.

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TUESDAY MORNING, SEPTEMBER 1, 1874.

THE WESTERNS AT ST. LOUIS.

They Get Away With the Red Stockings by a Score of 16 to 6.

The game between the Westerns and the Red Stockings of St. Louis was looked forward to with an unusual degree of interest, from the fact that the latter is conceded to be the best club in Missouri. When, therefore, the news was received here that the Westerns came out victorious by a score of 16 to 6, the most intense enthusiasm prevailed, and the admirers of the Keokuk boys were prouder of them than ever before.

From the *Globe's* account of the game we copy the following:

The long anticipated base ball contest between the two strongest clubs in the West, omitting the Chicago professionals, came off at the Compton Avenue Park yesterday afternoon. The opposing clubs were the semi-professional Westerns, of Keokuk, Iowa, and the scarlet hoed boys of this city. The game was advertised to commence at half-past 3 o'clock, and long before that hour the grounds were well filled with an immense crowd of spectators. The Westerns were out in full force, and presented the same nine that had taken the Empires into camp so neatly the week previous by the close score of seven to six. The Red Stockings substituted Mulhall for Joe Blong at first, as the latter is disabled by a sprained wrist, received from an accidental fall. Dunning, a semi-professional, from the East, was placed in charge of second base, and much curiosity was expressed as to how he would fill that position. Oran, late of the Empires, attended to left field in place of Johnny Dillon. The Reds were very much crippled at all points, Dillon and Andy Blong having sore hands, that were almost unfit for service.

The Reds lost the toss, and were sent to the bat at 3:45, Mr. William Medart having been chosen umpire, a position which he filled with creditability. * * * * *

It was a Waterloo defeat for the Red Stockings, taken with a good grace, and attributable to the terrific batting of the Hawkeyes, who are credited with no less than twenty-two safe hits, a number of which were two and three basers. The Westerns have three splendid fielders in charge of their bases—Jones, Miller and Goldsmith—and in this their greatest strength lies: Goldsmith and Miller fielded without an error yesterday, and the ball which they had to handle was by no means a dead one. Golden also pitched with telling effect, and the outfielders had little to do. Miller, Selley and Baker pounded the sphere to almost all parts of the field every time they came to the bat. The game opened favorably for the Reds, the first innings leaving the totals at two to nothing in their favor, but in the second two damaging

STATEN ISLAND B. B. C.

The Champion Amateurs Coming West

To Play Here this Week.

MUFFS IN GENERAL.

It is with feelings of delight that the lovers of base ball and the admirers of the Westerns receive the news that the Staten Island club will be here this week. They telegraphed that they would play two games Friday and Saturday, but if they play the Empires Thursday, as they are now advertised, it will be impossible for them to get here in time for a game Friday.

The *Inter Ocean* has this to say of their trip West:

"The Staten Island club, a strong Eastern amateur organization, will start from New York, on a tour of the West and Canadas, Saturday, August 29, and will play games with the following clubs and on the date as below: The players will be selected from the following list of members, viz: Beavan, Sanford, Edwards, Dollard, Jackson, Beach, Worth, Hitchcock, Crane, Barnes, Paton, Vermelye, Mort, Rogers and others. Eleven of these gentlemen are sure to come West. The following is the programme of the tour as far as arranged: Leave New York Aug. 29; play Louisville Eagle, Louisville, Ky., Aug. 31; play Empire, of St. Louis, Mo., Sept. 1; play Red Stockings, of St. Louis, Mo., 2d; play Empire, of St. Louis, Mo., 3d; play Western, of Keokuk, Iowa, 4th; rest 5th; rest at Springfield, Ill., 6th; play Liberty, of Springfield, Ill., 7th; play Empire City, of Detroit, Mich., 8th; play Tecumseh, of London, Canada, 9th; play Maple Leaf, of Guelph, Canada, 10th; play Dauntless, of Toronto, Canada, 11th; play Maple Leaf, of Guelph Canada, 12th; home 14th. Arrangements are also being made for a game in Chicago and it is probable the Staten Islanders will accept the offer of the Chicago amateurs."

The Staten Islanders claim the championship of the amateur field. They have a right to it in the East, but their claim will have to be established West before as good a nine as the Westerns are will accord it to them.

The coming visit will be waited for with interest by Keokuk folks, and our neighbors in adjacent towns should attend if they wish to witness a contest between two well matched "teams."

ROWENAS.
The *St. Louis Times* says: "The Rowenas, since they have returned from their trip north, have consolidated with the Jacksons, and they now sail under the name of 'White Stockings.' On to-morrow, at the Compton avenue park, they measure strength with the Reds."

MONMOUTH.
The Monmouth College Club talk of a visit here soon. We hope they will come. The College has lots of friends here and they would receive a kind welcome.

The Westerns have received a number of invitations from clubs in the interior and they will probably take a trip through the State some time this Fall.

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SUNDAY MORNING, SEPTEMBER 6, 1874.

STATEN ISLANDERS DISTANCED.

The Champions of the East are Defeated by the Coming Champions of the West.

A GOOD GAME—14 TO 3.

THE EMPIRES TO BE HERE TUESDAY.

A Club that Once Beat the Westerns 52 to 6.

The first game between the Staten Island club and the Westerns took place yesterday, at Perry Park.

The day was beautiful, but the sky was too clear to judge well of high balls. The visiting nine are the champion amateurs of the East, and their trip West was to give them that claim over the amateur field of the United States. The Westerns certainly convinced them that the line of their superiority was drawn somewhere nearer the Atlantic, and that their reputation might have been saved the tarnish that it received here.

The eastern nine and their three substitutes are all gentlemen, and comparison with the Reds was quite favorable to them as the contrast was striking.

Mr. R. W. Maguire acted as Umpire, and his decisions were uniformly satisfactory to the players and to the audience. There was not a question raised to any of his rulings. Lapham, the new man of the Westerns, had little to do in center field, but did good work at the bat. Pete O'Brien played short finely, and

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redeemed his "off day" with the Mutuals. Myers behind the bat was on his good behavior, and with a deal of pluck kept all but three of Golden's balls from reaching the fence when they should have been stopped.

The rest of the nine played splendidly, as they always do, except two errors charged to Goldey and one to Joe

The following is the

SCORE.

WESTERNS.	R.	B.	A.	P.O.	STATEN ILS.	R.	B.	A.	P.O.
Miller, 2d b.	0	1	2	4	Jackson, 3d b	2	2	1	2
Riley, r f.	3	3	0	0	Ducharme, c	0	0	0	1
Jones, 1st b.	2	3	1	12	Beach, s	0	0	3	2
Baker, l f.	2	1	0	1	Rogers, l b.	1	0	8	
Goldey, 3d b.	0	1	3	1	Woods, 2d b.	0	1	3	0
O'Brien, s	1	0	3	0	Curtin, l f.	0	0	0	0
Lapin, c	1	2	0	0	Beaman, c	0	1	3	3
Myers, 3 c.	1	0	2	8	Sanford, c.	0	0	2	1
Golden, p.	3	2	3	1	Hitchcock, r f	0	0	0	1
	14	13	14	27		3	5	12	27

Total base hits.....16 Total base hits.....7
 Passed balls, Myers.....4 Passed balls, Beaman.....3
 Wild pitches, Golden.....1 Wild pitches, Sanford.....1
 Scorers—Geo. Stahl, Westerns; T. C. Vermilye, Jr., Staten Islands.
 Umpire—R. W. Maguire
 Time of game—2 hours and 10 minutes.

The Staten Island Club leave this afternoon for Springfield, where they play the Libertys on Monday. From there they go to Jackson, Mich., Tuesday; Toronto Wednesday; Guelph Thursday; London Friday, and Bradford Saturday, and then they return to New York.

THE CHAMPIONS OF MISSOURI.

The Empires of St. Louis, the champions of Missouri, are to play the Westerns for the second time this year, at Perry Park on Tuesday next. The game at St. Louis a few weeks ago between these two clubs resulted in a victory for the Westerns, the score standing 6 to 7. A game three years ago between the same clubs here left the home nine behind 52 to 6. This will be the game of the season, as it will be Iowa's strongest nine against Missouri's champions.

The game of base ball between the Empires, of St. Louis, and the Westerns, yesterday afternoon, was the finest ever played in Keokuk. This was the almost unanimous verdict of those who witnessed it. Notwithstanding the odds were in favor of the Westerns all the time, the contest was a spirited and exciting one throughout, and a very unusual degree of skill was manifested on both sides.

Much of the honor achieved by the Westerns is due to the superb playing of Golden and Myers. The pitching of the first-named was very effective and received admirable support behind the bat on the part of the last-named. Myers' one-handed catch of Golden's hard throw from third, by which he put Shrimper out on the home plate, was a fine play and received merited applause. Golden also acquitted himself very creditably at the bat, sending three liners down into left field, any one of which would have been a home run on any other grounds. Myers received a red hot foul tip in the neck, which would have laid out the average ball-tosser, but it didn't seem to effect his good playing in the least. Jones made three tallies by his splendid base running. Owing to a disabled thumb he played center field, Lapham filling his place on first and playing with consummate skill. Goldsmith's difficult foul bound catch near the fence, in the last inning, was a magnificent play—one of the most remarkable ever executed upon the grounds.

Jo Miller, on second, made two beautiful fly catches. Riley also took a fly in fine style in right field.

The Westerns did capital work throughout, playing without an error in the field and none behind the bat that gave the Empires any runs.

They did some powerful batting, that was not excelled by any the Mutuals did here.

The Empires are a strong fielding nine, McCall, pitcher, and Seward, catcher, playing their positions perfectly. The bases are well attended to by Houtz, Gorman and Brooks. Barron at short was excusable, for not handling a couple of balls sent to him, as they were very hot. Schrimper, in left field, made two fine running catches, while Wirth took in one in center field. Murray, the right fielder, had nothing whatever to do.

The visiting club conducted themselves in a very gentlemanly manner and were courteous in all their intercourse with their contestants. Their conduct was in striking contrast with that of the red-hosed infants, from the same place, who visited this city some weeks ago.

The umpiring of Mr. Maguire, with one exception, gave perfect satisfaction to the visiting club.

The following is the game by innings:
 First Inning—Westerns.—Jones having lost the toss, Miller went to the bat and led

off for his side with a safe hit past third and went to first and stole second safely. Riley was sent to first on three balls. Jones hit an easy one to Barron, who sent it to Brooks, retiring Miller at third. Baker's easy hit to Barron was not handled by that player and Riley came home, Jones going to third and Baker to second. Goldey was retired on his grounder to Houtz and Jones came home, Baker going to third. Lapham hit a hot one to Brooks, which was fielded to Seward and Baker was caught between the bases. Two runs.

Empires.—The St. Louis boys were retired in one, two, three order, Houtz on three strikes; Seward by Golden to Lapham, who was playing first in place of Jones, who was disabled, and Schrimper on three strikes.

Second Inning—Westerns.—The Westerns were treated to a coat of whitewash in this inning. Goldey, after hitting safe for his base, was retired by McCall's throw to Brooks at third. Lapham flew out to Houtz, and Selley out by Barron to Houtz.

Empires.—Another goose egg. Gorman out on a high fly to Miller. Murray out on an easy one to Lapham, and McCall struck out.

Third Inning—Westerns.—Myers went out on three strikes. Golden drove a beauty down in left field corner, and came clear around home. Miller was retired on his easy hit to Barron, which was sent to Houtz. Riley sent up a little fly, which was taken by Gorman. One run.

Empires.—Wirth hit safe for his base and got around to third on passed balls. Brooks struck out. Barron followed suit. Houtz hit a foul ball, and Wirth attempted to run home on it and was retired by Golden's throw to Goldey. Another whitewash.

Fourth Inning—Westerns.—Jones sent one to Brooks, which he juggled, and Jones got to first, and went to second on a passed ball. Baker popped up a fly, which Seward captured. Goldey out by Gorman to Houtz, Jones coming home. Lapham was retired on a foul bound, handsomely taken by Seward.

Empires.—Out in one, two, three order. Barron on a fly to Golden. Houtz popped up one for Miller's benefit, and Seward was retired on his hit to Selley, which was fielded to Lapham.

Fifth Inning—Westerns.—Another whitewash for the Western. Selley was retired on a foul bound to Seward. Myers hit safe for first, but got caught attempting to steal second by Seward's throw to Gorman. Golden out by Gorman to Houtz.

Empires.—Schrimper got his base on balls, and went to second on Golden's low throw to Lapham. Gorman out on first by Golden to Lapham. Schrimper to third. Murray hit one to Goldey, which that player threw to Chick, he making a beautiful one-handed catch of Goldey's throw,

DAILY GATE CITY.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, SEPTEMBER 3, 1874.

THE EMPIRES SCOOPED.

The Westerns Get Away with Them by a Score of 9 to 2.

The Finest Game Ever Played in Keokuk.

SOME BEAUTIFUL FLY CATCHES AND BASE HITS.

ANOTHER GAME TO-MORROW.

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retiring Schrimper at the home plate. Murray stole second safely, but was left there as McCall was retired on three strikes. Whitewash No. 5.

Sixth Inning—Westerns—Miller sent one down the base line to Houtz and retired. Riley popped up a high foul fly which Brooks took after a long run with the ball—a handsome catch. Jones hit a grounder to Gorman which he misjudged and got first, but was forced out at second by Baker's hit to Barron, which was fielded to Gorman. Whitewash.

Empires—Brooks sent a safe one to Center and earned first. Worth was retired on first by Golden to Lapham, Brooks going to third on a passed ball and home on Barron's hit to right field. Barron to second on Myers' poor throw to Lapham, and home on Seward's safe hit past Selley. Seward stole second and took third on a passed ball, but was left there as Schrimper went out on third stroke. Two runs.

Seventh Inning—Westerns.—Baker out on a fly to Wirth. Goldey fouled out to Seward. Lapham sent a safe one to left and took 1st. Selley hit a hot grounder to Barron, which he did not handle, and both runners got their bases. Myers put one over third, bringing Lapham home and sending Selley to second. Chick was caught between the bases by Gorman to Houtz. One run.

Empires—Gorman out on a foul fly to Myers. Murray was retired on first by Goldey to Lapham, and McCall on a foul bound to Chick.

Eighth Inning—Westerns.—Golden sent another one down in left field corner and got to second. Miller out on a long fly to Schrimper. Riley hit a hot one to Barron, which he sent to third to head off Golden, but failed to do so. Jones sent a hard one to center, bringing in Golden and sending Riley to third. Jones stole second. Baker sent a hot one past third, bringing in Riley and Jones. Goldey was retired on first by Barron's throw to Houtz, Baker going to third. Lapham hit a high one to left, which Schrimper captured in handsome style. Three runs.

Empires—Another whitewash for the Missourians. Brooks out by Miller to Lapham. Wirth flew out to Joe and Barron was treated in the same manner by Riley.

Ninth Inning—Westerns.—Selley retired on first by Gorman to Houtz. Myers out on a foul bound to Brooks. Golden put another liner down to the left field corner and went to second and then to third on a passed ball. Miller sent one where Golden's went and brought Mike home. Riley popped up an easy fly for Gorman. One run.

Empires—Houtz was retired on a foul bound, which was taken in handsome style by Goldey after a long run. Seward out at first by Miller to Lapham. Schrimper

sent one to the same player and his side took their eighth coat of calcimine.

COMING BACK.

The Empires are well pleased with the treatment which they received here, and at their instance another game has been arranged, to take place here to-morrow. They are anxious to have another tilt with the Westerns, and express confidence in their ability to wrestle with them more successfully than they did yesterday.

The admission to to-morrow's game will be 25 cents.

The following is the

SCORE.									
WESTERNS.	R.	B.	A.	P.O.	EMPIRES.	R.	B.	A.	P.O.
Miller, 1st b.	0	2	4	3	Houtz, 1st b	0	0	11	0
Riley, r f.	2	0	1	0	Seward, c.	0	1	5	3
Jones, c f.	3	1	0	0	Schrimper, lf	0	0	1	0
Baker, 1 f.	0	1	0	0	Gorman, 2 b.	0	0	4	3
Goldey, 3d b.	0	1	2	2	Murray, r f.	0	0	0	0
Lapham, 1 b.	1	1	12	0	McCall, p.	0	0	0	1
Selman, ss.	0	0	0	1	Brooks, 3 b.	1	1	4	1
Myers, c.	0	1	8	2	Wirth, cf.	0	1	1	0
Golden, p.	3	3	1	5	Barron, ss	1	1	1	5
9 11 27 13					2 4 27 13				
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9					1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9				
Westerns.....	3	0	1	0	0	1	3	1	0
Empires.....	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	2
Total base hits.....	10				4				
Passed Balls—Myers 3; Seward 3; Brooks 1.									
Runs Earned—Westerns 3; Empires 1.									
Scorers—Geo. Stahl and Mr. Stevens.									
Umpire—R. W. Maguire.									
Time of game—1 hour and 50 minutes.									

DAILY GATE CITY.

FRIDAY MORNING, SEPTEMBER 11, 1874.

ANOTHER FINE GAME. Six to Three this Time.

EMPIRES IMPROVE IN FIELDING.

The "Clippers" of Monmouth on the Grounds.

The Empires returned yesterday from Iowa City, where they suffered a defeat Wednesday by allowing Sawyer & Co. to "squeal" out McCall, their pitcher. As in the first game, they held the Westerns down to hard work and a low score, and entertained a large crowd of spectators.

The fielding of the Westerns was scarcely so good as in the first game, as several errors crawled in, while that of the Empires was much improved, Barron on short, and Houtz on first, being charged with the only errors made.

The feature of the game on the part of the Empires was the beautiful double play made by Gorman and Seward in the fifth inning, when they caught Selley at the home plate, and Jones, who was running for Golden, between first and second.

They still show an inability to strike Golden's pitching, and it is in this that the Westerns seem to over-reach them.

The base hits of the "blue stockings" ran up to a higher figure than in Tuesday's game, Baker this time applying his muscle, and sending safe ones toward the fence, on one of which he made a home run. Jones sent a beauty flying over left field fence, but could take but one base. Myers caught in fine style, considering the condition of his hands. One ball slipped by him, when three strikes were called on Spaulding and he got his first, which advantage gave them two runs in that inning. Jones took center field to-day, his hand still being sore, and in the fourth inning sent Wirth to his seat by taking in a fly in handsome style, after a long run towards the diamond. Golden and Goldey each followed Jones' example, by sending men out on flies. In the next inning Riley made a good fly catch, near right foul line, for which he was heartily applauded. Lapham received a severe bruise on his little finger, by a ball thrown to him from Goldey, which disabled him so that he went into the field, forcing Jones to take his regular position.

In the eighth inning Gorham, of the Empires, received one of Golden's swift balls on his right ankle, which produced a very severe bruise and disabled him for the remainder of the game. Spaulding was put on as a substitute and played the game out well, making one of the three runs with which the club is credited.

The following is the game by innings:

Mr. Honeyman, of the Clipper B. B. Club of Monmouth, having been chosen for Umpire, game was called at 3:30, sharp, with the Empires at the bat.

First Inning—Empires—McCall, the first striker for the Empires, came up smilingly before Goldey's swift ball, and was retired on a foul bound to Myers. Brooks hit one to Lapham, which he let go between his legs. Worth sent one to Joe, and Adam retired on 1st, Brooks going to 2d and to 3d on a passed ball and home on the same thing. Barron out by Jelly to Lapham 1 unearned run.

Westerns—Miller sent one to Barron, which was promptly fielded to Houtz, and Joe sat down. Riley sent one in the same place, and also took a seat. Jones popped up a fly for Barron, and retired his side for a whitewash.

Second Inning—Empires—Houtz sent up one for Joe and retired. Seward popped up one for Lapham. Schrimper retired on three strikes. Whitewash. Westerns, Baker sent one to Barron that he didn't go high enough for, and he got first. Golden hit a grounder to Gorman and retired at first, Baker going to second. Lapham out on three strikes. Selley drove a hard fair foul over third, went to second, bringing Baker home. Myers drove one between third short, which was fielded to third, retiring Selley at that base. One unearned run.

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Third Inning—Empires—Gorman hit a fair foul, passed first, got his base and stole second. Murray was retired on a foul tip. McCall out on a foul bound. Brooks sent a fly down to Baker, which he took in.

Westerns—Myers out on a foul bound. Golden retired on a foul fly to Geo. Seward. Miller drove one to left field and got one base. Riley popped up a little fly for Brooks' Out. No runs.

Fourth Inning—Empires—Wirth sent one to Jones, who was playing center field, which he took after a long run. Barron hit a little one for Golden and took a seat. Houtz did the same thing for Goldey. Whitewash.

Westerns—Jones retired on a foul bound. Baker hit one just out of Brooks' reach and got first. Goldey sent one to Houtz and retired at first. Baker came home on Lapham's hit to center. Selley hit an easy one to Brooks, which he fielded to Gorman, retiring Lapham at second. One earned run.

Fifth Inning—Empires.—Seward sent one to Goldey and retired at first. Schrimper sent one to Lapham and took a seat. Gorman sent up a high one, which Riley captured in handsome style. Whitewash.

Westerns.—Selley sent one to Barron, which he failed to handle and got first. Myers sent up a high one to Schrimper and retired. Golden hit safe for his base. Selley was put out at the home plate and Jones, who was running for Golden, got caught between first and second.

Sixth Inning—Empires.—Murray hit a safe one into left field and went to second on a passed ball. McCall out on a fly to Miller. Brooks retired on a foul bound. Murray to third on a passed ball. Wirth sent an easy one to Goldey and retired on first.

Westerns.—Miller, after hitting two or three hard fouls, popped up a little one for McCall's benefit. Riley drove a safe one past third. Jones sent one over the fence, and stopped on first, Riley going to second. Baker sent one down among the carriages in right, and brought Riley home. Jones to third. Goldey hit one to McCall and died at first. Lapham drove one over Barron's head, and Jones came home. Barron threw wild to Seward to cut off Baker, and that player scored, Lapham going to third. Selley hit one to Barron, and was retired at first. Three runs—two earned.

Seventh Inning—Empires.—Barron hit one to Goldey, which that player threw to Lapham, and he muffed. Barron went to second on a passed ball, and to third on the same thing, but died at home by Selley's throw to Golden. Houtz out on a fly to Baker. Seward sent an easy one to Joe, and retired on first.

Westerns—Schrimper pitching. Murray to left and McCall to right. Myers drove one to Gorman, and went out at first. Golden put a safe one in right field, and got first. Miller hit one to Gorman, which

went past that player, and Joe went to second, Golden coming around to third. Riley flew out to Murray. Jones sent up a high one for McCall. Golden and Miller were left on their bases.

Eighth Inning—Empires.—Schrimper sent one to Jones—who held his own position on first in place of Lapham—and retired. Gorman got hit on the leg with the ball and Spaulding went in his place, and got his base on Myers' muff of his third strike. Murray hit a fair foul for second bases and sent Spaulding to third. McCall out on his hit to Goldey, which was fielded to Jones. Brooks drove a hard fair foul down left and brought Spaulding and Murray home. Wirth flew out to Miller a handsome catch. Two runs.

Westerns—Baker drove a hard one past Wirth in center and came home. Goldey retired on first by Brooks to Houtz. Lapham sent one to Spaulding and went out at first. Selley drove one at Barron which he threw to Houtz at first and that player muffed. Myers out on a fly to Murray. One run.

Ninth Inning—Empires.—Barron out by Selley to Jones. Houtz retired on his hit to Goldey, which was fielded to Jones. Seward retired by Miller to Jones. Whitewash.

Westerns.—Golden sent one just out of Barron's reach and took first, but was forced out at second by Miller's weak hit to Barron. Joe got second on Seward's poor throw to Spaulding and got caught between second and third on Riley's hit to Schrimper. Jones out on a fly to McCall.

SCORE.

WESTERNS.				EMPIRES.			
R.	IB.	P.	A.	R.	IB.	P.	A.
Miller 2b.....	0	1	3	McCall.....	0	0	2
Riley, r. f.....	1	1	0	Brooks, 3 b. 1	0	3	3
Jones, c. f.....	1	6	0	Wirth, c. f.	0	0	0
Baker, l. f.....	2	2	0	Barron, s. s.	0	2	4
Goldey, 3 b.....	0	1	4	Houtz, lb.....	0	0	9
Lapham lb.....	0	2	6	Seward, c.....	0	5	1
Selley, s. s.....	1	0	3	Schrimper, l. f.	0	3	1
Myers, c.....	0	5	0	Gorman, 2b.....	1	2	4
Golden, p.....	0	3	2	Murray, r. f.....	1	2	1
	6	11	27		3	3	27

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Westerns.....	0	1	0	1	0	3	0	1	0-6
Empires.....	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0-3

Total base hits—Westerns 12; Empires 4.
Passed balls—Myers 4; Seward 1.
Scorer—Geo. Stahl.
Umpire—O. S. Honeyman, of Monmouth, Ill.
Time of game—1 hour and 40 min. es.

THE CLIPPERS

of Monmouth, arrived from Quincy yesterday morning, expecting to play the Westerns in the afternoon. They had been notified that they could have a game on the 10th, but owing to their failure to acknowledge the receipt of the letter the Westerns presumed they were not coming and arranged for the game with the Empires. The Westerns paid the expenses of the Clippers and extended to them the freedom of Perry Park during the game.

PROFESSIONAL vs. AMATEUR

WESTERNS ONE EARNED RUN TO EIGHT UNEARNED FOR THE WHITE STOCKINGZ.

A Fine Game Yesterday and Another one on for To-day.

The long expected game with the Professional Club of the West came off yesterday at Perry Park, to the delight of the four hundred spectators present. The crowd was not as large as it would have been had the appearance of rain been less threatening. The clouds hung heavy all afternoon, and for an hour or two preceding the game occasional drops of rain fell.

The Westerns continued in their bad luck of losing the toss and went to the bat first, and were retired without any tallies, Jones reaching first base by putting a fine one over left field fence. The Whites were retired in one, two, three order, and the game was opened interestingly to the audience.

The second inning was started by a two base hit for Goldey, who died on base by the hard luck of the next three strikers, who went out. Hines and Glenn then each tallied one for the Whites.

The playing of the entire game was fine, and had it not been for Jones' failure to stop a grounder that went skipping past him and the past balls of Myers behind the bat, the Chicago boys would have found their match in Keokuk. Myers did his best and worked hard, but the terrible balls would go by in spite of all he could do, and, we venture, in spite of all any man could do, for it is simply impossible to play nine innings with less past balls from Golden's swift pitching than Myers had. The pitching on the part of the Westerns was very effective, but nine base hits were made and not a man was sent to base on "wides" or "balls," while Zettlein's pitching was taken hold of for eight base hits and one two baser.

Miller, Riley and O'Brien distinguished themselves on the part of the Western's field. In the last half of the seventh inning, Jones was disabled, by a sprained ankle, received by colliding with Peters, who was running to first base, and Real was called to finish the game.

But a few weeks ago the famous Boston Reds were sent to Chicago by the Whites, who tallied ten, and only last Sunday the Empires received the same treatment and let the Whites get thirteen runs, so this eight to one may be counted as another handsome effort for Iowa's best nine.

A close contest may be expected to-day, as the two clubs are undoubtedly quite evenly matched.

The following is the

DAILY GATE CITY.

THURSDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 22, 1874.

SCORE.

WESTERNS.	R.	IB.	P.O.	A.	CHICAGOS.	R.	IB.	P.O.	A.
Miller, 2b.....	0	1	3	5	Cuthbert, lf.....	0	0	2	0
Riley, r f.....	0	1	2	0	Force, 3b.....	1	3	1	
Jones, lb.....	0	2	12	0	Malone, c.....	0	1	10	1
Baker, lf.....	0	1	0	0	Meyerle, 2b.....	1	1	0	1
Golday, 3b.....	1	2	0	2	Hines, c f.....	1	0	1	0
Lapham, c f.....	0	3	0	3	Glenn, lb.....	3	4	6	0
O'Brien, ss.....	0	1	0	2	Devlin, r f.....	0	1	0	0
Meyers, c.....	0	5	0	0	Peters, s s.....	1	1	2	2
Golden, p.....	0	3	4	4	Zettlein, p.....	1	0	3	1
	1	8	27	15		8	9	27	6

Total base hits—Westerns 9; Chicagos 9.
 Runs earned—Westerns 1; Chicagos 0.
 Passed balls—Meyers 5; Malone 1.
 Wide Pitches—Golden 13; Zettlein 12.
 Time of Game—1 hour and 50 minutes.
 Umpire—Jas. Woods, White Stockings.
 Scorer—Geo. Stahl.

DAILY GATE CITY.

FRIDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 23, 1874.

BASE BALL.

ANOTHER FINE GAME.

**The White Stockings Victorious—
Score 5 to 2.**

A small crowd assembled at Perry Park yesterday afternoon to witness the second game of ball between Illinois and Iowa's best clubs. The game, with the exception of the fifth inning, was the finest ever played on these grounds. During this inning the Whites succeeded in getting four men to the home plate, which was done by errors of O'Brien, Golday and Lapham, they muffing and throwing at a fearful rate. Golden pitched very effectively, while Myers behind the bat did nobly. Miller covered second in fine style, although he was charged with one error, caused by his slipping, the result of not having spikes in his shoes. Jones did not play in yesterday's game, he not having recovered from Wednesday's sprain, Lapham going to first and Real playing centre field.

On the part of the Whites, Zettlein, Malone, Glenn and Force did the best service. The Westerns led at the bat, they scoring 9 to the Whites 7.

The Westerns and Whites left on the 5:20 train for Chicago last evening, where they will play two games, one today and one Saturday.

Below will be found the

SCORE.

WESTERNS.	R.	IB.	P.O.	A.	WHITES.	R.	IB.	P.O.	A.
Miller, 2b.....	0	5	4		Cuthbert, lf.....	1	2	0	
Riley, r f.....	0	1	0		Force, 3b.....	1	0	2	3
Real, c f.....	1	0	0		Malone, c.....	0	0	8	0
Baker, lf.....	0	2	1	0	Meyerle, 2b.....	1	2	1	
Golday, 3b.....	0	2	4		Hines, c f.....	2	1	3	1
Lapham, lb.....	2	13	0		Glenn, lb.....	0	3	8	1
O'Brien, ss.....	0	0	2		Devlin, r f.....	1	1	1	2
Meyers, c.....	0	2	5	0	Peters, s s.....	0	1	1	3
Golden, p.....	0	2	0	1	Zettlein, p.....	0	0	0	1
	2	9	27	11		5	7	27	12

Whites..... 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9
 Westerns..... 0 0 0 1 4 0 0 0 0-5

Runs earned—Whites 0; Westerns 0.
 1 Base Hits—Whites 7; Westerns 9.
 Total Bases—Whites 7; Westerns 10.
 Wide Pitches—Zettlein 25; Golden 10.
 Passed Balls—Malone 3; Myers 3.
 Time of game, 1 hour and 30 minutes.
 Umpire, Jimmy Woods.
 Scorer, George Stahl.

The *Hawkeye* discusses, temperately and candidly, the matter of local jealousies as pertains to Keokuk and Burlington in the late canvass. We respond to most of its views by silent acquiescence. We dissent from its intimation that we said the *Hawkeye* was doing Mr. McCrary no good in its support of him. Our good neighbor should not say this: it is not justified by what we said. The *Hawkeye* made a splendid fight for Mr. McCrary, giving him cordial, valuable and able support. We should be sorry if we had said anything in these columns of a different tenor, but we have not. Our two or three lines of stricture, which was special and not general as the *Hawkeye* makes it, did not refer to any lack of support that paper was giving Mr. McCrary, but deprecated only a style of remark that we feared might react hurtfully upon him and defeat in some measure the earnest support the *Hawkeye* was giving him by breeding those local jealousies which it and we deprecate.

The *Hawkeye* says that so far as Burlington is concerned no jealousy exists towards Keokuk. The reason it assigns is mere badinage but the fact should be as it states. We hope and think no jealousy exists towards Burlington here. The GATE has tried constantly so far as it had anything to do with public sentiment that there should not be. Nothing is more foolish than these petty local jealousies. Each locality will have the destiny that pertains to it: and the prosperity of all will help the prosperity of each. Burlington is a splendid town: it is nearly twice as old as Keokuk. The latter went ahead while Burlington stood still. Then Burlington went ahead while Keokuk, burdened with its debt stood still. These things go by mutations and whirls. But what we have said above as to the prosperity of one not interfering with the prosperity of another is shown by this that while Burlington was never more prosperous than it is today, Keokuk has never been so active or prosperous, or done so much business, or had its streets so thronged with industry and trade for fifteen years as to-day. This Fall is giving the promise of a greatly and quickly reviving prosperity for this city. Its streets seem busier and indicating a much larger business than Burlington shows on the surface. Still these kind of comparisons don't amount to much. We think there is room for both the towns to be good and prosperous places.

So far as the voting here is concerned, different men are influenced by different motives. Lest local jealousies should be promoted, we abstained in a great degree

from those appeals for a vote on local grounds usual in such cases. But local feeling did prevail to a considerable extent. It was felt by both Republicans and Democrats in Keokuk that McCrary was fit for the place, and that Palmer wasn't. And yet that in some other localities citizens who knew this fact, who would have gladly voted for Mr. McCrary if he had been a citizen of their locality, would vote against him because he was a Keokukian. So Republicans and Democrats went to work to make up to him here for the vote he would lose on this ground elsewhere. And they did it. Keokuk usually does what it tries to do.

We regret that Mr. Antrobus did not get a larger vote here, for we think he deserved it. But he ran behind here for the same reason that Sprague carried Burlington. Locality had nothing to do with the result.

THE CONSTITUTION.

KEOKUK, THURSDAY, MAY 6, 1875.

THE NATIONAL GAME.

The Keokuks Defeat the Red Stockings of St. Louis.

Ball Playing Elsewhere.

The match game of ball played between the Keokuks and the Red Stockings yesterday afternoon, resulted in a signal triumph for the home club by a score of 15 to 2. Our boys played splendidly, making but few errors, and, we are glad to say, succeeded in restoring confidence with those of their friends who were wont to despair at their ill-success with the Chicagos. There is one thing certain, if the Keokuks had played the White Stockings with the skill that characterized their yesterday's game, they would have been victorious in their first "hitch."

We understand it is a pretty well established fact that all clubs have what is termed "off days"—that is, days when they cannot play satisfactorily to themselves or anybody else. On such occasions they should be treated charitably and not "squealed" at by people who are incapable of understanding the difficulties under which they perform their work and the mortification which each player must suffer when he commits an error. We ask at least this for our own club.

As we have said before, the Keokuks are a good nine, and with a proper amount of discipline will really be formidable. But they are certain to suffer defeat occasionally; such results must be expected. It is our opinion, however, that before

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THE GREAT DUST HEAP CALLED HIS IDIOTRY!
 R. J. BICKEL KEOKUK, IOWA

the season ends, people who relish the game will be willing to excuse their reverses for the brilliant record they will earn through their successes.

In the yesterday's game, Simmons, Hallinan and Jones did fine batting, while Quinn behind the bat performed so well that upon several occasions the spectators applauded his difficult foul catches. Golden's pitching was marked with more care, and hence was effective. Hallinan's record is the best shown in the game.

In the playing of the visiting club Sweasy deserves especial mention for the beautiful play made on Goldsmith's liner, by which both striker and Riley were put out.

Below we present the

KEOKUKS.		REDS.		RIB PO A	
Hallinan	5 3 1 1	Blong	0 0 3 2		
Quinn	2 2 0 1	Dillon	0 1 4 1		
Simmons	1 2 9 1	Morgan	0 2 1 3		
Jones	3 2 1 0	Houtz	0 0 8 0		
Riley	0 0 1 0	Sweasey	1 1 5 2		
Goldsmith	1 0 2 1	Redmond	1 1 1 1		
Miller	0 0 3 2	Oran	0 1 2 0		
Barnie	1 0 3 0	Croft	0 0 2 0		
Golden	3 2 1 2	McSorley	0 0 1 0		
15 11 27 8		2 6 27 9			

Keokuks..... 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9
 Red Stockings..... 0 2 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
 Total base hits—Keokuks, 15; Reds, 8.
 Runs earned—Keokuks, 3; Reds, 1.
 Passed balls—Quinn, 1; Dillon, 5.
 Time of game—1 hour and 40 minutes.
 Umpire—Fred Boardman.
 Scorer—Geo. Stahl.

GAMES ELSEWHERE.

Never in the history of base ball has there been a greater fever in St. Louis than there was previous to the game played there yesterday between the White Stockings of Chicago and Brown Stockings of St. Louis. The rivalry between these two cities added much to the enthusiasm. St. Louis staked \$20,000 on her home club and did all she could in the way of incentives to win the game. At four o'clock the game was called, and at half-past five the Chicagos walked off the field with nine goose eggs and the St. Louisans with ten runs, a result that not even the most sanguine of St. Louis expected. The principal cause of the defeat of the Chicago boys was their inability to strike Bradley's pitching. They anticipate better luck to-morrow, when the two clubs play again.

At New York, on Wednesday, the Atlantics suffered a Waterloo defeat at the hands of the Philadelphias, receiving nine blanks, and the Quaker City boys scoring eight runs.

On the same day, at Boston, the Centennials made six runs to the Bostons thirteen.

DAILY GATE CITY:

SATURDAY MORNING, AUGUST 15, 1874.

THE GREAT GAME.

The Mutuals "Scoop" the Westerns by a Score of 12 to 1.

Keokuk Turns Out in Force to Witness the Contest.

TWO THOUSAND PEOPLE ON THE GROUNDS.

Some Good Playing on both Sides

As we anticipated it would, the match game yesterday between the Mutuals, of New York, and the Westerns, of this city, brought out an immense crowd of spectators. Long before the game was called the people commenced to assemble at Perry Park, and by 3 o'clock the amphitheater, which seats five hundred people, was filled, a row of vehicles extended along the north and east sides, and a line of spectators almost completely encircled the grounds. In addition to a large attendance of our own citizens, delegations were present from Quincy, Carthage, Blandinsville, LaHarpe, Burlington, Fort Madison and other places. It is estimated that at least two thousand persons were on the ground. We presume that very few of those in attendance entertained a thought of the probability of the Westerns winning the game. We don't suppose the Westerns themselves ventured to hope for such a result. But the public expected them to make it interesting and to give the Mutuals something to do. In this they were not disappointed. It is creditable to the Westerns that they play well enough to get the Mutuals here and to keep the score down as low as they did.

With few exceptions they played well throughout giving the Mutuals four neat whitewashes. They did some capital fielding but experienced considerable difficulty in batting Mathew's balls. Miller, Jones and Goldsmith played without an error, Miller taking in two hot liners in handsome style. Golden's pitching was very effective but failed to receive proper support behind the bat, Myers being charged with twelve passed balls. All the Mutuals had

to do apparently was to get on first and then come home on passed ball. It is due to Myers to state however that Golden delivers the ball with such force that it is generally conceded to be a difficult undertaking to stop it.

O'Brien who played short stop was weak, he being charged with several bad errors.

The Westerns were very cool and self-possessed during the game, and at the close accepted the situation with good grace. The visiting club gave them credit for some good playing.

The Mutuals are a splendid club and have evidently earned the high reputation which they have won. They expressed themselves very much pleased with the result of their visit here.

First Inning.—The Westerns having lost the toss, sent O'Brien to the bat, who went out on three strikes to Higham. Riley also struck three times at the air and took a seat. Jones, after hitting a hard foul over left field fence, went out on three strikes. Whitewash.

Mutuals—Higham led off for the New Yorkers, and went out on a high fly to Riley. Allison hit safe for first, and went to third on an error of Selly's, and came home on a wide pitched ball Start fouled out to Myers. Mathews hit hard for first and got three bags on Riley's poor fielding, and was left there by Hatfield's hit to Golden, who fielded it in time to Jones. One run.

Second Inning.—Westerns—Baker hit a hot one over Nelson's head, and got one bag, but was caught napping by Matthews. Goldey went out on a foul bound to Higham. Miller struck out. Another coat of whitewash.

Mutuals—Nelson hit a weak one to Golden who sent it to Jones, and Nelson sat down on the grass. Phelps hit to Miller and also took a seat, his ball being sent to first in time. Remsen's hot liner was taken in beautiful style by Miller. First coat of whitewash for the Mutuals.

Third Inning—Westerns—Selly, the Westerns' new man, went out on a foul bound to Higham. Myers went out on three strikes. Golden struck twice at the ball and was put out on three strikes by umpire. Third whitewash.

Mutuals—Carey went out on first by Pete's throw to Jones. Higham hit hard between first and second, and got two bases and went to third on a passed ball. Higham scored on a passed ball. Allison went out on a foul bound to Myers. Start, hit a weak one to Miller who sent it to Jones. Side out for one run.

Fourth Inning—Westerns—O'Brien had a lip given him by Higham's muff of his foul bound, but went out on his weak hit to Nelson who fielded it to Jones. Start at first base. Riley went out on a foul bound to Higham. Jones went out on three strikes. Another whitewash.

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Mutuals—Mathews went out by Miller's throw to Jones. Hatfield went out on three strikes. Nelson followed suit, and his side went out for no runs.

Fifth Inning—Westerns—Baker went out on a foul bound to Higham. Goldey's foul fly was gobbled by Higham, and Goldey took a seat. Miller went out on three strikes by Higham to Start. Fifth out of whitewash.

Mutuals—Phelps fly was taken in fine style by Miller. Remsen went to first on wides and went to third on a passed ball, and came home on Carey's hit to Pete, which he failed to handle, and Carey got second. Higham's high fly fell short and he got second, Carey going to third. Carey came home on Allison's hit to Goldey, which he fielded to Myers, and Myers dropped Higham home on a passed ball, and Allison to third and home on a passed ball. Start hit a long one into left field corner for three bases. Start home on Matthews' hit to Miller; Matthews to third on a passed ball; Hatfield out on three strikes. Nelson's high fly was taken by Goldey. Matthews left on third. Five runs.

Sixth Inning—Westerns—Selley hit hard over short for three bases; Myers went out on his hit to short, which was fielded to Start. Golden's foul fly was taken care of by Hatfield. O'Brien went out on his hit to Nelson. Whitewash.

Mutuals—Phelps hit to Pete, who threw low and Phelps got two bases. Remsen went out on his hit to Jones, which was fielded to Miller, Phelps scoring. Carey was retired by his weak hit to Golden. Higham out by Goldey's throw to Jones. One run.

Seventh Inning—Westerns—Riley out on a foul tip to Higham, Jones out on three strikes. Baker's hit to Nelson was muffed by that player, and Baker got first. Baker got caught trying to steal second by Higham's throw to Nelson.

Mutuals—Selley to short and Pete to centre. Hatfield hit a hard one to Baker which he stopped in splendid style. Start's hot one to Goldey gave him one base and sent Allison to third. Allison home on a passed ball. Matthew's high fly fell short and he got his base. Start home on Myers' muff. Matthews home on a passed ball. Hatfield's fly was misjudged by Pete and he got second. Hatfield home on a passed ball. Nelson hit safe for one bag. Phelps hit to Selley, was field to Miller and by him to Jones, retiring Nelson and Phelps—a nice double play. Remsen's high fly was taken into camp by Riley. Four runs.

Eighth Inning—Westerns—Goldey's fly was thankfully received by Carey. Miller out on three strikes. Selley's long drive to center was taken by Allison, and the chain of whitewashers remains unbroken.

Mutuals—Carey got second on his long drive to left, which Baker let go by. Higham's high fly was well taken by Baker. Allison out on Goldey's throw to Jones. Start

out by Miller to Jones. Whitewash.

Ninth Inning—Westerns—Hatfield pitching; Allison behind. Myers' foul gave him first base; Golden to first on wides. Golden caught in stealing second, and Myers home. Pete to first on safe drive over Start's head. Pete forced out at second by Riley's hit to Carey, which was fielded to Nelson. Riley to first. Jones' foul fly was taken by Start. One run.

Mutuals—Mathews out by Goldey to Jones. Hatfield hit one to Selley, which he sent to Jones in time to retire that player. Nelson out on a fly to Riley. Whitewash.

Below will be found the

WESTERNS		MUTUALS	
JR.	LB.	JR.	LB.
O'Brien, ss.	.0 1 0 1	Higham, c.	2 2 15 3
Riley, r f.	.0 0 3 0	Allison, c f.	3 2 0 1
Jones, 1st b.	.0 0 12 0	Start, 1st b.	3 1 6 0
Baker, l f.	.0 1 1 0	Matthews, p.	1 3 0 2
Goldey, 3d b.	.0 0 1 4	Hartfield, 3d b.	0 1 0 1
Miller, 2d b.	.0 0 4 5	Nelson, 2d b.	0 1 3 3
Selley, cf.	.0 1 0 2	Phelps, r f.	1 0 0 0
Myers, c.	.1 1 5 0	Remsen, l f.	1 0 0 0
Golden, p.	.0 0 1 1	Carey, s.	1 1 2 1

SCORE.

Innings	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Westerns	1	4	27	13					12 10 27 10
Mutuals	1	0	1	0	5	1	4	0	0-12
Westerns	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1-1

Passed balls, Higham 1; Myers 12.
First base on wides, Mutuals 1; Westerns 0.
Umpire—W. G. Hillis.
Scorer—Geo. Stahl.

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FRIDAY MORNING, JUNE 14, 1872

Western Base Ball Association.

NOTICE is hereby given that the undersigned have incorporated themselves into a body corporate and politic, to be known by the name of the WESTERN BASE BALL ASSOCIATION, the principal place of business of said corporation being Keokuk, Lee county, Iowa.

The capital stock of this Association shall be One Thousand Dollars, fifty per cent. of which may be paid in at the time of commencement; the balance to be paid upon call of the directors of the Association.

The business of said incorporation shall be the playing of the National game of Base Ball and the promotion of the interest in said game, among amateur players, and the business ordinarily connected thereof.

The time of commencement of this incorporation is June 14th, 1872, and shall continue for five years.

The affairs of this incorporation shall be managed by a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Board of Directors, who shall be elected annually on the first Monday after the 1st day of May, in each year.

The highest amount of indebtedness to which this incorporation shall at any time make itself liable shall be One Thousand Dollars.

The private property of individual members of this incorporation shall be exempt from liability for debts of the incorporation.

Filed for record in the Recorder's office of Lee Co., Iowa, June 13th, 1872.

CHAS. R. DAW,
D. B. HAMILL,
M. W. DOWAN,
J. E. GRIFFITH.

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THURSDAY MORNING, JUNE 27, 1872

CITY NEWS.

FROM IOWA CITY—THE WESTERNS VICTORIOUS.—The "Westerns" of this city, played a match game with the "Universals," of

Iowa City, at that place yesterday. By the following special telegram, received last evening, it will be seen that our boys came out victorious:

IOWA CITY, June 26th, 1872.
The Westerns beat the Universals by a score of twenty-six to twenty-five, Vandenburg making a home run.
J. E. GRIFFITH.

The Daily Gate City.

FRIDAY MORNING, JUNE 28, 1872

CITY NEWS.

ANOTHER VICTORY.—The contest between the "Westerns" of this city, and the "Universals" of Iowa City, was for the best two in three. By the following special telegram, received last evening, it will be seen that the "Westerns" won an easy victory yesterday, which decides the matter in their favor:

IOWA CITY, June 27.—The Westerns victorious again—34 to 21.
J. E. GRIFFITH.

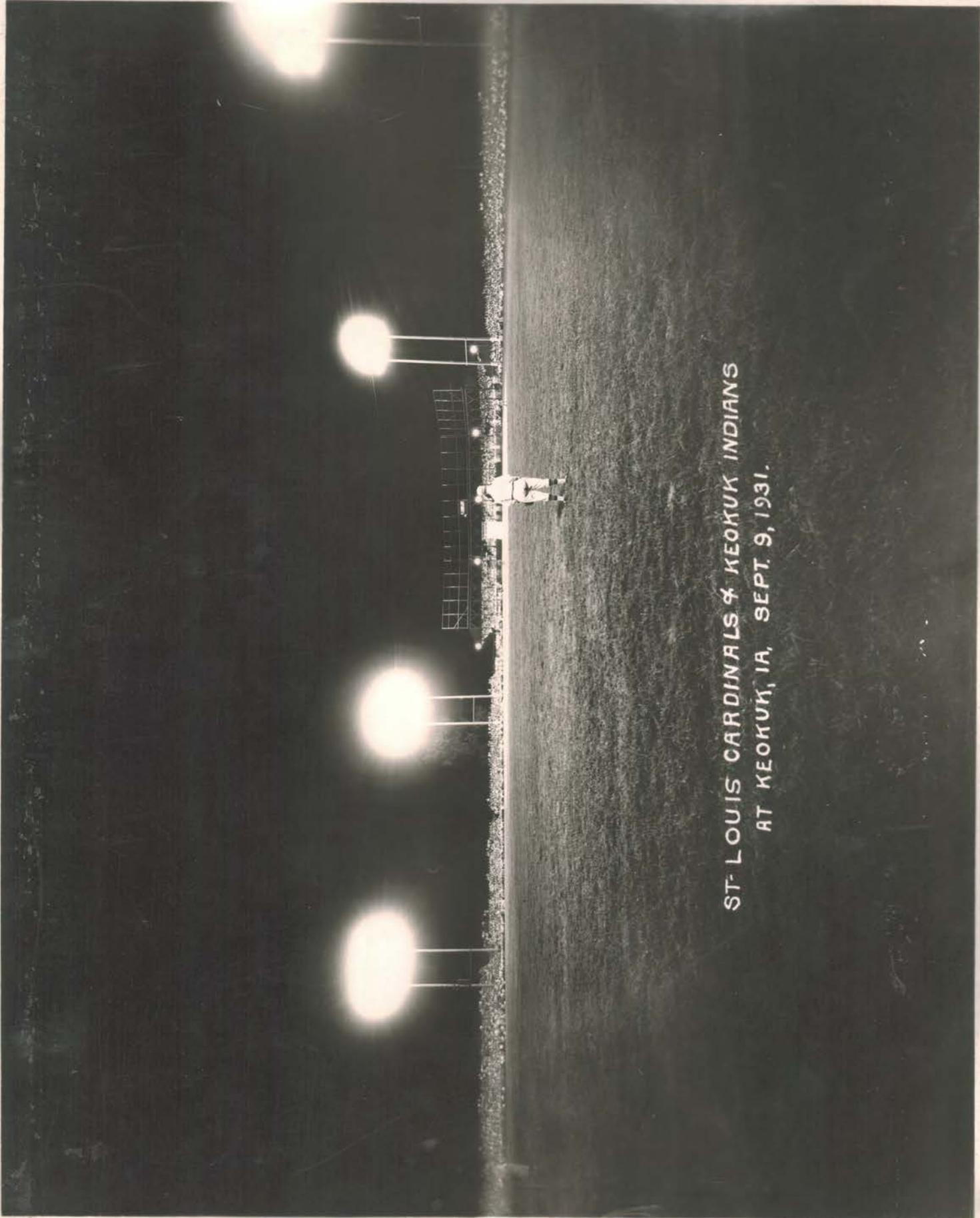
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GOLDEN PITCHED
FOR KEOKUK IN
BIG LEAGUE DAY
MONDAY, JAN. 14, 1929

Keokuk fans who read the notice of the death of Michael Golden, 78 year old Rockford man, recalled to mind that Golden pitched for Keokuk in the days when this city had a team in the National league back in 1875. Golden is given as a pitcher in the box score of a game between the Keokuk Westerns and Boston played June 11, 1875.

Fans here recalled the fact that Golden was credited with being the first curve ball pitcher in these parts. He is reputed to have practiced curving a ball by throwing a brass ball against coal sheds. This practice gave him deadly accuracy and bullet-like speed, old timers recall.

Golden was a pitcher for the Chicago National league baseball club in 1876 and 1877. A. G. Spaulding was one of his teammates. For his feat of pitching seven games in ten days Golden was the first person to be dubbed "iron man" by sports writers. He also was the losing pitcher in the first no hit no run game ever played.

THE GREAT DUST HEAP CALLED HISTORY
R. J. BICKEL KEOKUK, IOWA



ST-LOUIS CARDINALS & KEOKUK INDIANS
AT KEOKUK, IA, SEPT. 9, 1931.

Baseball Brought to Iowa by Returning Civil War Veterans

Although the game of baseball was first devised by Abner Doubleday in 1839, it took the leisure camp hours of Civil War days to boost the sport into its status as the national pastime. Thousands of Iowans who participated in the war from 1861-1865 returned to their homes as boosters of the sport that helped them escape the boredom of camp life.

At the close of the war, several baseball clubs were organized at Des Moines, Mount Pleasant, Washington and Burlington. The teams consisted of nine men, and their equipment was limited to a bat and a ball. There were no gloves, masks spiked shoes, or chest protectors. Injuries were frequent, and still the popularity of the sport grew. This phenomena caused the editor of the Ottumwa Courier to comment on May 18, 1867:

"Everybody has baseball 'on the brain.' Even the oldest inhabitant has caught (it), and the women and children are infected. We caught it—on our proboscis! It is an exhilarating (sic) festive game. It has festered one of our boy's ankles. He, like we, Quixotic amateurs, went in on a game and retired gamed. He with his ankle 'skewed' and we with our proboscis stewed, our boots soleless, pants rent like a yawning chasm, hat standing like a streak of lightning (sic), and shirt—none left visible. Oh; it's a bully game!"

High Score Frequent

By 1867 many small Iowa towns were forming baseball clubs, providing uniforms and equipment for the local heroes. The Wilton Independents organized late in the summer of 1867 with a membership fee of \$1 for players and dues of 50 cents a month. Wilton challenged Muscatine to a home-and-home series, then traveled to Muscatine for the first contest on October 1. An eleven run rally by the Muscatine club in the eighth inning gave the local team a 29-20 victory, but the Wilton players were not discouraged. The box score followed the current practice of listing only "Runs" and "Outs" by the players name. The Wilton Chronicle reported the affair was climaxed when both teams "united in three cheers for the Umpire and Socrers, after which all adjourned to the city.

Safe hits were more frequent than opposing pitchers preferred in those days. When the Iowa City Athletics played Washington late in June of 1867 the Athletics hit seven home runs and won, 79-24. One Iowa City player had 12 hits in 13 times at bat, "a most excellent score," according to the Iowa City State Press. "Mr. Horace Swinford of Tipton acted as umpire for the game and all were satisfied with his prompt and impartial decisions," the Press added. The days of the scorned umpire had not yet arrived.

Mount Pleasant Won Championship

A state baseball tournament was held at Burlington in October, 1867, with prizes totaling more than a thousand dollars in cash offered to the winning teams. Teams from Davenport, Mount Pleasant, Ottumwa, and Burlington participated. Two hundred dollars and a rosewood bat valued at \$75 went to the Mount Pleasant Hawk-Eyes after they defeated the Burlington Westerns, 115-42, for the championship.

Marshalltown and Waterloo became bitter baseball rivals during 1867. Adrian "Cap" Anson led the Marshalltown Marshalls against the Waterloo Empires and their pitcher Theodore "Doc" Vail. Marshalltown won the three game series by scores of 28-25, 40-22, and 76-29. Anson later joined the Chicago White Stockings (now the Cubs), and before his retirement in 1897 became one of the game's greatest hitters and managers. Vail left baseball but gained fame in the commercial world, for he helped organize the American Telephone and Telegraph Company in 1885 and was the firm's first president.

For a brief moment in 1875 Keokuk was traveling in baseball's big league. The Keokuk Westerns were admitted to membership in the National Association for the 1875 season and a full schedule of games was set for Perry Park (then located across from Keokuk's modern Rand Park). The Westerns dropped their first game to the Chicago White Stockings, 15-1, and won only once from the St. Louis Red Stockings before the team finally withdrew from the league with a .077 percentage in 13 games. The Western board of directors blamed their plight on the poor attendance of local fans. "Both Boston and the Mutuals (of New York) profess to have lost money by their trips here and we are satisfied that they did," the directors added.

Sioux City Won 'Series'

Another beam of baseball glory fell to Iowa in 1891 when the Sioux City pennant winners of the Western Association met the Chicago Colts of the National League to decide "the championship of the world." Despite severely cold weather and small crowds for the first games the Huskers held their own with "Cap" Anson's Colts. Then, on the day of the final game, 4,000 fans turned out to see the Iowans win with spectacular plays afield and sprakling base running. This "World Series" went to the Sioux City nine, which won four of the six games played.

The great John McGraw played with the Cedar Rapids team of the Iowa-Illinois League in that same year, and performed spectacularly with the last place club. Finally the League ceased operations, and the Cedar Rapids Weekly Times predicted that "after another summer, at most, we will not see baseball the national game." McGraw always remembered his 1891 experiences with the Iowa club. He drafted Otie

Crandall for his New York Giants simply because Crandall was on the Cedar Rapids roster, and the success of that hunch doubtless helped endear the Iowa city to "Iron Jawn."

Through the years Iowans have maintained their interest in the major leagues by following the exploits of local lads in the big time. The most recent Iowans to achieve fame in the baseball world are Bob Feller, the Van Meter schoolboy who earned a pitching berth with the Cleveland Indians while in his teens, and Jack Dittmer of Elkader, now with the Milwaukee Braves.

SEASON 1933

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DAILY GATE CITY.

SUNDAY MORNING, APRIL 18, 1875.

THE BALL GROUNDS.—The work of enlarging and improving the base ball grounds preparatory to the opening of the season was completed last evening. About \$500 have been expended in improvements. The grounds have been extended a distance of about sixty feet back of the catcher's stand and thirty or forty feet on the east side, thus affording much more room. The amphitheater has been enlarged and now has a seating capacity of one thousand. Every provision has been made for the convenience of the players and the comfort of spectators. The grounds are now in excellent condition and everything is in readiness for the formal opening of the season here on May 3d.

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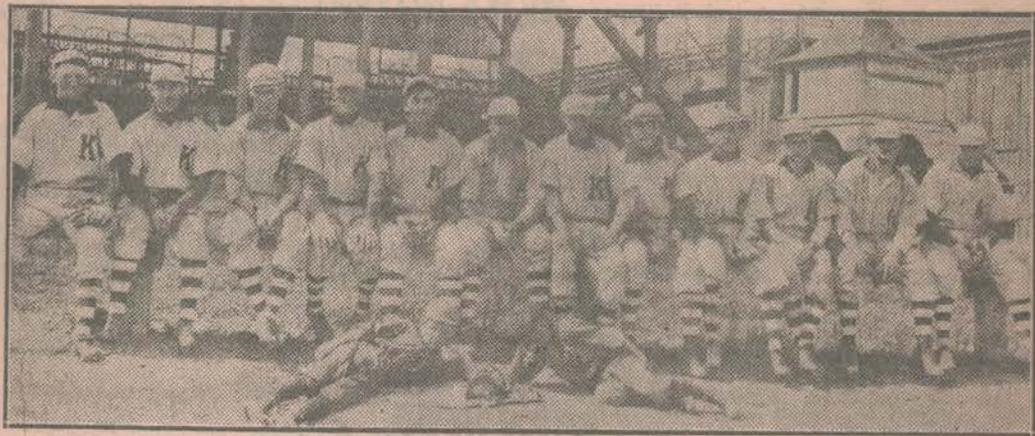
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Keokuk's 60 Years of Baseball Told in Pictures and Story

THE KEOKUK DAILY GATE CITY
SATURDAY, MARCH 30, 1935

Egan, Hackett, Richards and the '05 Team



Manager Ned Egan and his 1905 team in the Iowa State league pose with all of the glory of their new pose and uniforms, in front of the ornate grand stand, which was part of the Hubinger Park diamond. From left to right are Richards, 3b; Annis, ss; Foster, 1b; Blexrud, p; Bills, p; Hackett, c; Egan, manager; Bartos, p; Dowers, cf and 2b; Andrews, c; Jenkins and Howell, and Robert Ebersole.

Indians This Spring Venture Into Their Sixth Organized Baseball League in 60 Years

Starting Back in the Dim Pages of National League History, the City Has Played in the Western, Iowa State, Central Association, Mississippi Valley and Now Western Again.

In the sixty years between 1875 and 1935 Keokuk has said its baseball A. B. C.'s almost letter perfect, missing only the letter C, and if at some future date the city becomes affiliated with a Class C league, it will have experienced every type of ball from the majors to Class D in the organized game and from haphazard sandlot contests to a highly attractive semi-pro variety.

Its entry in the Class A Western league this year leaves only the C brand of ball untasted. Sixty years ago when Keokuk made its first acquaintance of professional baseball in company with Boston, Chicago, St. Louis and other similar cities, it was up in the major league branch although the National league to which it then belonged was not the National as it is known today. This league came in 1876, the year after Keokuk dropped out, but used the older circuit as a ground plan on which the present organization is founded.

Ten years later, in 1885, Keokuk embarked upon another ambitious program, this time as a member of the Western league, a circuit which corresponds very closely with double-A, American Association of today, especially in membership. At that time Keokuk was competing with Milwaukee, Indianapolis, Kansas City and other cities of like size.

Nineteen Year League Holiday.

A hiatus of nineteen years, during which fast semi-pro ball had the undivided attention of the sports loving burghers, intervened before Keokuk again ventured into the professional field. Its earlier attempts to play organized ball had been rather abortive, each of them lasting only a few months, but, probably because it more nearly found its own level when it entered the Iowa State league, the city finally succeeded in forming a more or less permanent connection with league ball in 1904.

This circuit continued to operate under the name of Iowa State until 1907 when Quincy and Jacksonville replaced Fort Dodge and Clinton; then it reorganized as the Central association. Keokuk remained in the league for nine more years, achieving its highest rank, second place, under Frank Boyle in 1915. After calling the team here in 1916 the franchise was sold to Fort Dodge and again the city declared a baseball holiday.

Another Lay-off.

The vacation continued until 1929 when it took over the Marshalltown franchise and became a member of the Mississippi Valley league, another Class D organization. Keokuk was in the league only two years before it won the pennant under the leadership of Bob Rice in 1931. The loop remained as a Class D organization until 1933 when Peoria and Springfield, Ill., were added and it advanced a notch into Class B.

This circuit, which was a rather mismatched union of the old Valley and the Three-Eye, limped through

KEOKUK'S ONE AND ONLY PENNANT WINNING CLUB



Above are depicted the players and directors of the club which fought it out with Cedar Rapids and finally captured the Mississippi Valley championship in 1931, giving Keokuk its first pennant in 60 years of organized baseball. Wolff, pictured above, won the first game in that vital Cedar Rapids series, and Al Fisher hurled the third and clincher. Reading left to right those shown are: Francis-Weber, Joe Buss, Dr. C. R. Logan; kneeling: Patton, R. Belt, Bob Rice, Storey, Young, Kalbitz, Kirchem, Herrick, Fisher, Lambert, Bryant, Wolff, Ralston, Reider, Smith and Grill.

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MISSISSIPPI VALLEY LEAGUE CHAMPIONS.

1931
KEARNEY INNINGS

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Wolff Grants Only Six Hits

Roger Fans Ten Rabbits In Duel With Rival Ace; Grilli Hits Four-Bagger

Indians Make Eleven Blows
Count Off Jack Ziegler
to Go Into Valley
League Lead by One
Percentage Point
Friday.

Team	If They Win	If They Lose
W. L. Per.	W. L. Per.	
Keokuk	73 50 .594	72 51 .585
Cedar R.	74 51 .592	73 52 .584
Moline	68 57 .544	67 58 .536
Burl	62 60 .508	61 61 .500
Rock I.	62 62 .500	61 63 .492

Bill Storey, Keokuk's leading pitcher, who has won 16 and lost only seven games, is Manager Rice's starting selection for tonight's important game. Bill will be opposed by Nub Kleinke who has 17 victories and seven defeats to his credit.

Roger Wolff and a group of hard hitting Indians made 3,560 persons exceedingly happy here last night, for that was the number which jammed League Park to see the Redskins take a commanding position in the Mississippi Valley flag chase by defeating Cedar Rapids, 5-2 in the first game of the "Little World Series." The victory sent the Tribe to the summit of the league by a margin of one percentage point, a position which it must defend in the next two days if it is to achieve Keokuk's first professional baseball championship in the city's colorful and ancient baseball history.

Tribe Gets 11 Hits

It was most definitely Wolff's night and he twirled like a master to set the Rabbits down with only six scattered hits and strike out ten. The Keokuk veteran also had the satisfaction of getting the best of Jack Ziegler, Cedar Rapids' star slinger, who has won nineteen games this summer. Jack was combed for eleven blows, among them John Grilli's terrific home run which not only cleared the fence in left field, but soared over the club house as well and fielded the branches of the huge trees beyond.

Two others of the Tribe's wallops were for extra bases, a triple by Charley Patton which scored a run in the first inning, and a three-bagger by Bob Rice in the seventh which scored Wolff with Keokuk's fifth tally. The only other quantity blow of the game was Rudy Kuba's two-bagger which scored both of the Bunnies' runs in the sixth chapter.

Great Fielding

There was no question about the Redskins' superiority for that night, at least. They played the game with scarcely a waste motion and rambled toward the finish as if they had entertained no intention of doing otherwise. It was Keokuk's eleventh victory over Cedar Rapids in sixteen games played this season.

Both teams fielded faultlessly and brilliantly. Pep Young and Bob Rice exhibiting particular sparkle for the Indians, and Haugland performing in a stellar role for the Bunnies. One of the prettiest fielding plays from a Keokuk standpoint was Johnny Reider's recovery and throw after Kuba drove his two-bagger into the temporary bleachers in right field. Ground rules were in effect and the blow was regulated to a base, but Rudy over-ran and was run down by Rice who had relayed the toss

Bargain Game Tonight

There was one announcement made from the field during the game, which found especial favor with the fans. They were informed that by way of appreciation for their support during the season, the management had seen fit to grant them a bargain night tomorrow, throwing open the gates and grandstand at two-bits a head. This was done partially to make up for the ladies' night which was rained out, and a bargain double-header which met the same fate. In order to accommodate the merchants, the game has been called at 9 p. m.

Keokuk took no chances on

being forced to attempt a last minute finish, but commenced its attack on Ziegler early in the affair to pile up a commanding lead of 4-0 before the Bunnies could get started against Wolff. Jack mowed the Redskins down with a minimum of effort in the first chapter, but they came back for a pair in the second.

Patton Triples

Reider led off with a single off Chervenko's glove at second and held first while Grilli lofted a fly to Frost in center. Patton then crashed a screaming triple to the right field barrier, scoring Johnny in a trot. Kalbitz popped up to Kuba at first, but Kirchem scratched a single to Spew to send Charley home with the second marker.

Wolff got himself into some difficulty in the Bunnies' first by allowing two straight singles after fanning Frost, but tightened up to persuade Klumpp to roll into his glove and struck out Kuba. With that inning out of the way, the Rabbits failed to disturb his composure until the sixth.

Grilli Hits Homer

Pepper opened the third with his first of two singles and was sacrificed to second by Herrick. He died there however as the next two men were retired in order. Grilli was the first Indian to face Ziegler in the fourth, and after working the veteran for two strikes and three balls, John sent his next pitch into the tree beyond the left field fence for a home run.

With Wolff out of the way in the sixth, Young hammered out his second single, a Texas leaguer to right and once more was sacrificed by Herrick. The stratagem worked on this occasion for Rice knocked a single to center field and Pep scored the fourth run.

Kuba Helps Buns

Wolff had eliminated the first Bunnies to face him in the sixth, but the next three proved decidedly more troublesome. Chervenko got his second hit of the game, a high Texas leaguer to center, and Klumpp beat out a roller to Roger, putting Chervenko on second. Kuba allowed two strikes to whistle past but met the third with his big bat and bent the ball into the right field bleachers, scoring two runs. Reider recovered the ball quickly and heaved it to Young, who cooperated with Rice to catch Rudy off second and thus obviate the possibility of the third run.

Grilli singled in the sixth and was sacrificed to second, but Ziegler tightened up to retire the next two batsmen and the Tribe failed to get back any of those two runs. They succeeded in snatching one of them back in the seventh, however, which Wolff initiated with a looping single to left. Young sacrificed him to second and after Herrick had skied to Frost, Rice slammed out a triple into right for Keokuk's fifth and final run. The Bunnies did not threaten throughout the remainder of the game.

Cedar Rapids	A	B	R	H	P	O	A	E
Frost, cf	4	0	0	3	0	0		
Spew, 3b	4	0	1	3	1	0		
Chervenko, 2b	4	1	2	1	5	0		
Klumpp, lf	3	1	1	1	0	0		
Kuba, 1b	4	0	1	12	1	0		
Corbell, rf	3	0	0	1	0	0		
Haugland, ss	4	0	1	3	2	0		
Krolski, c	3	0	0	1	1	0		
Ziegler, p	3	0	0	3	0			

Totals	32	2	6	24	13	1		
Keokuk	A	B	R	H	P	O	A	E
Young, ss	3	1	2	1	5	0		
Herrick, lf	2	0	0	0	0	0		
Rice, 3b	4	0	2	1	3	0		
Reider, rf	4	1	1	1	0	0		
Grilli, cf	4	1	2	1	0	0		
Patton, 2b	3	1	2	1	0	0		
Kalbitz, 1b	4	0	0	12	1	0		
Kirchem, c	3	0	1	10	0	0		
Wolff, p	3	1	1	0	3	0		

Totals	30	5	11	27	13	0		
Cedar Rapids	000	002	000	—	2			
Keokuk	020	110	10	—	5			

Sacrifice hits—Young, Herrick, Patton. Runs batted in—Kuba (2), Rice (2), Grilli, Patton, Kirchem. Two base hit—Kuba. Three base hits—Patton, Rice. Home run—Grilli. Double play—Haugland to Kuba. Struck out—Wolff (10). Bases on balls—Wolff (1). Time—1:55. Umpires—Williams and Collins.

FREE LUNCH

It's now up to the Bunnies. They must win the two remaining games on the Valley schedule to cop their second straight flag, and it's Keokuk's task to keep them from it. Another Indian victory tonight or tomorrow and Keokuk, the city which had a baseball team in the old National league when most other Iowa municipalities were training their young men to fight real Injuns, will possess its first pennant of any description. The job now seems considerably more promising, but the Rabbits must not be counted out by any means. It is scarcely likely that the Tribe will be favored with a repetition of that superb brand of pitching turned in by Roger Wolff last night. It would really be too much to expect. But the odds are distinctly in favor of the Tribemen now, and fans throughout most of the circuit, we suppose, are pulling for these youngsters who have put up one of the most terrific fights the Valley has ever seen to come up from behind in such an amazing fashion.

We've been cultivating a family of wasps in the press box all summer long, and so splendidly have they responded to our treatment

that a more or less armed-truce has been maintained since one of them stung us and we exacted the penalty of several lives, a month or so ago. Several strangers invaded the coop last night, however, and the insects, apparently not realizing that they were brother journalists or kindred telegraph key punchers, deployed themselves in battle array, and it was with some difficulty that the visiting scribes persuaded them to be more peaceable. They were particularly vindictive against the telegraph operators yesterday afternoon, actually forcing the men to climb into the box through a window before they could mount their instruments.

The importance of this present Keokuk-Cedar Rapids series to the rest of the state can be seen in the fact that two direct wires are operated from the press coop, one to a newspaper and the other to a radio station. Bert McGrane of the Des Moines Register, is up on the top sending a play-by-play account to the Register's radio station in Cedar Rapids, and Earl Coughlin is ticking out a similar account to the Cedar Rapids Gazette.

A number of young Keokuk ball players who may some day obtain a chance to break into organized baseball, will tackle their first professional team here tomorrow night in the big charity game with

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its first season but curled up its toes and died the following year when two of its members, Rock Island and Davenport withdrew to become members of the Western league.

The baseball situation at the start of 1935 was extremely bleak and forbidding hereabouts and few entertained a hope that the city would be able to return to organized ball this year. Then, out of a clear sky, as unexpected as it was welcome, came Jimmy Payton's offer of his Topeka franchise, and now, in its 60th year of baseball, Keokuk is entering upon its first Class A program. There you have it: major, AA, A, B, and D, with only C missing to complete the baseball alphabet.

Developed Many Stars.

Although its long association with professional baseball has brought only one pennant and only one runner-up, the long years have not been without their compensation—in the form of illustrious players who have either used local teams as stepping stones into major league company, or have appeared here in one capacity or another.

Chief among those who worked up into the highest ranks of baseball after a start on Keokuk teams are Charlie Hollocher, John (Red) Corriden, and Alva Williams, of fairly modern days, and Kennedy, Hudson, Stromberg and O'Brien of an earlier date. The late Alva Williams of Carthage, Ill., played for the Indians in 1907 and 1908 and eventually became catcher for the Washington Senators and Walter Johnson; Corriden went up to the Cubs after playing here in 1908, as did Hollocher in 1911. Corriden is still with the Chicago club as a scout and coach. The other players mentioned above played here with the Western league club in 1885. Kennedy went to the White Sox, Hudson to the Browns, Stromberg to Pittsburgh, and O'Brien to Brooklyn.

And then of a still later date there are Jack Saltzgaver, who, although he never played for the Keokuk league team, did receive his early baseball schooling here and is now a member of the New York Yankees; and Kenny O'Dea, Indian catcher in 1932, who is making a big hit with the Chicago Cubs.

Sunday Umpired Here.

Other famous figures in Keokuk's baseball past are Jerry Harrington, great catcher for the Cincinnati Reds, and Billy Sunday, who, on a visit here, once umpired a game in the old Iowa State league. Those who recall Sunday's appearance as an arbiter say that the ball players enjoyed themselves immensely "cussing" the preacher-umpire. Another and a world famous baseball figure who came to Keokuk with the Boston National league team in 1875 was Spalding who pitched each of the 64 games played by the club that year. He won 57, lost 4 and tied 3.

Keokuk's record in the old National league is not a particularly glorious affair, although the very fact that a city boasting only a trifle more than 11,000 in population should aspire to play ball with Chicago, New York and Boston is enough to make one take off his hat to those old-timers. Known as the Westerns, the Keokuk team played only thirteen games in its first and only season in the league—and lost twelve of them. Only the Atlantic club

which won two games out of 44 wound up with a lower percent than Keokuk in the thirteen team circuit.

Players on the Keokuk team of that bygone day were Miller 2b; Halliman ss; Jones lf; Quinn c; Golden p; Simmons cf; Goldsmith 3b; Barnie rf; and Carbine 1b. Golden, a coal heaver, is said to have perfected a remarkably speedy delivery by throwing a brass ball at a shed at the rear of the coal-yard in which he worked. The ball park of that day was out beyond Rand Park in a field known as the Waite pasture. When Keokuk dropped out of the league a team known as the Actives obtained the park and it was called the Actives' field for some years.

Semi-pro City Series.

Semi-pro ball occupied the attention of local fans for the next ten years and some of the teams developed here were undoubtedly of league calibre. In 1883, for example, there were two remarkably fast teams in Keokuk, the Gate City's and the Carson-Rands. They played a city series in Kilbourne park that many old timers will never forget. The Gate City's won the affair but not until the final game. Members of these two clubs were: Gate City's: Lynch 1b; W. Sterne 3b; Haley c; S. Sterne ss; Conklin p; Jones cf; Maxwell 2b; Peterson lf; Sharpe rf. The Carson-Rands: W. Gavin ss; King c; J. Gavin p; Touhey 1b; Real 2b; Kinney 3b; M. Gavin cf; Griffith rf; Alton lf.

The following year, 1884, saw the organization of an exceptionally strong Keokuk team which later developed into the Western league club in 1885. Members of this club were Hawkins rf; Carr p; Dugdale c; O'Brien 2b; Zimmerman ss; Lynch lf; S. Sterne 1b; Kennedy 3b and W. Sterne cf. Many of these players were found on the club of 1885 which entered the Western in June when Omaha gave up its franchise. The team personnel: Fowler 2b; Walsh ss; Corcoran 3b; Harter cf; Hudson rf; Stromberg 1b; O'Brien lf; Daniels and Dugdale c; Kennedy p. Games that season were played at the recently completed High Banks park across the river in Crystal Glenn, the fans making the trip by ferry.

Back In Semi-pro.

Extreme brevity marked Keokuk's appearance in the Western league also and it found itself back in semi-pro circles until 1904. Among the best known clubs during the interval was the team of 1901 which won 32 games in a row. This team was made up of Frazee 3b; McRae 2b; O'Leary c; Schwarz 1b; Miller ss; Yeager rf; Charnier lf; Roberts cf; and Wick p. Harry Miller managed the club and booked games with teams from Chicago, St. Louis and many other fast outfits. In 1902 and 1903 this Keokuk team continued to function with the addition of such players as Figemeier, Yant, Livingston, Jones, Lundin, Womack, Cameron, C. Moore, J. Moore and Keller.

Keokuk's chief rival in those days was Quincy and on the Illinois club was a battery made up of Weisbrodt and Hackett which gave the locals plenty of trouble. Weisbrodt got a job with Pa Belt's Jacksonville club the next year and Hackett came to Keokuk.

He came to Keokuk as catcher for the city's first Iowa State league club, a club which finished no better than fifth place but succeeded in establishing a league connection which was to keep pro ball alive here for the next 12 years.

Form Iowa State.

Keokuk was one of the charter members of the Iowa State league, the others being Ottumwa, Waterloo, Marshalltown, Fort Dodge, Boone, Oskaloosa and Burlington. Cy Black managed the club that year and Maryot, a second baseman, was field captain. Frank C. Norton of Burlington was president of the league. It was this circuit which gave Jimmy Archer of Boone to the Chicago Cubs. Members of the Keokuk team which played its games in the old Hubinger park that year were Gray, Black, Hackett, Burman, Maryot, Dowers, Jenkins, Townsend, Ahlin, Haviland, Murphy, Mathews, Green and Leatherby. Hackett who both caught and played first base was the chief slugger of the club, and in the last game of the season against Ottumwa hit a three bagger and a home run. Ottumwa won the pennant with Waterloo in second and Burlington in the basement.

It was in that year that Keokuk and Burlington played their memorable Memorial Day battle of 12 innings. Hundreds of Keokuk fans made the trip to Burlington by boat and train to watch Ahlin pitch and win the game by virtue of Tommy Hackett's home run. The longest game every played by a Keokuk team, by the way, was recorded on July 4, 1907 with Keokuk opposing Marshalltown. Rube Burch of Doe Run, Mo., was on the mound for Keokuk and Maurice Kent, University of Iowa star, pitched for Marshalltown. The game went 19 innings and was won 4-2 by Marshalltown when "Rabbit" Yant muffed a fly ball.

Hire Ned Egan.

The Keokuk directors sent up into Canada for a manager of their 1905 club and when they came back with Ned Egan they were certain they had just what they needed. Enthusiasm ran high at the start of the season but Egan failed to lift the team above fifth place where it finished the year before. Ottumwa again coped the flag with Fort Dodge second, Oskaloosa third, Boone fourth, Keokuk fifth, Marshalltown sixth, Waterloo seventh and Burlington again in the cellar. Keokuk players were Howels, Andrews, Gray, Hackett, Richards, Foster, Egan, Dowers, Erikson, Blexrud Annis, Bills, Bartos, and Jenkins.

Games in these times were played in the old Hubinger park which still retained most of the outlines of the amusement park. The Casino was at first the main entrance, and ticket offices were placed there. Then changes were made which brought the ticket gate around to the side of the casino. Both general admissions and vehicle tickets were handled at the same gate. Home plate and the catchers' box were in a sort of valley and the catcher had to sprint up a steep incline to chase high fouls, occasionally slipping and rolling back to the bottom, much to the amusement of the fans.

An experienced skipper having failed them, the Indians turned to

1935 F Baseball

Remember McAndrew, Beumiller and Burch?



This is the 1906 team in the Iowa State league, when Pat McAndrew favorite son of Trowbridge, Ill., managed the team which rose from the cellar position in July to fifth

place at the finish. Here are the boys who did their best for dear old Keokuk in those days: McKeown, 2b; Beumiller, ss; Burch, p; Sullinger, cf; Yant, lf;

Foster, 1b; all seated on the bench from left to right. On the ground are Manager McAndrew, 3b; Ryan, c; Williams, c; and Witt, p. Williams was with Washington the next year.

a "boy manager" in 1906. Pat McAndrew, and although he did no better than his predecessors, he did no worse, the club again finishing in fifth place. The lineup that year varied from time to time but the following were fairly consistent players: McAndrews, Yant, Foster, Williams, Beumiller, McKeown, Kennedy, Ryan, Bills, Burch, Witt and Kennedy. Burlington jumped out of the cellar that year to wind up on top with the others in this order: Oskaloosa, Ft. Dodge, Marshalltown, Keokuk, Clinton, Waterloo and Ottumwa. The Burlington team was managed to the championship by Ned Egan who had disappointed Keokuk fans the year before.

Black Returns

Cy Black was brought back after an absence of two years to boss the Indians in 1907, but the club enjoyed anything but a successful season. The league itself had considerable difficulty in getting started what with arguments as to salary limits and schedules upsetting the routine. It was this season that Quincy and Jacksonville were admitted to the league in the places of Fort Dodge and Clinton, and the circuit became known as the Central Association. In the latter part of June the local club was in such a slump that Black was fired and Dave Hughes, a Keokuk man who had managed the club in the old Western league days, was given the thankless task of doing something with the team. His first action was to attire the players in brilliant, turkey-red suits, but they availed nothing, and Keokuk finished in the cellar behind Waterloo, Burlington, Oskaloosa, Marshalltown, Jacksonville, Quincy, and Ottumwa. During the latter part of the season the Keokuk team was made up of Swanson, Yant, Williams, Ryan, Yeager, Spencer, Armstrong, Birmingham,

The Old Time Park



Fans, do you remember this old time park out on the Avenue with the fence running from Thirteenth to fifteenth street, the street cars tracks alongside and the two big lakes in centerfield, into which many an outfielder fell trying to make a grandstand catch of some of those hard hit liners by some of the Babe Ruths of the old days of

the Central Association and Iowa State league? Well here it is as it looked twenty-five years ago. Right over the left fielder's head are the turrets and elaborate roof of the old J. C. Hubinger house. The picture was taken when Rube Burch was pitching and Ryan was catching. History fails to record the name of the batter.

Diehl, Burch, Boyd, Prater and Zwicher.

Managerial stock had been a very unstable commodity in Keokuk up until 1908, but that season marked the beginning of a new era during which one man was to direct the destiny of the Indians for four successive years, a record which has not been approached before or since. When the directors began a search for a skipper in 1908, they recalled that Frank Belt's Jacksonville team had taken the long end of the count in each

game with Keokuk the year before, so they determined to search no further and Belt was hired.

Belt Had Good Team

The catcher-manager gave Keokuk a good team in his first season and some of the players on that club will never be forgotten here. Foremost among them was Red Corriden the third base flash, Ed Reichle, who was to become a manager himself in a few years, Roland at second base, Miller at first, and Prough and Bramble,

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pitchers. Those whose memory takes them back to the following year, 1909, remember chiefly the extravagant welcome accorded Belt and his team when they returned to Keokuk after trouncing Hannibal three games out of four. The Fiftieth Iowa band was at the station, 2,000 wildly shouting fans whooped it up, and the ball club was paraded around town, taken to the theatre and given a splendid banquet. The unfortunate thing about the entire affair is that the club went into a woeful slump immediately afterward, and did not recover until the end of the season. That cured Belt of premature celebrations.

Tough luck characterized the play of the Redskins throughout the 1911 season. After a brilliant start during which they fought their way into second place late in May, but were unable to hold the pace and dropped to fifth, from which they were unable to climb. As August neared its close Belt offered his resignation to the directors, but they wouldn't hear of it. The loyalty of the directors seemed to breath new life into the team and they wound up in championship style, losing only three out of the last fourteen games, and registering victories in the last seven. Quincy won the pennant that year with the others in the following order: Ottumwa, Hannibal, Galesburg, Keokuk, Monmouth, Burlington and Kewanee. Outstanding among the players that season were the pitchers, Burch, Blue Jacket, Prough, Hessler, Eyler and Edlick. Other players were Morris, Thomas, Hildebrand, Vanbinder, Sensenback, Miller and Cavanaugh.

Indians In Fourth Place

With even so successful a man as Col. Hugh L. Cooper throwing out the first ball in the 1911 season, Belt's Indians had trouble getting started. Late in May the skipper gave the club a thorough overhauling, took over first base himself and the Redmen played good ball from then on out, Belt playing his new position like a youngster. Keokuk finished in fourth place as Ned Egan won his fifth pennant, this time for Ottumwa. Both Blue Jacket and Burch were released early that season, Burch getting a job with Muscatine which had become a member of the league. The lineup on opening day was Bresnahan 3b, Pennington 2b, Clark rf, Reichle cf, O'Brien c, Hilly ss, Ogle lf, Harper 1b and Blue Jacket p.

Belt retired from baseball in 1912 and Quesser was hired as the skipper. The Tribe got off on the right foot by beating its old team mate, Rube Burch, 1-0, on opening day, but got lost in the shuffle after that and wound up in seventh place as Ned Egan won his sixth pennant, again at Ottumwa. Among the players that season were Hilly, Grogan, Jones, Gottschall, Kelley, Jeffries, Madigan, Whittaker, Murray, Heftl, Barnes, Baumann, Sloan, Middleton, Moore and Reinert. The club finished in the hole in more ways than one and there was a matter of two-weeks pay due the players when the season ended.

This was cleared up, however, and 1913 saw a new start under a new manager, George Manush, who had won the batting cham-

plionship the year before. Keokuk had the best hitters in the league that year and gave the fans great baseball, but the team could get no higher than fourth. Three players were sold that year, Miller and McGaffigan to Lincoln of the Western League and Hilly to Philadelphia. Others on the team were Taaffe, Ronan, Jack, Harrison, Hines, Jenkins, Seneff, Whittaker, McGill, Frost, French and Wahl. Ottumwa made things rather monotonous by winning its sixth pennant with Muscatine, Monmouth, Keokuk, Burlington, Kewanee, Cedar Rapids and Waterloo following in that order.

Boyle Bosses Last Team

Two managers, Spencer Abbott and Sweet, failed to accomplish much with the Aborigines in 1914, and the curtain was rung down with Keokuk and Marshalltown tied for sixth, and Waterloo in the driver's seat. At the start of the season the lineup was given as Hensling ss, Abbott 1b, Rogerson cf, Herring lf, Jack 2b, Donovan rf, Gottschall 3b, Sweet c, and Whittaker and McCullough pitchers. Hensling, who was batting .350 at the time, was sold for \$400 in midseason to help pay the salaries of the other players.

For some reason or other Keokuk was a jinx to managers who had won pennants elsewhere. Frank Boyle had copped several with Waterloo and in a last effort Keokuk persuaded him to come here in 1915. He managed to get the club as high as second place in August and kept it there but couldn't oust Burlington from first place. This was the year that Charlie Hollocher played with the Indians. Other players were Baum, LeBeau, Comstock, Swick, Giffin, Eggleston, Harvey and Watkins. The season was a poor one financially, however, and the franchise was sold to Fort Dodge, thus putting an end to 12 years of unforgettable baseball.

Fourteen long years elapsed before Keokuk again entered organized baseball, years devoted to the development of many fine players here through the medium of semi-pro and amateur ball. It was during this period that the Ilmo league flourished as well as several other week-end circuits.

Join Valley League.

An ineffectual attempt to reorganize the Central Association stirred up latent baseball enthusiasm in 1928 and in 1929 when a vacancy occurred in the Mississippi Valley league Keokuk jumped at the chance to accept the Marshalltown franchise. Ben Dimond, a veteran Western league catcher, was hired as manager and the season was started with hope running high. The league was too high geared for Ben's club, however, and it finished a poor sixth. Dubuque won the pennant with the others following in this order: Waterloo, Davenport, Moline, Burlington, Keokuk, Cedar Rapids and Rock Island.

Players came and went that season, the club finally ending with Schinski, Schwartz, Pote, Dougherty, Novak, Patton, Emerson, Atwell, Jacobs, Waner, Krause, Applegren, DeBus and Bauer.

One of the most disastrous seasons in history followed in 1930, a season which saw half a dozen managers attempt to snatch the club out of the fire. Hank Wingfield was hired as the manager at the start but no sooner was his contract signed than it was learned he would be unable to play for 90 days

because of a run in with a Western Association umpire the year before, Sammy Schwartz, Johnny Schinski and others tried their hand with the club and each enjoyed the same fortune—none at all. Something was accomplished, however, the hiring of Wingfield brought about a relationship with the St. Louis Cardinals which was to pay real dividends in 1931.

Win First Pennant.

St. Louis agreed to back the Keokuk club in 1931 and send one of its finest young managers, Bob Rice here as boss of the Redskins. With the help of the vast Cardinal organization Bobby proceeded to select a ball club which has not been equalled in modern Keokuk baseball history and although it was forced to fight for everything it got it succeeded in nosing out Cedar Rapids for the pennant in the last day of the season. Cedar Rapids came here for the closing series with a margin of one game over the Indians. Keokuk immediately cut that to zero by winning the first contest. The Bunnies went ahead by winning the second but Keokuk ran wild to cop the third and the pennant by one percentage point.

The season was not only the most successful in Keokuk history from a playing standpoint but financially also. The games attracted more than 50,000 customers and the city became known throughout the country as the greatest little baseball town of the nation. Members of that championship club were Rice, Pep Young, Patton, Kalbitz, Ryder, Kirchem, Herrick, Grilli, Wolff, Fisher, Ralston, Storey and Bryant.

Bob Rice came up with another fine club in 1932, one of the most powerful hitting teams ever assembled here, but it lacked the proper balance, and particularly a strong pitching staff and consequently finished no higher than fifth. Davenport won the flag, with Burlington, Cedar Rapids, Moline, Keokuk, Rock Island, Waterloo and Dubuque finishing in that order. On the team that year were Lisle, Boutwell, Braly, Murphy, Rice, Kalbitz, Moore, Patton, O'Dea, Bryant, Pruett and Brown.

Logan Becomes President.

Dr. C. R. Logan, of Keokuk, had been elected president of the Mississippi Valley league to succeed Beiden Hill in 1932, and when in 1933 the league threatened to fold up because of the withdrawal of Burlington, Cedar Rapids, Waterloo and Dubuque, Logan bent every effort to keeping the circuit alive. The Three-Eye had expired the year before but three of its members, Peoria, Springfield and Quincy were eager to play ball, so a combination league was effected and the standard raised to class B.

St. Louis chose to support Springfield, Ill., rather than Keokuk in the new league so Keokuk obtained assistance elsewhere and started its fifth season of Valley ball, this time with Edding Sicking, a former American Association star, as manager. This team gave Keokuk what was probably its poorest baseball in all time and toward the end of the season Sicking resigned and Ray Caldwell, a former big league pitcher, took over the reins. It was too late to do anything with a misfit club and it staggered to the finish in sixth and last place. Davenport won the championship by defeating Rock Island in the play-off of the spit season. Members of Keokuk's last Valley club were

1911-1912
 (60 yrs. baseball)

THE KEOKUK, IA., GATE CITY AND CONSTITUTION.

Long Before Durocher — SATURDAY, OCT. 19, 1946

Brooklyn Ball Club Played Keokuk Series in 1874-75

Most accounts of Keokuk's experience in the old National league deal principally with a game played by Boston here in 1875 but in a letter to The Gate City a number of years ago the late D. L. Hughes recalled that the Brooklyn Mutuals played here both in 1874 and 1875 and had what he called the greatest pitcher of all time, little Bobby Matthews.

The Westerns, as the Keokuk team was known in those days, played independently during 1874 and brought the Brooklyn Mutuals here for an exhibition game which Brooklyn won, 12-1 behind Matthews.

Admitted to League.

In 1875 Keokuk was admitted to the forerunner of the National league, then known as the National Agreement, Hughes said, and Brooklyn returned for a three-game series. Only the first game was played, however, and it was halted by rain with the Mutuals leading, 2-0.

When the Mutuals played here in 1874 they put on a throwing demonstration starring Hatfield, the champion distance thrower of the big league. From center field he threw to Remsen at the plate with each backing up on successive throws until Hatfield finally cut loose and heaved the ball over the grandstand. Remsen, incidentally, was quite a dude and sported burn-sides.

Golden was Wild.

Mike Golden was the Keokuk pitcher in those days and was a "dangerous" man for batters to face. An underhand thrower with wonderful power and speed, he had little or no control. His delivery was said to be like a shot out of a cannon but it was just as likely to hit the batter, umpire or catcher as it was to cross the plate.

In the National league game with Brooklyn, Golden hit Bob Mathews with one of his pitches and rather than take chances on having its team crippled in this manner, the Mutuals forfeited the other two games and left town.

Tribute to Matthews.

At that time one man did all of the pitching and a serious injury to such an important man as the pitcher would put the team out of business.

Speaking of Matthews, Hughes said he was for sure an important member of the Brooklyn. "He was a marvel—the greatest pitcher of his time. If my baseball wires are not crossed he was the original curve ball pitcher and he had everything.

"With almost perfect control and a deceptive delivery he used both a slow and fast ball. He issued few passes—put them right over, but the batters couldn't find them.

Peer of Them All.

"There were many good twirlers in that day—Zettlen, Spalding, Cherokee Fisher and others, but none of them compared to Matthews. And the greatest pitchers of later days—Matthew-

son, Getzien, Hudson, Waddell, Johnson, Alexander; etc., none of them had anything on Matthews, who was called the 'wizard.' If the pitchers of the American league were as good as Matthews Babe Ruth's home run record wouldn't be in evidence."

When Keokuk was in the National league John N. Irwin served as president of the club and was assisted in its management by C. L. Williams, Robert McGuire and William Trimble.

The Box Score.

The box score of the Keokuk-Brooklyn exhibition game in 1874 follows below:

Keokuk.	R.	1B.	P.O.	A.
O'Brien, ss	0	1	0	1
Riley, rf	0	0	3	0
Jones, 1b	0	0	12	0
Baker, lf	0	1	1	0
Goldsmith, 3b	0	0	1	4
Miller, 2b	0	0	4	5
Selman, cf	0	1	0	2
Myers, c	1	1	5	0
Golden, p	0	0	1	1
	1	4	27	13

Brooklyn.	R.	1B.	P.O.	A.
Higham, c	2	2	15	3
Allison, cf	3	2	0	1
Start, 1b	2	1	6	0
Mathews, p	1	3	0	2
Hatfield, 3b	1	0	1	0
Nelson, 2b	0	1	3	3
Phelps, rf	1	0	0	0
Remsen, lf	1	0	0	0
Carey, ss	1	1	2	1
	12	10	27	10

Score by innings:
Mutuals101 051 400—12
Westerns000 000 001—1
Umpire—W. G. Hillis; scorer—George Stahl.

When Keokuk went into the National league the following year it added several players, including Quinn, a catcher; Simmons, first baseman and field captain; Hallihan, a great shortstop, and Carbine, an infielder. Jones, listed in the box score above, moved into the outfield.

Kestner, Sicking, Lohrman, Strathmeyer, Beauchaine, Tatum, Sueme, McIntyre, Lucas, McGee and Caldwell.

Keokuk baseball became ultra-modern in 1930 when lighting equipment was installed in league park, giving the city one of the finest night baseball plants in this part of the country. With the help of the St. Louis Cardinals the entire outlay was paid for within two years. The park remained in the hands of the Keokuk Baseball association which made the original purchase, until 1934 when they sold their interests to Thomas H. Joyce who wished to make a gift of the plant to the city as a municipal park. After certain legal difficulties were satisfactorily settled, the transaction was completed and the field is now the property of the city.

It has been called Joyce Park and is governed by a commission of three men, Dr. C. R. Logan, James Joyce and Harry Ayers. During the past winter a new outfield fence was constructed, the infield was supplied with a drainage system and the outfield leveled and re-seeded. Few Western league parks offer better facilities for play.

Now in Western.

One bad season was not enough to discourage Keokuk. It set about raising \$3,000 in cash with a promise of a similar sum from the St. Louis Cardinals in 1934 but after two league sessions the circuit was forced to disband when Rock Island and Davenport accepted franchises in the Western league.

Keokuk remained out of baseball last year, turned the money back to the fans and adopted a policy of watchful waiting, hoping always that something would break in the nature of a league bid. It came this spring when Jimmy Payton offered to bring his Topeka club here. The city lost no time in accepting the most alluring proposition it has ever come across; it is in the midst of a successful ticket-book campaign at the present time, the ball club will be in the Duncan, Okla., training camp next Tuesday, and everything indicates a season of great promise in this, the city's 60th year of baseball.



Pennant Skipper

Bob Rice, the only man in history who brought a league championship to Keokuk, his 1931 team turning the trick on the last day of the season.

THE GREAT EAST PLAY CALLED HISTORY
BY THE CITY OF KEOKUK, IOWA

Keokuk Boasts Baseball History Since 1875 in Every League Classification

MONDAY, APRIL 26, 1954

THE KEOKUK, IA., GATE CITY AND CONSTITUTION.

Keokuk, the only city in the United States (and in baseball that goes for the world) to play in every league classification from D to the majors, and which dates its association with professional baseball back to 1875, opens its 27th home season in Joyce park tomorrow night against Terre Haute.

The city's briefest flutter in the organized game was in its rarest atmosphere, that of the majors, back in 1875 when it gave up the ghost after 13 games in the precursor of the National league, the National Association of Professional Baseball Leagues.

Its longest period of play was 12 years in the Iowa State league and its successor the Central Association, Class D organization of which Keokuk was a member from 1904 to 1916. It also played Class D ball for five years in the old Mississippi Valley, was in Class C ball for three years, 1947-48 and 1949 in the Central Association.

Just Too Good

Back in 1885 it not only played Double A ball in the Western league, ancestor of the American Association, but broke up the league by having such a strong team that all other members dropped out, one by one. Milwaukee which was the sole survivor with Keokuk also gave up when it couldn't win.

In 1935 Keokuk took a one-year fling at the Class A Western league and now is in its third season with the Three-I, oldest Class B league in baseball.

During its brief period in the National league Keokuk played against such teams as Boston, St. Louis, Chicago, New York, Philadelphia and such stars as Spaulding and Goldsmith.

Among the members of the 1885 team to go into the majors were Kennedy to the White Sox, Hudson to the Browns, Stromberg to the Pirates and O'Brien to Brooklyn. Dugdale, the catcher, went to Portland where he remained for years as manager. Games in 1885 were played in High Banks park across the river in Crystal Glenn and the fans made the trip by ferry.

Semi-Pro Era

Keokuk was represented by one of the strongest semi-pro clubs in the Midwest under the management of Harry Miller from 1901 to 1904 and played the fastest clubs from Chicago and St. Louis as well as its principal rival Quincy.

In 1904 Keokuk became one of the charter members of the Class D Iowa State league which embraced Ottumwa, Waterloo, Marshalltown, Fort Dodge, Boone, Oskaloosa and Burlington. Keokuk's first manager was Cy Black with Second Baseman

Maryot as captain. Frank C. Norton of Burlington was president of the circuit.

It was this league which gave Jimmy Archer of Boone to the Chicago Cubs while Charley Hollocher and Red Morriden of Keokuk also went up to the Chicago team from the later Central Association.

Members of the Keokuk team which played its games in the old Hubinger park in 1904 were Gray, Black, Hackett, Burman, Maryot, Dowers, Jenkins, Townsend, Ahlin, Haviland Murphy Mathews, Green and Leatherby. Hackett both caught and played first base and was the chief slugger. In the final game of the season, in which Keokuk finished fifth, he hit a triple and home run against Ottumwa which won the pennant that year.

19 Innings in 1907

It was in that year that Keokuk and Burlington played their 12 inning Memorial Day game won by Keokuk when Tommy Hackett hit a home run. Longest game ever played by a Keokuk team was on July 4, 1907 with Marshalltown when Rube Burch and Maurie Kent hooked up in a 19 inning pitching duel which went to Marshalltown, 4-2 when Rabbit Yant muffed a fly ball.

Ned Egan managed Keokuk in 1905 and was followed in 1906 by the "Boy manager" Pat McAndrews. Cy Black returned in 1907 when Quincy and Jacksonville replaced Fort Dodge and Clinton and the league changed its name to Central Association. Dave Hughs succeeded Black in mid-season and put his team in brilliant, turkey-red suits. Frank Belt, whose death occurred this month, took over in 1908 and remained at the helm for four successive years, until he retired in 1912. He was followed by Queisner, George Manush in 1913, Spencer Abbott and Sweet in 1914 and Frank Boyle in the final year, 1915. At the end of that season Keokuk sold its franchise to Fort Dodge.

That ended organized baseball until the winter of 1929 when Keokuk took over the Marshalltown franchise in the Mississippi Valley league with Ben Dimond as manager. The team finished a poor sixth that year but it was much better than its dismal experience the following year when a half dozen managers tried their hand as Hank Wingfield, hired to manage and catch for the club, set out a 90 day suspension for hitting an umpire. Hank brought about Keokuk's affiliation with the St. Louis Cardinals, however, and that paid real dividends in 1931 with the city's first and only pennant under Bob Rice.

Bunnies Lose by a Hair

Cedar Rapids came to Keokuk for the closing series of the season boast-

ing a one-game margin. The Indians wiped that out by winning the first game but the Bunnies came back for the second and set the stage for the finale which Keokuk won for a one percentage point championship. Members of that team were Rice, Pep Young, Charley Patton, Kewpie Kirchem, Bob Kalbitz, Johnny Ryder, Kirk Herrick, John Grilli, Roger Wolfe, Bob Fisher, Ralston, Bill Storey and Bryant.

Keokuk finished fifth under Rice in 1932 and at the end of the season Dr. C. R. Logan was elected president of the league succeeding Beldon Hill. The league threatened to fold when Burlington, Cedar Rapids, Waterloo and Dubuque withdrew, but Logan picked up Peoria, Springfield and Quincy from the Three-I which had expired the year before and the league finished out the 1933 season as a Class B organization. Eddie Sicking and Ray Caldwell managed the Keokuk club that year and it staggered to the finish in sixth and last place.

Picture Up To Present

Keokuk made a brief comeback in 1935 when it joined the Class A Western league with Jimmy Payton as manager and then was out of the game until 1947 when it helped organize a new league, the Central Association in which it played for three years under the aegis of the Pittsburgh Pirates who supplied Frank Oceak, Phil Seghi and Charley Hargreaves as managers. Gus Bell, star centerfielder with the Cincinnati Reds, played right field for the 1949 club.

That brings the baseball picture up to the present in the Three-I league which Keokuk joined as an independent in 1952 with Rudy Laskowski as manager for two years. This year the city was fortunate in getting the backing of the Cleveland Indians and is starting its third season with a strong club assembled by Manager Jo Jo White.



THE KEOKUK, IA., GATE CITY AND CONSTITUTION-DEMOCRAT

THURSDAY, FEB. 7, 1963

SIGNING OF TWO NEGRO BALL PLAYERS FOR KEOKUK'S KERNELS may be something new in the city's modern baseball history but a few old timers will recall that Keokuk had the distinction of employing the first Negro player in the history of organized baseball. He was Ed Fowler, second baseman for the red-hot Keokuk team in the Western league of 1885, and is shown standing in the center of the old picture above. Back in 1883 Messrs. Cal Harrison, Rice Bell, Frank Hagerman, Will Rankin and Nick Curtis organized

the Keokuk's which played its week-day games in a new park on Grand avenue and Sunday games across the river in Illinois. When Omaha dropped out of the Western league in 1885, Keokuk took over the franchise, joining such clubs as Cleveland, Toledo, Indianapolis, Kansas City, and Milwaukee, Detroit and Memphis. By July all clubs had dropped out except Keokuk and Milwaukee and when Keokuk beat Tommy Loftus' Milwaukee team three straight it, too, quit and forced Keokuk to disband. In June Keokuk had a re-

cord of 24 wins, nine losses, a forfeit and a tie. Players in the picture, several of whom went on to distinguished careers elsewhere, are: seated, left to right, Kennedy, p; Van Dyke rf; Dugdale c; Hudson p; Harter cf; standing, Stromberg 1b; O'Brien lf; Fowler 2b; Corcoran 3b and Decker c. The man in civilian clothes is Harrington, field manager. Walsh, captain and shortstop, is not shown. The club wore gold shirts, blue trousers, red and blue stockings and red, white and blue caps. Fowler was one of the greatest second basemen

in baseball and in later years became a grounds keeper for the Chicago Cubs. Dugdale later became owner

Tommy Loftus' club in three straight games, Milwaukee also quit and Loftus went to Cincinnati as manager.

Players Go Up.
The calibre of the Keokuk players is shown by the fact that Kennedy went to the Chicago White Stockings; Hudson to the St. Louis Browns; Stromberg to Pittsburgh; Darby O'Brien to Brooklyn where he became captain of the team; and Dugdale went with Ted Sullivan to Memphis and later owned the Seattle club.

Keokuk played to crowds of 1,000 to 1,500 and on June 29, 1885 the team had won 24 games, lost nine, forfeited one and tied one. It lost five to Milwaukee, and two each to Indianapolis and Kansas City.

THE KEOKUK, IA., GATE CITY AND CONSTITUTION-

TUESDAY, MAR. 29, 1949

Keokuk Probably First to Sign Negro for Organized Baseball

With many Negroes following the trail blazed by Jackie Robinson with the help of Branch Rickey through the once fast-closed door of the major leagues, it possibly should be stated for the records that Keokuk may have been the first city to sign a Negro for organized baseball.

Back in 1885 when Keokuk was a member of the old Western league, along with Milwaukee, Indianapolis and other cities, it employed a Negro second baseman by the name of Bud Fowler who was one of the best ball players ever seen in these parts. He later played for Topeka in the Western league.

Surprised Curtis.
Fowler was signed by the late

ed second base for Keokuk during that season.

Other members of the club were Dugdale and Decker, catchers; Kennedy and Hudson, pitchers; Stromberg, first base; Walsh, shortstop and captain; Corcoran, third base; O'Brien, left field; Harter, center field; and Van Dyke, right field.

Took Omaha Franchise.
Keokuk took the Omaha franchise in the Western league along with clubs in Cleveland, Toledo, Indianapolis, Kansas City and Milwaukee. Shortly after Keokuk entered Cleveland and Toledo quit because Ohio would not permit Sunday baseball. The Indianapolis franchise was transferred to Detroit and the Kansas City franchise to Memphis, Tenn.

Eventually Keokuk and Milwaukee were the only clubs remaining in the league and when the Keokuk's went to Milwaukee and whipped

Nick Curtis, then manager of the Keokuk team, on a sight unseen basis. Supposing him to be a white man, Curtis went to the depot to meet his train and was astonished when greeted by the Negro.
He refused to let racial prejudice interfere, however, and Fowler play-

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At least W. C. Fields didn't say he'd rather be dead than in Keokuk.

One man's opinion

By John Marion

The fair name of our town has been taken in vain, scurrilously attacked, and been held up to ridicule by a nationally unknown sports columnist who writes in the Los Angeles Herald-Examiner. This gentleman of the fourth estate makes fun of the name of Keokuk; his name is Melvin Durslag. If my name were Melvin Durslag, I'd never sign it to a column; I'd change it to Sol Needleman or something less humorous. No one is really named Melvin Durslag; it's got to be a pen name.

Yes, Virginia, there really is a Keokuk, a prosperous and charming town of 16,700 happy people beautifully located

on a high bluff over looking the Mississippi river, but there is no Melvin Durslag; no one would have a name such as that. For the sports columnist Mr. Durslag (we'll use that name as long as it is signed to a column) is terribly uneducated in sports. This quote from his base column will show you what I mean, "To keep the conversational ball rolling, we asked Mr. Mudcat Grant, the international celebrity, what it was like to play in Keokuk. Offhand, we could never recall talking to anyone who played in Keokuk."

Apparently Melvin has never talked to Tim McCarver, Roger Maris, Russ Nixon, Gus Bell, Gordie Coleman, Fred Whitfield, Jack Hamilton (of the Angels,

whom Mel should know), or Dick Hughes! Most good sports columnists have talked with at least one of these boys who played for Keokuk. Others such as Tony Kubek, Woody Held, Harvey Kuenn, Juan Marichal, Rocky Colavito, Johnny Roseboro (formerly of Los Angeles where this poison pen writer does his writing), John Romano, Earl Battey, and Del Crandall have all played IN Keokuk against our teams.

One would imagine that most top Los Angeles sports columnists have at least talked with McCarver, Maris, Marichal, or Roseboro. Notice I qualified that statement; I said "top" sports columnists; possibly Melwin was on loan from the ladies' page when he "kept the conversational ball rolling" with Mudcat. If this nescient writer would take the time to look up Jerry Doggett, who broadcasts the Los Angeles Dodger games, he could talk with a native of Keokuk!

Doubtful Durslag makes another dubious and derogatory statement about our town, "A pesty problem developed for Mudcat in Keokuk. The club had found him a room, but it couldn't find him a place to eat. Restaurants there made it clear at that time that people Grant's color weren't welcome . . ." Johnny Barokas was running his restaurant at that time, and our town never had a more rabid baseball fan than Johnny; no ball player was ever turned away from Johnny's restaurant whether his color was white, black, pink or polka-dot. Most of the ball players were "credit" customers at Johnny's; if a player were low on funds, he never went hungry; he signed a check; if he was never paid, Johnny just chalked it up to one of the many assets of having pro baseball in our town.

Maligning Melvin thought he would be clever at the expense of our town; I can't see how semi-comedians think that Keokuk is such a strange and unusual name; we've got Pisgah and Quasqueton right here in Iowa; then there's always Nacogdoches and Waxahachie in Texas, Punxsutawney in Pennsylvania, and in Melvin's California we have the old standards of Azusa and Cucamonga! There's nothing odd about Keokuk when compared with some of those tongue twisters; why doesn't ersatz funny man and sports columnist Durslag write a funny about Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania?

Come visit us sometime, Melvin; you aren't very funny, you're not original, but you've got a name I don't believe. I want to see if you're real and to show you how real Keokuk is; at least we're not afraid to walk our streets at night; we don't have riots, and smog! XXX

THE GREAT DUST HEAP CALLED RUSTON
R. L. RICKEL KEOKUK, IOWA

KEOKUK CONSTITUTION.

KEOKUK, MONDAY, JULY 5, 1870

GEO. SMITH. H. W. CLENDENIN. THOS. REES.

SMITH, CLENDENIN & REES,
PUBLISHERS AND PROPRIETORS.

THE PRINCE OF HUNTERS.

A Nebraska Gentleman's Story of a Hunt on the Plains with Dr. Carver.

N. Y. Sun.

Dr. W. F. Carver's arrival in this city, and his wonderful feats with the rifle in Boston and New Haven, have recalled some surprising events in his past history. While discussing his wonderful shots, advertised at Deerfoot Park to-day, one of his California friends recalled a conversation with Captain Charles J. Breuster of Wolf's Rest, Nebraska, some months ago. Breuster went on a buffalo hunt with Carver in December, 1870. The Doctor contracted to kill 300 buffalo to ship East, Breuster furnishing men and teams. They traveled up the Republican three days before they caught sight of buffalo. The Doctor led his horse up a canon toward a herd numbering over 300, and on the alarm mounted his horse and gave chase. He killed twenty-five cows and three calves before the herd was fairly scattered. The cows fell not more than one hundred and twenty-five yards apart.

On the same day he struck a second and much larger herd, killing 63 buffaloes and wounding many more. The day's work footed up 91 buffaloes. In the five days' shooting he killed 315, and all of them were shipped East. Breuster says he has seen him kill two buffaloes at one shot, going at full speed, the ball passing through the first and killing one on the other side. On their way home from this hunt he had a very narrow escape. Breuster saw an old bull standing on a divide. He asked the Doctor to shoot him, and he would take his head home and have it set up. At the time the Doctor was riding a big American horse that had never had a gun fired from his back, and was very ugly. Breuster asked the Doctor to change horses, for he was afraid his horse could not catch him. The Doctor said: "If he does not catch that bull I will camp on his trail;" and away he went over the frozen ground at full speed. The bull saw him coming, and started; but he caught him in a short run. The moment the rifle cracked the bull charged him. The Doctor's horse turning suddenly to the right, the cinctle gave way, throwing him to the ground. He grabbed at the horse and caught him by the tail. Away went the horse, bucking and kicking, the Doctor hanging by his tail. The bull charged and tried to jump on him, the blood flying from his nose and mouth all over the Doctor at every jump. The race lasted for perhaps 150 yards, when the bull stopped. The next instant the Doctor let go. The bull saw him, charged again, and fell dead upon him. Breuster reached the spot, and, with the assistance of the men, rolled the bull over, and picked the Doctor up for dead. He was alive, but had one leg and two ribs broken.

Breuster says he has seen the Doctor shoot quail and grouse flying with a Springfield gun, calibre fifty. If he missed two grouse in twenty he would think he was shooting

very badly. Breuster was present when he made a match to kill five plovers out of twelve with shot gun, and shoot from a horse's back, the horse to be on a run. The match was for one thousand dollars a side. He won the match, killing ten out of twelve. Breuster backed him to shoot against Watson from Texas for one thousand dollars a side, the match to take place in Keitsville, Ark., six shots apiece with a Colt's revolver, calibre 44, distance 30 feet. They shot at a ring the size of a half dollar. The Doctor shot six shots in the ring; Watson got five in; his last shot cut the ring in two. On the same trip he shot a match with a Cherokee Indian, in the Creek nation, for \$250 a side; the Doctor to shoot with shot, fifteen shots, with a rifle ten, twenty-five shots apiece, the Indian to use a shot gun. The Doctor killed fifteen straight quail with the shot gun, and seven out of ten with a rifle, and won the match by one bird. On the return home they stopped at Girard, Kan., and went prairie chicken shooting. The Doctor killed thirty chickens with a pistol in one day, without a dog, and shot them all flying.

Breuster thinks he can shoot with a pistol better than he can with a rifle. He is one of the finest horsemen in the world, and shoots a bow and arrow as well as an Indian. He has been deer hunting, and, jumping seven deer, killed them all with a Winchester rifle before they could get away.

The match between Carver and John Petty, of Omaha, Neb., was one of the most remarkable on record. It was shot near Omaha, on April 26. Each man shot at glass balls thrown in the air, Petty using a Remington and Scott double-barrelled shot guns, and Carver a Winchester rifle. Petty used a Bogardus trap, and Yank Hathaway threw the ball in the air for Carver. There was a stiff breeze, and the air was filled with dust. The following is the score:

Carver, Petty		Carver, Petty	
1st hundred...	97	94	97
2d hundred...	95	94	98
3d hundred...	99	94	99
Totals.....	291	282	478

Between the forty-first ball of the fourth hundred and the sixty-sixth ball of the last hundred the Doctor broke 127 balls without missing a shot.

spring trap, 21 yards rise and 80 yards boundary.

Six hundred birds will be here for the occasion, and the shooting will last from 9 o'clock a. m. till 4 p. m.

Captain A. H. Bogardus, of Chicago, champion wing shooter of the United States, will be here, and show us his skill in killing fifty birds from traps in six minutes. Many other fine shots will also be here from Chicago and other places.

The first shooting will be done by Capt. Bogardus—50 birds to be killed in six minutes; unlimited charges. Second—Match, 20 birds each, from spring trap, boundary as above; one ounce shot; two prizes to be contested for; entries ten dollars each; prizes according to the entries made by the shooters in this match.

All shooters are requested to make their entries for the second and third match before the day of shooting, and all persons who can furnish birds are requested to do so, and they will be paid for by the Audubon Club.

This match will be conducted according to the rules of the New York clubs.

No shooting allowed inside the grounds, either at missed birds, or a bird escaping from the trap.

No loose dogs allowed on the grounds.

No booths rented, or intoxicating liquors sold in the inclosure.

A large crowd is expected. All from a distance who are lovers of this kind of sport are invited. Rules and regulations made known on the day of the match. All prizes paid in "greenbacks."

CALEDONIAN & AUDUBON.

The Daily Gate City.

THURSDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 21, 1870.

CITY NEWS.

SHOOTING TOURNAMENT.—To-day the shooting tournament takes place at the Fair Grounds. It will commence at 9 o'clock a. m., and last until 4 p. m. Six hundred birds have been secured for the occasion. One of the leading features of the tournament will be an exhibition of skill by Captain Bogardus, the champion wing shooter of the United States, who will kill fifty birds in six minutes. Other fine marksmen from Illinois and Missouri will be present.

The Daily Gate City.

OCTOBER 7, 1870.

New Advertisements.

WANTED.

600 Live Pigeons,

At John Stannus' Grocery, corner Fifth and Johnson, or at Geo. Hill & Co.'s Paint Shop, corner Fourth and Blondeau streets, where the cash will be paid on delivery. [Oct 7-3w]

THE GATE CITY

OCTOBER 9, 1870.

CITY NEWS.

THE TRIGGER.—There will be a Grand Shooting Tournament, at the Fair Grounds, near Keokuk, on the 20th of October, to commence at 9 o'clock a. m. This match will be at pigeons on the wing, from a

The Gate City.

OCTOBER 1, 1897. =
Entered in Keokuk Postoffice as Second-Class Matter.

WONDERFUL SHOOTING.

The Work of a Man Who Has Shot in Every Civilized Country on the Globe.

Dr. Carver, the man to whom the breaking of glass balls with a rifle is child's play, and to whom shooting has become a second nature, will be in Keokuk next week. He has with him five horses that he uses in his exhibitions, for shooting from the ground has become so easy that he has introduced riding into the sport so as to add a greater element of difficulty.

A sketch of the career of this famous man would take up too much space, even were the bare incidents only to be given. His name is a household word in every country where sport is recognized in any degree, for he has shot in exhibitions all over this world. Dr. Carver holds more records for shooting than all the other professional shots put together, and has won his title by shooting in about every country on the globe. Even the Indians of North America recognize his marvelous skill, and in acknowledgement have named him The Evil Spirit of the Plains. To one who has never witnessed such shooting, the record of his work seems rather of the Munchausen order. Rifle shots that are the bane of the other professionals' lives are made by this man with the greatest of ease. Trick shots that require the nicest of calculation and the utmost steadiness of hand, are performed in a manner so easy that half the difficulty of the shot is not apparent except to the expert. For instance, there is the famous jump shot, in which a glass ball is placed upon the ground and the marksman first fires under the ball, projecting it into the air, then with lightning rapidity reloads his rifle and breaks the ball before it touches the ground.

Then Dr. Carver has a man throw glass balls directly at his head and breaks them with a rifle. This is a trick that appeals more to the mind of the expert, for only a man who shoots can tell how difficult it is to hit anything moving rapidly at the marksman's head. As for the common tricks that are done by all professionals, the doctor has changed and added to them so that they are new and interesting. The old trick of merely hitting glass balls that are thrown into the air is made new by substituting an orange. If the bullet strikes the orange fairly in the center the object will disappear in mist. When the orange is wrapped in paper and struck fairly with the flying bullet, only a little piece of paper flutters to the ground.

With the shotgun Dr. Carver gives

even greater evidence of his wonderful skill. Most of his shooting with this weapon is done from the back of a horse, and the feats are of the marvellous order. He will break five glass balls thrown in the air, with his horse running at full speed, and an assistant mounted on another horse will ride beside him throwing glass balls into the air, the doctor breaking them on the run. In this he is not aided by any of the horses to any degree, as the animals are not in the habit of standing still, but plunge around, as if their one motive in life was to prevent their master from accomplishing his work.

One of the most interesting features of the attraction is the performance by Powderface and Cupid, two horses that dive from a platform forty feet high into a lake of water. The platforms have already been erected and the lake is now being prepared. These intelligent animals invariably make the deepest interest. Their act is given without the slightest hesitancy and simply by word of command. Indeed they seem eager for the plunge and apparently enjoy it hugely.

KEOKUK CONSTITUTION

KEOKUK, THURSDAY, JULY 22, 1897

—In the shoot at Quincy yesterday between W. B. Hauworth of that city, and Fred Erb, Jr., of St. Joseph, Mo., the champion wing shot of the west, for \$100 a side and the championship of the west, the Quincy man won by a score of 94 to 92 out of 100 birds. Erb has twice defeated Bogardus, the world's champion, and once defeated Hauworth. He has challenged Hauworth to another match for from \$250 to \$500 a side either in St. Joseph, St. Louis or Quincy. He is too good a shot to allow one defeat to wrest the championship from his clutches, and although Hauworth is a good shot, we opine it will be uphill work for him to again defeat Erb.

KEOKUK CONSTITUTION

KEOKUK, FRIDAY, JULY 23, 1897

—Immediately after giving up the match at Quincy, Erb challenged Hauworth for another match and terms were subsequently agreed upon between them. The next match is to take place at St. Joseph, Mo., Aug. 19th, for \$200 a side. Until defeated by Erb, Hauworth retains the championship of the west.

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KEOKUK, SATURDAY, APRIL 3, 1897

THE BOY WING-SHOT.

A Sketch of Fred Erb, who Defeated Bogardus—Another Challenge.

From the New York Sun, March 29.

Since the pigeon match on the new exposition grounds in St. Joseph Mo., in which young Fred Erb defeated the champion wing shot of the world, letters from all parts of the country have been received asking for the boy's photograph and a sketch of his life.

The St. Joseph Herald says that Fred Erb, Jr., was born in Lafayette, Ind., June 25, 1860, which makes him still in his teens; is 5 feet and 8 inches in height, and weighs 148 pounds. His complexion is decidedly dark; he has deep-set brown eyes, and, while apparently not quick, he is like a flash of lightning when standing before the trap.

When Fred had reached the age of 10 years his father was the crack shot of the country, Bogardus standing second. In 1870 Erb, Sr., shot a match with Jack Taylor for a purse of \$1,000, the condition being 100 birds at 21 yards rise. Erb killed 95, and Taylor 94. This match had the effect to arouse the spirit of Fred, although he had not yet handled a gun.

In the following year his father emigrated to Illinois, locating for a time at Rushville, where Fred got his first lesson in shooting. He was instructed from the start to shoot at his bird only when it was on the wing, and if he failed to drop it at the first fire to let it go. While living at Rushville Fred had ample time for practice, shooting at chickens and snipe, and when a year afterward he and his father removed to Iowa City he was able to compete in the field with the best shots of the country. Leaving Iowa, Fred and his father came to Shelbina, in this state. During the chicken season a wager of \$50 was laid that Fred could not kill forty out of fifty chickens in the field. He shot over an old dog called "Nose" (who would rather take a charge of shot than flush a chicken), and he won the wager by killing fifty birds straight. This exploit brought him into prominence as a wing shooter, although a mere boy. While a boy at school a pigeon match was arranged for a match of \$100, ten birds, at twenty yards rise. In this contest Fred was successful, killing his straight ten birds.

In 1876 Fred and his father came to St. Joseph, and from this time on Fred became conspicuous as a field hunter, as well as prominent at the trap. In January, 1877, he shot a pigeon match with Charley Dorsey for \$50 a side, 15 single birds at 21 yards rise, each shooter to spring his own trap. Fred used a muzzle-loading gun. In this contest Fred killed 12 out of 14, Dorsey scoring 10 out of 14.

After this match Fred confined himself almost to field shooting, now and then taking part in scrub matches; but not until his match with Howarth, of Quincy, in June, 1878, did he come prominently before the sporting world. The match was for \$250 a side, 100 wild pigeons, 21 yards rise, governed by the state rules of Illinois. When it is remembered that Howarth was the champion shot of the West (outside of Bogardus), never having been defeated, and Erb was only 18 years of age at the time, the achievement was sufficient to bring the St. Joseph boy to the front rank, and from that time to the present he has been looked upon as the only man to compete with Bogardus. Out of 100 birds Erb killed 93, Howarth

yards rise. Erb, who shoots with a home-made gun, is disposed to accept the challenge, with probably some accessions to the place. He has the reputation of having sufficient nerve and quickness of sight to shoot any distance for any amount of money.

in killed 100 single birds (tame doves) in succession in two hours. Shooting under his defeat, the captain has challenged young Erb to shoot a match in St. Louis for from the cost of the birds to \$1,000, 100 wild pigeons, 30

ability to meet Bogardus or any other man at 21 yards rise. The boys score in this match with Capt. Bogardus, 93 to 83, is the best on record in the west. The pigeons were partly tame and partly wild. The captain once

scoring 90. From the time of the match with Howarth up to the contest with Bogardus Erb has figured in several small matches with indifferent success, but at no time has he or his friends weakened on his

THE GREAT QUEST NEAR PALM SPRING
R. J. BICKEL KEOKUK IOWA

College Football Used to Be on Thanksgiving Menu

Football Hair, Nose Guards 'N' Everthing



THE DAILY GATE CITY — SATURDAY, NOV. 22, '24

THE KEOKUK MEDICS OF 1899.

Way Back Whenners will recall the days of the Keokuk Medics, with football hair, noseguards and quilted jackets who performed in Thanksgiving day games with Lombard, St. Albans, Winfield and other big teams. This is the team of 1899, all but Stewart, the quarter back. Here is the key to the collection:

1—Aiken, right end; 2—Moore, left end; 3—Bigsby, left half; 4—Janse, full-back; 5—Lee, right half; 6—Robinson, right guard; 7—Yarnell, center; 8—Crabbe, right guard; 9—Boyles, right tackle; 10—Wahrer, second back; 11—Creath, left tackle; 12—Neeper, left guard; 13—Hogle, left guard; 14—Quire, left tackle; 15—Bomgardner; 16—Hobbs; 17—Virgils; 18—Banks, manager; 19—Clapp, coach.

Those Were the Days When the Medics Made Merry About the City With a Skeleton to Advertise Their Games Here.

The staging of a college football game in Keokuk on Armistice day, between Iowa Wesleyan and Carthage college, recalls the days in Keokuk when college football was almost what might be called an everyday occurrence. It at least was the dessert on the menu of Keokuk's Thanksgiving day dinner. Those were the days when Keokuk Medical college was located in Keokuk, and its football teams used to engage such squads as Lombard college, Jacksonville, Ill., Kirksville Osteopaths, Iowa Wesleyan, Quincy Business college and others in this vicinity. Football was not as popular then as it is now, and a crowd of 500 was considered a big one. Those were the days when beef counted; when football players caused a famine for barbers, because their hair was never cut during the season; when nose guards, only seen now in museums, were worn, and suits were

padded affairs with quilted effects.

Newspaper reports of these earlier football games were usually concerned with the announcement that the visitors were "a gentlemanly team" and there was no trouble. There was no attempt to write the game in the detail that it is given now, and the main thing that seemed to count was the chronicling of the time in which the touchdowns were scored. There was no lack of football spirit among the Medics, and the games were usually preceded by a parade in which the most prominent figure was the school's skeleton, or a coffin, or some such symbol of grief as applied to the opposing team. Not infrequently the skeleton was paraded about the field both before and during the game.

Difficulties Before Teams.

Champions in 1906.

Nine years later came the team of 1906, which walked over everything in this section and by big scores. This championship aggregation was composed of men whose names still shine in K. H. S. athletic history:

Merrill, right end; Heller, right tackle; Parsons, right guard; Sheldon, center; Leake, left guard; Pechstein, left tackle; Bear, left end; Dickey, quarterback; Phillips, left half; Crimmins, right half; Griffey, fullback.

The team in 1904 was composed of Petry, center; Heller, right guard; Griffey, right tackle; Roach, right end; Miller, left guard; McFarland, left tackle; A. Woolley, left end; F. Woolley, quarter; Phillips, fullback; Van Ausdall, left halfback, and Dickey, right halfback.

Sand Lot Games.

Not only were the football games played by the representatives of the Medics and Keokuk high in these pioneer days of football in Keokuk, but there were junior games played on vacant lots, the most popular of which seemed to be Tenth and Franklin streets. Games were played there almost every Saturday morning, and most of the nights after school. Teams calling themselves West K Tigers, and teams from the schools, and the high school juniors, met on this and other small fields to settle supremacy of the neighborhood or some such other title.

Football has grown by leaps and bounds since 1897, both in popularity and in the scope of the game. Where 500 used to witness the Turkey day games, now twice and three times that number crowd the sidelines at Playground field to cheer the warriors. In the crowd are many of the old-time players of Keokuk, who admit that the game is more open, more thrilling and a better one for popularity from the standpoint of the rooster, but who doubtless are a bit homesick to hear the thud of bodies together and to see the twenty-two pairs of legs and arms all stacked and piled up on the ball carrier, as the game used to be.

and Louisville.

The Socials, of Chicago, contemplate a trip in a few weeks. The Westeros, of this city, are one of the nine which they have expressed a desire to meet.

The Staten Island Club left New York yesterday on a tour of the West. They will play the Westeros here on the 4th and 5th of September. This is said to be the best amateur club in the United States.

The Baltimores beat the Red Stockings of St. Louis, on Thursday, by a score of 22 to 7.

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DAILY GATE CITY.

FRIDAY MORNING, MARCH 5, 1875.

BASE BALL.—The following is a list of the additional Clubs that were admitted to the National Base Ball Association at its annual meeting at Philadelphia: St. Louis, of St. Louis; Western, of Keokuk; New Haven, of New Haven; Red Stockings, of St. Louis; Centennial, of Philadelphia, and Washington, of Washington, D. C.

Mr. Harry Wright submitted the following amendments to the rules, which were adopted: That the ball when it is ripped shall be replaced at the request of either captain; that the line of the home base be lengthened from three to four feet on each side of the home base; that if it rains five minutes the game may be called at the request of either captain; that no portion of the person of the pitcher be outside of the line of his position when pitching; that wides be done away with; that unless there be a passed ball, no ball shall be called dead; that no batter be put out on a foul ball when running for his base, he not hearing the cry of foul; that a ball pitched as high as the waist shall be called a high ball.

Wm. Trimble, of this city, was appointed on the Judiciary Committee, but declined to serve.

BASE BALL NOTES.—Of the visit of the St. Louis Red Stockings to Chicago, the Inter-Ocean says:

"On Saturday last the St. Louis Red Stockings were to play the Franklins, but they did not, as they thought it was too wet to play. The Franklins then endeavored to induce them to stay over till Tuesday, and offered them a guarantee of \$300, but they would not stay. The Chicago boys at that time were aching for a game with the St. Louisans, and were quite disappointed. Another chance, however, is offered them to tussle with St. Louis players in a few weeks. This time, however, it is not with a conceited set of players, but rather with players who are not afraid to play amateurs, that are certainly their equals, if not their superiors, viz, the Empires."

The Empires leave St. Louis the first of this week on a tour that will take in Quincy, Keokuk, Springfield, Chicago, Cincinnati

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SUNDAY MORNING, APRIL 25, 1875

BASE BALL BREVITIES.

The first professional base ball match of the season came off last Monday, at Boston, between the Boston Red Legs and the Elm City team of New Haven, Conn. Over 1,200 persons witnessed the game, which was well played, considering the experience of the Elm City players. The Bostons won by a score of 6 to 0.

Some idea of the extent to which base ball is played may be had from the fact that a single firm in New Ycrk has sold this season 36,000 bats, 180,000 balls, 2,500 pairs of ball shoes, 3,000 pairs of colored hose, 5,000 caps and 500 complete uniforms.

The St. Louis *Democrat* says: "The Professional Association by-laws require that all offices becoming vacant shall be filled by the vote of members of the Association at a regularly called meeting. The President having appointed a member of a committee and that member having accepted the office, the President's duties then end so far as any further appointment is concerned. Under this rule Mr. Sperring had no right to appoint any one in the place of Mr. Trimble, who, after accepting the appointment on March 1, resigned March 2."

The championship flag and pennant of 1875 are on exhibition at the new rooms of the Boston Club, on Elliot street, Boston. The flag measures thirty feet by ten; the ground-work is white with red trimmings, and the inscription in red and blue letters, as follows: "Boston—1873—1874—1875—Champions." The pennant is forty feet in length and resembles that of last year.

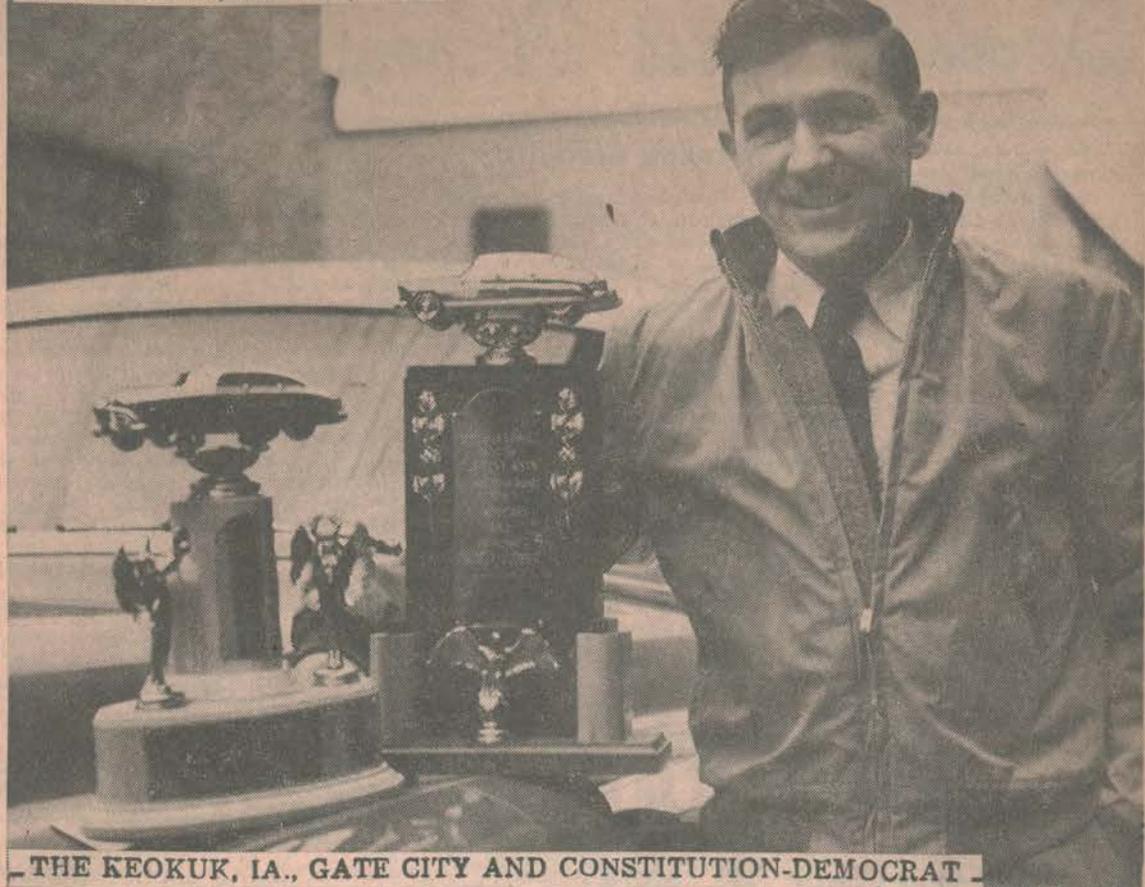
Notwithstanding the chilly condition of the atmosphere yesterday afternoon, there was a large crowd of spectators at Perry Park, to witness the practice game between the Keokuks and a picked nine of amateurs, composed of O'Brien, Miller, Clark, Stahl, Blackburn, Fuller, Phillips, Barrett, Maguire and Ryan.

The picked nine did not succeed in making a run, but they did some first-rate playing. The score stood 18 to 0.

The Keokuks performed well, particularly in the field. Their playing shows that they are well organized, under excellent drill and discipline, and that they will be able to give the best of them a close game.

THE GREAT DUST WARP DATED HISTORY
S. A. BICKEL KEOKUK, IOWA

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 10, 1952



THE KEOKUK, IA., GATE CITY AND CONSTITUTION-DEMOCRAT

DUO WINNER—**ERNIE DERR**, 621 Fulton street, displays the two trophies that were presented to him recently for his winning events the past summer in stock car racing. The trophy on the left is for the National Speedways Circuit Champion and the larger award is for placing second in points in the International Motor Contest Association competition. Derr, 31, started racing just two years ago. The IMC trophy is from an organization that covers practically all of the Middle West. Derr used a 1952 Oldsmobile in all but two of his races and received eight firsts and the same number of second place finishes. —Daily Gate City Photo

KEOKUK, IA., GATE CITY

TUESDAY, DEC. 9, 1952

Ernie Derr Awarded Speedways Trophy

DES MOINES (IP)—Ernie Derr, Keokuk stock car racer, has received the 1952 National Speedways championship trophy.

Al Sweeney and Gaylord White, National Speedways officials, presented the trophy to Derr Monday at the annual meeting of the Iowa Fair Managers association.

The trophy was awarded on the basis of points earned during the past racing season.

KEOKUK, IA., GATE CITY

FRIDAY, MAY 12, 1950

Don White, Keokuk, Enters Burlington Stock Car Races

Don White of Keokuk has entered his "Flying Saucer" in the stock car races which will be held in Burling-

ton Sunday afternoon and Roy Mitchell will be the driver.

In addition there are two Nauvoo cars in the race, the "Nauvoo" rocket owned by Lanford Wolgemuth and driven by Don Hutson and the Wolgemuth Special driven by George Heedy.

Thirty-five cars have been entered in the affair from Burlington, Mt. Pleasant, Fort Madison, Davenport, Danville, Wayland, Sperry, Gladstone, Ill., Moline, LaHarpe, Keokuk and Nauvoo.

KEOKUK, IA., GATE CITY

MONDAY, JUNE 26, 1950

Don White Wins Burlington Race

BURLINGTON, Ia., June 26—Don White, Keokuk, romped home with top honors Sunday night at the fairgrounds quarter-mile oval, when he moved from 8th position in the lineup to cross the finish line in first place. Time for the race was 7:25.35.

A capacity crowd that filled the grandstand was kept on the edge of their seats during most of the evening. The field of 50 cars, largest entry list ever recorded here, furnished the fans with about every-

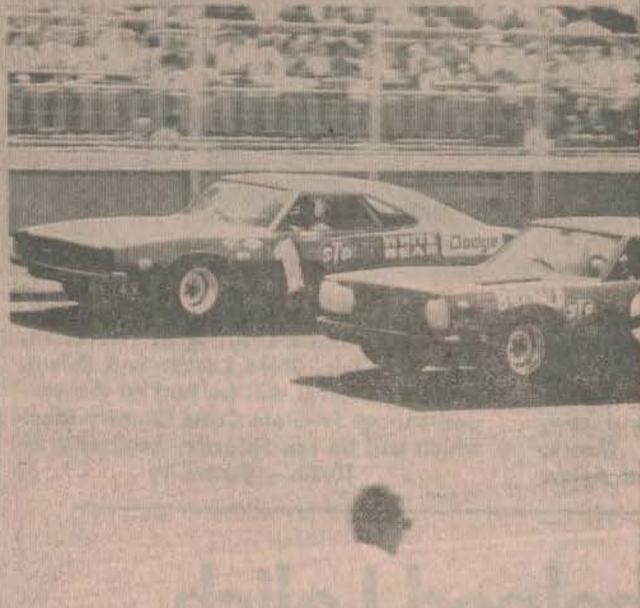
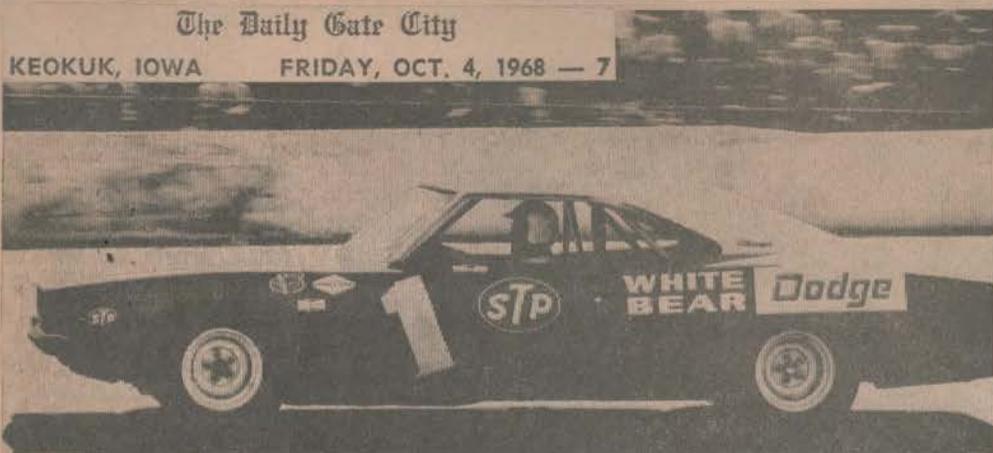
thing in the book. Spills, rolls, spins and fence crashing were only a few of the things that filled the evening program.

In the semi-main event of the evening, Charlie Moffett, from Tipton, Ia., turned in a beautiful piece of driving when he pushed and bumped his way from the tail position in the lineup to first place. No time was recorded due to Mim McCoy mixing it up with Moffett on the back curve, resulting in Jim flying through the air with the greatest of ease, and also blocking the curve for the rest of the field, forcing a restart.

Charlie Moffett, winner of the main event, set a new record in the time trials when he turned the quarter-mile oval in 21:41.

Sonny Mensing, Lowden, Ia., romped home with first in the initial qualifying heat, while Fred Frazier, Stanwood, copped the second heat and Jerry Draper took the third heat.

The "clunker" race, which replaced the novelty race, was won by Shorty Martin, Tipton, Ia. This race included the top 12 non-money winners. The purse from the time trials and novelty races were pooled for winners of this race.



UNPRECEDENTED AUTO RACING RECORD. No driver in any auto racing class has ever won nine national championships in a major U.S. circuit, but Dodge driver Ernie Derr of Keokuk appears on his way to gaining that all-time mark. The 46-year-old stock car champ of the IMCA recently drove his No. 1 Dodge Charger to four big midwestern victories

in five days. The streak raised his IMCA point total to 3,430, 700 points more than his nearest rival, Ramo Stott, also of Keokuk. (shown in the Plymouth marked "O"). Derr, Stott and the rest of the International circuit drivers will windup the 1968 campaign in the south, racing Sunday at Tulsa, Okla. and then at Shreveport, La. on Oct. 19, 20, 25, 26 and 27.

The I. M. C. A. crown currently rest on the head of Ernie Derr, the Fort Madison, Iowa pilot who was the first stock car driver in I. M. C. A. annals to bring the title to the Hawkeye state. Derr, however, is now in second position in the 1954 point standings, as a result of the first two I. M. C. A. Long-distance stock events this year, in which his fellow downstate driver, Don White of Keokuk, was victor. Derr finished second in each of the southern races, however, making the battle for point-standings honors an extremely close one that could go either way in the Cedar Rapids competition, according to officials of the event.

Also filing an entry for the first of the annual championships is Shreveport, La., driving veteran Herschel Buchanan, twice a National Champion in I. M. C. A. competition, in 1950 and 1951. Buchanan is a familiar figure to Iowa racing followers, as many of his victories during his championship campaigns were won on Corn state tracks. Also well remembered will be Topeka, Kansas' "Wild Bill" Harrison, one of the most colorful performers in the thrill sport, who has finished third in association standings for two years running. He has stated his intention of trying to end this "Third Man Theme" this year.

Derr, White, and Harrison will all stake their chances in Sunday's event on 1954 Oldsmobiles, while Buchanan will drive his familiar 1953 Nash.

Other top I. M. C. A. contenders who will be in the starting lineup include Pete Peterson and Bill Hubbard, Chicago; Tubby Harrison, brother of Bill, also of Topeka; Marv Copple, Lincoln, Nebraska; "Chug" Montgomery, Springfield, Mo., and Chris Skadal, Des Moines.

Seven 1954 model cars mentioned in entry blanks received by race officials, as well as six '52 and '53 vintage machines. All cars competing are required to be of 1949 or later manufacture.

KEOKUK, IA., GATE CITY MONDAY, OCT. 23, 1950

Don White Wins Race At Bushnell Sunday

BUSHNELL, Ill., Oct. 23—Don White of Keokuk yesterday won the main event in the stock car races here on the fifth-of-a-mile dirt track.

White, driving his 1937 Plymouth coupe, ran into some trouble during the 50-lap event as opposing drivers tried to pocket him but still he managed to pull out in front at the finish of the 10-mile drive.

White also placed third in a heat race.

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Don White and Ernie Derr Head Hawkeye Downs Stock Car Field

CEDAR RAPIDS — (Special) — Officials of the All-Iowa Fair today announced that more than twenty of the nation's top stock car drivers have filed entries for the 1st Annual Corn Belt Cup Championship 100-mile late model stock car race, scheduled for Cedar Rapids' Hawk-

eye Downs next Sunday afternoon, May 16.

Heading the list of drivers in the International Motor Contest Association-sanctioned event will be the association's 1953 National Champion, the runner-up and both third and fourth-place drivers of last season.

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MONDAY, SEPT. 22, 1952

Sgt. Don White Wins 100 Mile Car Race

Sgt. Don White, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gene White, R. R. No. 2, won the 100 mile stock car race yesterday afternoon at the state fair grounds in Burlington. White drove a 1950 model Olds. He left Camp McCoy today for Ft. Leonard Wood for two weeks then will go to Michigan for discharge next month.

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MONDAY, JUNE 30, 1952

Ernie Derr Places Second in Car Race

DES MOINES—(P)—Tubby Harrison, Topeka, Kan., won the 125-mile stock car race at the State Fairgrounds track Sunday.

Harrison, driving a 1949 Plymouth, crossed the finish line with an empty gas tank after traveling the 250 laps of the half-mile track without a pit stop.

He covered the distance in two hours, 30 minutes, 55.89 seconds.

Ernie Derr, Fort Madison, last year's winner was second, and Bill Harrison, Topeka, the winner's brother and owner of the winning car, was third.

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TUESDAY, SEPT. 2, 1952

Don White First, Ernie Derr Second In Iowa Fair Race

DES MOINES —(P)— Don White, Keokuk, won the shortened Iowa State Fair stockcar race that cost the life of one of the drivers.

Officials halted the race at 100 miles Monday because it was getting late and because the rough track was too hard on the cars.

The race was originally scheduled for 125 miles.

Clyde King, 37, Lake Park, was fatally injured in the 88th lap of the race. A rear wheel twisted off and the car rolled end over end. King's head hit the track and he died of head injuries.

Ernie Derr, Fort Madison, placed second in the race.

"THE GREAT DUST HEAP CALLED HISTORY"
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100 Mile Stock Car Race

Late Models Only

Peoria Expedition Gardens, Peoria, Ill.

Saturday, July 4th

Time Trials — 1:00 P. M., Daylight Time

100 Lap, Late Model Race

Hawkeye Downs, Cedar Rapids, Ia.

Sunday, July 5th

Time Trials — 1:00 P. M., C. S. T.

See Local Drivers in Action—

Ernie Derr and Don White.

White won the 200 lap event in one hour, 45 minutes and 13:47 seconds, clipping two minutes from the world record set by Jim Wainwright of Shreveport, La. in 1951.

White also set new International Motor Contest association records for 50, 100 and 150 laps.

KEOKUK, IA., GATE CITY
THURSDAY, SEPT. 17, 1953

Don White's Nat'l Race Record Stands

Don White's four National stock car records which he established in a 100 mile race at the Minnesota state fair in Minneapolis have been okayed over the protest of other drivers who claimed Don and his brother-in-law Ernie Derr were driving souped-up motors.

The drivers forfeited their \$50 protest money to pay for an inspection tear-down of both Oldsmobile motors in a St. Paul garage. After it was over the mechanics, International Motor Contest association officials and even the protesting drivers admitted that both cars were legitimate stock cars.

Under IMCA rules for stock cars all parts, exclusive of wheels and suspension, must be equipment which can be purchased over the counter of any auto parts department as standard mechanical parts.

White won the 100 mile feature race by nearly a half mile, over Derr and set a new record of one hour, 45 minutes and 13.47 seconds. This earned him a \$1,000 first prize. He also set a new IMCA marks for 25 miles, 50 miles and 75 miles.

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Derr and White to Race in Cedar Rapids

Ernie Derr, current point leader in the I. M. C. A. late model stock cars, and Don White, runner-up, both of whom hail from Keokuk, will be present at the July 5th late model stock car race at Cedar Rapids Sunday afternoon.

One of the largest fields ever to assemble for a century grind is slated to be present at the Hawkeye Downs speedway Sunday afternoon.

To Race Sunday At Davenport Fair

DAVENPORT— National championship big car and stock car races will highlight the weekend at the Mississippi Valley Fair, with the speedway cars taking over the half-mile oval on Saturday afternoon and the stock cars dueling over the 100-mile distance on Sunday afternoon.

Time trials on both days will begin at 1:30 p. m., with the first competitive race beginning promptly at 2:30 p. m.

The big car field includes such standout performers as Bobby Grim of Indianapolis, Ind.; Jerry Kemp, St. Louis, Mo.; Mack McHenry, Wichita, Kan.; Don Branson, Champaign, Ill.; and Dick Ferguson, Burbank, Calif., who will all drive the powerful Meyer-Drake Offenhausers.

The stock car field includes Herschel Buchanan, Shreveport, La., national champion in 1950 and 1951; Ernie Derr and Don White, brother-in-law team from Keokuk, Ia.; Bill Harrison, Topeka, Kan.; Marv Copple, Lincoln, Neb.; Hank Loboaza, Chicago, Ill., and a host of other aces.

A field of at least 25 cars is expected to start in the qualifying event, with most of the cars being 1953 models.

KEOKUK, IA., GATE CITY
MONDAY, JULY 7, 1953

Ernie Derr Wins At Cedar Rapids; White Blows Tire

CEDAR RAPIDS, Ia.— Ernie Derr of Keokuk won the 100-lap stock car race before 5,000 fans at Hawkeye Downs here Sunday.

Derr wheeled his 1953 Oldsmobile over the distance in 55 minutes 20.02 seconds.

Ralph Dyer, Shreveport, La., grabbed second place on the ninety-eighth lap from Herschel Buchanan, Shreveport, La., and the three top money winners were all on the same lap at the finish.

Don White, Keokuk, led in the early laps and was riding second when he blew a tire and crashed into the fence at the sixtieth lap. Bill Bailey, Los Angeles, smashed his 1952 Hudson into a fence. Both drivers escaped unhurt.

KEOKUK, IA., GATE CITY
FRIDAY, SEPT. 4, 1953

Don White Sets World Record

Don White of Keokuk broke the world's stock car speed record in the 100 mile race at the Minnesota State fair in St. Paul Thursday but his purse was held up on complaint from another driver.

Chuck Magnison of Minneapolis, who finished third behind Ernie Derr, also of Keokuk, claimed that the engines used by both White and Derr violated stock regulations. Both drive Oldsmobiles.

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White and Derr

KEOKUK, IA., GATE CITY
SATURDAY, SEPT 19, 1953

Ernie Derr Wins Clay Fair Race

SPENCER, Iowa —(IP)— Ernie Derr, Keokuk, won the 100-lap feature stock car race Friday at the annual Clay County Fair.

Derr also took the first heat race and set the fastest time trial mark.

The second heat furnished the closest competition of the day with Chris Skadal, Des Moines, nosing out Herschel Buchanan, Shreveport, La., by inches.

Pete Petersen, Chicago, finished about three quarters of a lap behind Derr.

Buchanan held third place for most of the race, but a tire blow out put him out of action on about the 75th lap, allowing Bill Harrison Topeka, Kan., to take third.

An overflow crowd of 13,700 was on hand.

KEOKUK, IA., GATE CITY
MONDAY, AUG. 10, 1953

White First, Derr Second in Car Race

Don White of Keokuk won the 100 mile late model stock car race at the Hamilton county fair in Webster City Sunday by passing his brother-in-law, Ernie Derr of Keokuk, on the 54th lap. White was timed in one hour, 55 minutes and 19.95 seconds for the 200 laps. Derr who finished second had the fastest qualifying time of 33.47 seconds.

KEOKUK, IA., GATE CITY
MONDAY, AUG. 31, 1953

Don White Wins Iowa Fair Race

Don White of Keokuk and his brother-in-law Ernie Derr put on another of their one-two finishes (sometimes one wins and again the other) in the 50 mile stock car race at the Iowa State fair Saturday.

It was costly for White, however, because he banged up his Oldsmobile in a first lap crash which involved five other cars which were so damaged that the drivers had to drop out of the race.

White's car spun on the southwest curve of the backstretch and was damaged between \$200 and \$300 when it hit the fence. His first place purse was \$300 to which he added \$75 by winning the second heat of the 10 lap preliminary.

The other five cars involved in the crack-up are said to have bumped each other to avoid White's car.

Derr made a race of it with White for the first 80 laps but fell behind to finish 300 yards back of his brother-in-law.

SIOUX FALLS, S. D.—(P)—Don White, Keokuk, Iowa, won the 100-mile stock race at the Sioux Empire fair here Sunday.

In a big car race Saturday, Leon De Rock, Mason City, Iowa, won the trophy dash.

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KEOKUK STOCK CAR RACER, DON WHITE is shown here at the wheel of his 1937 Ford in which he won the feature event at the Burlington races Sunday night. He also won at Macomb last Wednesday night and is entering the 100 mile race in Des Moines on the Fourth of July with a new car. —Daily Gate City Photo

Don White Awaits New Car for Big 100 Mile Race on July 4th

Stock car race pilots from at least seven states who will run the 100-mile race on the state fair oval at Des Moines July 4 weren't worrying Keokuk's Don White today as he awaited delivery of his new car.

The entry roster for the holiday race event, worth a divided \$2,500 to the winners, according to L. B. Cunningham, secretary of the state fair board, now totals 22, with more entries coming.

Wins in 1937 Ford

But when White gets in that race, he doesn't expect to be in the 1937 Ford that stock car racing fans have seen him open up on the Macomb and Burlington tracks. It plans materialize, a new special-built 1950 Mercury will be delivered to him tomorrow and that's the car he'll race July 4.

White isn't worrying about any other driver in the July 4 race ex-

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cept Eddie Anderson of Grinnell who, White has heard, will also be racing a 1950 Mercury.

With their cars rather evenly matched, White and Anderson expect to match wits to lead the field.

No Inside Structure

The stock car race at Des Moines will differ somewhat from the races held around this area. The cars will not be permitted to have special

structures inside to hold up the roof of a car in case of a roll. They will be as nearly like the manufacturers turned them out as is practicable.

White, who works with his father in the White and Son service garage at 514 South Seventeenth street, is 23-years old and has been racing for two years.

Seventh Motor in Car

The 1937 Ford which he now has is his third car and the Ford is now using its seventh motor. Others cars he has had were a 1940 Plymouth and a 1949 Lincoln.

Grinnell's Anderson has piled up an enviable record in stock car racing. Last year, he won six out of seven races. White, racing at Burlington Sunday night, won the finals and a purse of \$101.

Racing July 4, the contestants will have a half-mile track and will go for 200 laps to make the 100-mile distance.

KEOKUK, IA., GATE CITY

Stanwood Driver Wins Race Sunday

MONDAY, OCT. 16, 1950

BURLINGTON, Ia.—Freddie Frazier, Stanwood, Iowa won the 40 lap main event on the fairground quarter mile oval Sunday afternoon in the last race for the 1950 season.

Following the race, Freddie was awarded the MMARA trophy for winning the final race and Norman Sayre was awarded a special trophy given by Skerik's Auto Parts for the driver with the most points accumulated during the season.

Fred Frazier, starting in the last row in the main event, worked his way to the front to take over the lead in the 26th lap, he was followed across the finish line by Jim Dunnegan, Cliff Cox and Norman Sayre in that order.

White Takes First.

Action started in the first heat race when Norman Sayre's car, a crowd favorite, was rolled at the beginning of the second lap and was forced out of the race. Don White, Keokuk, took over the lead in the 3rd lap when he worked past Keith Lucas to finish first with Ed Callaway and Merle Melvin finishing in that order. Time 3:36.90.

Freddie Frazier handled the second heat of the afternoon following two restarts Frazier jumped out in the

lead in the first curve and from then on continue to extend his lead to the finish. Cliff Cox and Jim Dunnegan finished in that order. Time 3:31.50.

Hommer Tucker, driving his circle 20 finished in first in the third heat with Bill Young second and Jack Archer third. Time 3:40.30.

Francis McGinnis in his 114 moved from near the end of the line in the consolation race to take over first with Duane Stoneking and Fuzz McDonald finishing in that order. Time for the 15 laps was 5:42.80.

Jack Dufort pushed his number 20 across the line in first in the Semi-main event which saw just 6 cars out of a field of 14 finish. Norman Sayre was third and Howard Purvis finished third. Time 7:25.40.

KEOKUK, IA., GATE CITY

Seventeen Drivers Enter Iowa Race

JULY 14, 1954

DES MOINES, Ia. — Entries for Sunday's late model stock car race at the Iowa State Fair track jumped to 17 today, with the receipt of four more entries.

Fair Secretary L. B. Cunningham said newcomers to the field were Jim Brooks, Chicago, with a 1954 Ford; "Wild Bill" Lehman, Hutchinson, Kan., in a 1951 Oldsmobile; R. G. "Shorty" Eberts, Smithville, Mo., 1951 Ford and Pete Huffman, Omaha, 1950 Ford.

Brooks is one of the leading drivers in Windy City short track circles, while Lehman is one of the top chauffeurs in southern Kansas.

Eberts is one of the leading fender-benders in the Kansas-Missouri Modified stock car loop and Huffman is one of the top performers around Omaha short-tracks.

White Wins Five Times

Meanwhile, an IMCA report reveals that Oldsmobiles have won eight out of 10 long distance events so far this year and finished second five times.

Hudsons have won the other two events and finished in the second spot five times.

The Iowa pair of Don White and Ernie Derr have contributed considerably to the Oldsmobile score, taking first and second places on four different occasions. White has now scored a total of five wins and one second, while Derr has racked up three wins and four seconds.

The only other IMCA drivers to win distance races this year are Pete Peterson of Chicago and Les Snow, Peoria.

Time trials for Sunday's event will begin at 1 p. m., with the feature race at 2:30 p. m.

KEOKUK, IA., GATE CITY
SATURDAY, JULY 17, 1954

Derr and White To Race Sunday

DES MOINES, Ia. — Drivers from 11 states will tangle Sunday afternoon on the Iowa State Fair track in a 250-lap late model stock car race.

Time trials will get underway at 1 p. m., with the long grind flagged away at 2:30 p. m.

Nine Iowans will see action in Sunday's event. Heading the Hawkeye State contingent are Ernie Derr, 1953 IMCA national champion and Don White, runner-up in 1953. Both boys hail from Keokuk, are brothers-in-law and drive 1954 Oldsmobiles. White is the current IMCA point leader.

Two Des Moines drivers, Chris

Skadal and Jack Housby are on the entry list. Skadal, central Iowa short track star, will wheel a 1952 Olds, while Housby will drive a 1953 Ford.

Cedar Rapids supplies three competitors in Bob "Doc" Narber, Paul Newkirk and Darrell Dake. Narber, a consistent money winner in IMCA circles has entered a 1954 Ford; Newkirk, former midget car ace, will pilot a 1952 Nash, and Dake, a newcomer to distance racing circles, will chauffeur a 1950 Hudson.

Bob Ward and Mel Gruegger of Anita, round out the Iowa entries in the event. Ward will drive a 1950 Ford and Krueger will wheel a 1953 Hudson.

Out-of-state drivers include Peete Peterson, colorful, hard-driving Chicagoan; Frankie Trower, Phoenix, Arizona, Gene Brown, Fort Worth, Tex.; Mary Cople, Lincoln, Neb.; Pete Huffman, Omaha, Neb.; Jim Page, Kansas City, Mo.; Bill Bolton, Hatcherinon, Kan., and Bob Halston, Hammond, Ind.

MONDAY, JULY 19, 1954

KEOKUK, IA., GATE CITY

Ernie Derr Second In Fairgrounds Race

DES MOINES (AP)—Jim Ward, 33, of Houston, Tex., set a new International Motor Contest Assn. record of 2 hours 19 minutes and 50.98 seconds in a 125 mile stock car race at the Iowa State Fairgrounds Sunday.

The old mark, also established in the 250 lap race over the half mile track here, was set by Ernie Derr, of Keokuk, in 1953. Derr piloted a 1954 Oldsmobile to finish second Sunday.

Two unnamed drivers filed protests after the race. One claimed that Ward's 1953 Hudson was not strictly stock and the other made the same claim as to Derr's car.

KEOKUK, IA., GATE CITY
SATURDAY, JULY 31, 1954

Derr and White to Race in All-Iowa Fair on August 15

CEDAR RAPIDS, Ia. — When the All-Iowa Fair opens here Sunday afternoon, Aug. 15, with a 100-mile stock car race, one of the leading challengers to Iowa's "big two" in the national distance stock car point standings will be an ex-polo player.

That became assured today with an announcement from Fair Manager Andy Hanson that "Wild Bill" Harrison of Topeka, Kan., has filed an entry for the Cedar Rapids, race.

Harrison, who currently is in fourth place in the International Motor Contest Association point standings, got his start in sports competition as a polo player.

Entries had been received earlier from Ernie Derr, Keokuk, defending IMCA champion, and Don White, also of Keokuk. The two Keokuk men, who are brothers-in-law, are scrapping for the lead in the 1954 IMCA standings with Derr holding an edge with 830 points to White's 752.

"There are no conflicting IMCA-sanctioned dates Aug. 15 and we expect to receive entries from almost all the national point leaders," Hanson said. He emphasized that the All-Iowa race is "wide open competition for late model cars" and entry can be made by writing the All-Iowa Fair, Cedar Rapids.

Other speed competition at the Ill-Iowa Fair will be AAA Auto Races Sunday, Aug. 22, the only AAA-sanctioned meet in Iowa this season.

The meet, which will be supervised by Johnnie Parsons, himself a winner at Indianapolis, will attract many of the nation's top chauffeurs who have raced in the Indianapolis 500-mile Memorial Day classic.

KEOKUK, IA., GATE CITY
TUESDAY, AUGUST 10, 1954

White and Derr To Race Sunday At Cedar Rapids

CEDAR RAPIDS, Ia. — Rugged competition will make up the racing fare at Cedar Rapids this Sunday, August 15 as the I. M. C. A. late model stock cars take over Hawkeye Downs speedway for a 100 mile-200 lap endurance and speed test.

The top ten drivers in national point standings, have already filed entry and that list is headed by Iowa's own Ernie Derr and Don White of Keokuk.

Both drivers have had spells of misfortune but have managed to hang on to the 1-2 spots nationally though hard pressed by Herschel Buchanan, Bill Harrison, Pete Peterson and Bob Potter. All of the top men are competing in 1954 model cars and will be present in Cedar Rapids for the All Iowa Fair 100 mile championship race.

White and Buchanan were protested two weeks ago but close examination of their engines proved them to both be of stock specification.

This Sunday's action will start with warm ups and time trials scheduled for 2:00 p. m. and the blistering 100 mile event slated for a 2:30 p. m. start.

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THE KEOKUK, IA., GATE CITY AND CONSTITUTION-DEMOCRAT

FRIENDLY AND RELATED RIVALS, Ernie Derr, left, and Don White, right, brothers-in-law, give each other no quarter when they meet on the race tracks of the country in competition for the IMCA stock car championship each year. They will be racing each other tomorrow in the

Lee county fair at Donnellson. The many trophies shown here have been won by White and the large one in the center represents second place in the IMCA point system last year. Derr was high point man for the nation.

—Daily Gate City Photo

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Vie at Donnellson Tomorrow—

Ernie Derr and Don White Neck And Neck in Stock Car Racing

By JULIA HUISKAMP

Two Keokuk men, brothers-in-law at that, are neck and neck this summer in the national point standings to determine the top stock car driver in the country.

Neither Don White nor Ernie Derr had entered a stock race until about six years ago—last year Derr won the IMCA high point trophy and this year he and his good friend before (and after) White became his in-law-relative, are in a virtual deadlock for the lead.

113.17 Miles an Hour

Between them, Derr and White have won most of the major stock car events in the middle west this season. The two race nearly every weekend during a racing season, which runs from the last of March, in Florida and the south, until Sep-

tember 25. White was clocked at 113.17 miles an hour during the qualifying runs at Daytona Beach this year, but says that under favorable conditions on straight aways speeds up to 118 or 120 miles per hour are occasionally reached. Derr estimated that normally between 85 and 90 miles per hour was tops for straightaways on tracks such as the one at Des Moines.

The cars must be 'stock', that is, of standard make, and not souped up or tampered with in any way. If a driver suspects that another has been "hopped up", he may demand that the engine be torn down and examined for the damaging evidence. The man who brings the charge must post a \$50 bond to pay for the labor involved in the job—if he proves his charge the guilty driver may lose his placing—but if he has guessed wrong he is out the \$50.

One Race Finishes Tires

Most drivers expect to get 20,000 miles from a set of tires, but one 250 lap, (125 mile) race on a hard track and in hot weather will finish four new tires for a stock racer! Gas mileage is nothing to gragg about either. Using standard brands of ethyl, 5 to 8 miles per gallon is considered average.

Springs and shock absorbers are frequent casualties. White is his own mechanic and Derr does most of his own work. Derr says he cleans his carburetor after every race, and gives his car a complete tearing down very often.

White, only 28, began racing with a Plymouth about six years ago, and Derr started with a Ford in 1949. By 1951 Derr entered national standings in fourth place, in 1952 he was second and last year he accumulated more points than any other stock driver in the country. Points are awarded on the basis of placings for the number of laps.

Army Takes White

In 1950 White was drafted into the army. During much of the time he spent in service he was stationed at Camp McCoy, Wisc.

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racing fan, and he used to give me a few weekend passes so I could drive." "I would leave there on Saturday noon, and travel maybe a 1,000 miles altogether to race, then be back in camp by reveille on Monday morning." Ernie kept a car for me and all during the summer of '52 I raced when the passes came through."

Both men are now racing 1954 Oldsmobiles with 185 horsepower. Derr says "If you follow the safety rules they set down for you at the tracks, you will usually be OK." I've never been hurt, but there is scarcely a place on my car, except the hood and top that isn't dented, and Don has had some narrow escapes. "Both of us have raced when a man was killed."

The safety equipment: "You have to wear a crash helmet and be strapped into the car. The door has a snap on it so that it won't fly open in case the car rolls."

Between races, and in the off season, White works as an auto mechanic in Ft. Madison, while Derr manages the Marshall Auto store in Keokuk.

Different Attitudes

The two take a different attitude toward racing.

White: "Do I like racing? I love it!" — If I can win."

Derr: "Sure I enjoy it, but with me it's kind of a business."

White: "I can't get rich racing — but I can eat", but you've always got to stay in the "front row" to make it pay."

Derr: "I want to stay in it as long as I'm lucky and can win."

White holds world's records in stock race racing for 25, 50, and 75 miles, all of which were set at the Minnesota State Fair last year, while Derr holds the mile, half mile, and five mile records.

According to records published last week by the International Motor Car Association in Minneapolis, Derr stood only three points ahead of his brother-in-law. White has lived in Keokuk since he was four years old, moving from Monmouth, Ill., and Derr has lived always in this vicinity. He was born near Donnellson.

Both men are "out to win" in every race they enter, but "There is only one first place." They finished 2 and 3 at the Iowa State Fair races last Sunday and will meet again tomorrow afternoon at 2:00 in Donnellson at the Lee County Fair stock car races.

KEOKUK, IA., GATE CITY AND CONSTITUTION-DEMO

Don White and Ernie Derr to Race At Iowa State Fair This Weekend



Ernie Derr

DES MOINES, Ia.—Jim Ward of Houston, Tex., and Don White of Keokuk will duel in the IMCA sanctioned late model stock car races Saturday at the Iowa State Fair.

Ward, who drives a 1953 Hudson, won the 250-lap race in Des Moines on July 18, posting an IMCA record time of 2 hours 19 minutes 50.98 seconds.

White, one of Iowa's most proficient stock car chauffeurs, currently is in second place in the IMCA point standings.

Last year he finished second in the race for the association crown, bowing to brother-in-law Ernie Derr of Keokuk, the present IMCA leader.

Derr has also filed entry to compete in the two days of stock car racing to be held this weekend. Derr reports he will drive an Olds "88" in the Des Moines events.

White will pilot his familiar 1954 Oldsmobile. He owns four IMCA world records and numerous mid-west dirt track marks.



Don White

Other Iowans entered are Jack Housby of Des Moines, who will drive a 1953 Plymouth; Bob Ward of Anita, regular chauffeur of a 1950 Ford, and Paul Newkirk of Cedar Rapids, who will wheel a 1954 Nash.

Out-of-state entrants include Larry Farr of Chicago, 1953 Packard; Dick Jepsen of Hoxie, Kan., 1952 Olds; Howie Hoffman of St. Paul, Minn., 1952 Olds, and Whitey Trader of Green Bay, Wis., 1950 Kaiser.

Time trials will start at 1:30 p. m. and the first of six races is slated for 2:30 p. m. The feature event will be a 100-lap race.

brother-in-law, Ernie Derr, also of Keokuk, broke an International Motor Contest Association record for one mile at Sedalia, Mo., but it was promptly reset.

White broke the IMCA marks for five, 15, 20, 25 and 50 laps in piloting his car over the 100-lap distance in 53:34.76, only a half minute off the IMCA record.

Derr, racing at the Missouri State Fair Sunday afternoon, covered the mile lap in 50.43 reconds in the qualifying time trials to set a new record but Jim Ward of Houston, Tex., reset it in the next heat with 50 seconds flat.

Derr and Ward traded leads 15 times in the feature race with Ward winning the 100 mile race.

At the Iowa State Fair in Des Moines Saturday, Derr ran away with the 100-lap feature not only taking first easily but lapping the field before recompleted his 100th lap.



Don White

KEOKUK, IA., GATE CITY MONDAY, AUG. 30, 1954

White and Derr Set New Records Over Weekend

Don White of Keokuk broke five records as he won the 50-mile feature event in the stock car races at the Minnesota State Fair Saturday. His-

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THE GREAT DUST HEAP CALLED IN-ION
R. L. BICKEL KEOKUK, IOWA

White and Derr Run One-Two For Stock Title

CHICAGO, (AP)— Don White of Keokuk, Iowa, has been awarded the 1954 International Motor Contest Assn. late model stock car title.

He was certified at the association's annual meeting here Tuesday. White totaled 2,892 points to edge his brother-in-law, Ernie Derr, Fort Madison, Iowa, by 97 points.

Bob Slater, Kansas City, scored 2,950 points to become big car champion.



FIRST AND SECOND AGAIN—Ernie Derr, left, and Don White, right, have been causing a stir in stock car circles with their continuous wins in races throughout the country and again captured the first and second places in national point ratings. Last year, Derr won first place and White, second, in the International Motor Contest Assn. annual awards. This year the two reversed the awards and White won first and the big trophy standing next to him in the above photo. Derr is shown beside his second place

trophy. The pair race throughout the Midwest, West and South during the year and the awards are based on points won in each race. This year, White was first with 2892 points, 97 points ahead of Derr. Also in the picture, are less than half of the trophies the two have won. The photo was taken in White's home at 1013 High street and Derr's trophies are not shown. The two are brothers-in-law. Additional picture on front page.

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—Daily Gate City Photo



BIGGER THAN SHE IS — Ten month old daughter of Don White, 1013 High street, examines the huge trophy her father received for winning the 1954 IMCA stock car championship. White placed first this year and his brother-in-law, Ernie Derr, 621 Fulton, placed second. Last year they also received the two awards with Derr winning first. Additional picture on page thirteen.
THURSDAY, DEC. 2, 1954 —Daily Gate City Photo

"THE GREAT DUST HEMP CALLED HISTORY"
 R. J. BICKEL KEOKUK, IOWA

Jerry McCredie tells High 12 about racing

Jerry McCredie, of Keokuk, seventh-ranked IMCA late model stock car driver, described stock car racing to the High Twelve club at Friday's luncheon at the Hotel Iowa.

McCredie is one of six big-time stock car drivers from Keokuk, who compete in race tracks across the nation. Others are Don White, a three-time IMCA stock car champion who currently competes in USAC racing against numerous Indianapolis 500 drivers, Ernie Derr, a three-time IMCA champion and de-

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fending champion who is currently setting the pace in the stock car division, Dick Hutcherson, now holding down second spot, Ramo Stott in third and newcomer Mickey McMahan.

Expensive sport

The Keokuk stock car pilot explained that racing is not an easy job and is an extremely expensive sport. In addition to working as a mechanic

44 hours a week, he spends about 30 hours or more a week working on his car to prepare for races. That, however, doesn't include the time spent traveling from race track to race track.

The emphasis in racing is on safety, McCredie said, pointing out that cars are equipped with roll bars, safety belts, reinforced wheels and hubs and the drivers all wear crash helmets. Also

most drivers use racing tires.

Gas mileage

Gas mileage during a race is nothing like Sunday driving, the stock car driver said, pointing out that the cars get from three and a half to five miles to the gallon during one of the grueling grids.

Although speed is important for success in racing, McCredie said it isn't the only factor in winning. One of the most important factors in winning, a race, he said, is driving skill, adding "It's the good driver and not the speeder who wins the races."

McCredie also praised the work of pit men in auto racing, especially in the long-distance races.

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Ernie Derr wins two races at Shreveport

SHREVEPORT, La. — Ernie Derr, national IMCA late model stock car champion, won a pair of feature races here Saturday and Sunday afternoon at the Louisiana State driving a 1961 Pontiac.

The Keokuk speedster also posted a new one-lap track record for the fairgrounds half-mile track. He turned in a time of 27:50.

Another Keokuk driver, Ramo Stott, currently in third place in point standings, driving a 1961 Ford finished second in Saturday's 50-lap feature and was followed by Darrell Dake of Cedar Rapids in a 1961 Chevrolet and Bobbie Reynolds, Oklahoma City, Okla., driving a 1961 Ford.

Heat winners in Saturday's races were Derr, Stott and Dick Hutcherson, another Keokuk driver. Hutcherson was forced out of the feature with mechanical trouble and did not run Sunday.

Stott took second money in Sunday's 100-lap grind with Mert Williams of Rochester, Minn., finishing third. Heat winners were Dake with Derr second in that heat with Reynolds and Sonny Morgan of Beaumont, Tex. winning the third heat.

By notching the week-end victories, Derr ran his string to five consecutive and his ninth in 11 races. Derr has now won 20 features this season.

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White second Thurs. in Milwaukee '200'

Don White of Keokuk stock car point leader, A. J. Foyt, Thursday by taking sec-

ond place in the 200 mile race at Milwaukee, Wis.

Parnelli Jones, driving his 1963 Mercury to the number one spot, set a new record of 93.7 miles per hour for the 200 miles and finished ahead of white by only twelve seconds. Whitey Gerken in a 63½ Ford finished third, with A. J. Foyt fourth and Norm Nelson fifth. Foyt and Nelson both drive 1963 Plymouths.

The next race for the United States Auto Club stock car drivers will be Sunday, August 25, on the one mile dirt track at Springfield, Ill. for a distance of 100 miles.

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SATURDAY, APR. 29, 1961

Keokuk drivers race on Sunday

Five of Keokuk's top six stock car race drivers will leave early Sunday morning to compete in a 100-lap, 50-mile I.M.C.A. race at Mason City, the first of 20 in Iowa during the racing season. A

purse of \$2,100 is guaranteed.

Competing from Keokuk will be Ernie Derr, Ramo Stott, Dick Hutcherson, Jerry McCredie and Darrell Bradley. Don White, Keokuk's other big-time stock car pilot will be idle this weekend with his race slated for May 14 at

Salem, Ind., a 100-lap, 50-mile event with a purse of \$4,000.

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TUESDAY, SEPT. 7, 1965 +

Stott captures third straight St. Paul first

ST. PAUL, Minn. (AP)—Ramo Stott of Keokuk, Iowa, took all the honors in the \$10,000 North Star "400" new model stock car race at the Minnesota State Fair Monday.

But the bid of another Keokuk driver, Ernie Derr, ended in bad luck and frustration.

Stott won the 100, 200 and 400-lap features of the stock car racing program and won a total of \$4,500.

His success story was just the opposite of Derr's luck. Derr led through the first 154 laps and lost it to Stott while making a pit stop for fuel and a new tire.

Back on the track, Derr fell farther back on the 214th lap when he hit an oil spot and spun out. And the race ended for him altogether on the 263rd lap when a tie blew out and he crashed into the wall. Derr was not hurt but his car could not continue.

Derr wins feature at Burlington Sat.

Keokuk's Ernie Derr got back in the groove and the winner's circle Saturday night with a win at the IMCA late-model track at Burlington. However, a race scheduled for Sunday afternoon in Jackson, Minn., was rained out.

Derr piloted his '63 Pontiac to the win in 23:05.20, bumping the old Burlington record for 50 laps.

Dick Hutcherson, who had also been experiencing mechanical problems since a stellar season start, proved he was out of the hole with two heat victories and a second place finish to Derr in the feature.

Ramo Stott, IMCA stock car point leader, accumulated some more tallies to hold first position with a second place in one heat, a first in another, and a third place finish behind Hutch in the feature.

It was a clean sweep again for the Keokuk Klan.

Washburn runs Ford

Up-and-coming Jim Washburn, sophomore driver who has been tearing up the track this season, had problems with his 1963 Ford after a flip Friday night at the Donnellson track. However, Jim managed a fourth place in a heat and a seventh place in the feature.

Mickey McMahan stayed ahead of Ken Pratt, of Darlington, Wis., and Darrell Dake, of Cedar Rapids, to cop the Australian Pursuit.

The only remaining heat was taken by Bill Moyer of Des Moines in a 1961 Ford.

Stott, running hard in the second lap of the feature, lost a position or two when his front wheels apparently struck a bump in the track on the first turn. He drove the Plymouth on the two out-side

wheels as the race moved into the second utrn, but the car came back down with a thump and Stott retained third position.

Close finish

He and Hutcherson pushed Derr all the way to the post for the record time. John Mickey, who finished fourth in a 1963 Pontiac, failed to keep up the pace, and dropped back a bit about halfway through the event.

He was plagued by a car fire earlier in the evening, apparently caused by faulty timing in the Pontiac. However, the car was running well enough in the feature, though he was "carrying a fire" in his exhaust stacks.

Here is a rundown on the final positions in the Burlington feature:

The results

1. Ernie Derr, Keokuk, 63 Pontiac.
2. Dick Hutcherson, Keokuk, 63 Ford.
3. Ramo Stott, Keokuk, 63 Plymouth.
4. John Mickey, Col. Jct., 63 Pontiac.
5. Bob Reynolds, Edmund, Okla., 63 Ford.
6. Chub Liebe, Oelwein, Iowa, 63 Ford.
7. Jim Washburn, Keokuk, 63 Ford.
8. Lenny Funk, Ottis, Kan., 63 Ford.
9. Newt Bartholomew Carlise, Iowa, 63 Plymouth.
10. Bill Moyer, Des Moines, 61 Ford.

Time of the race: 23:05.20 (track record).

IMCA stockers will have a well-deserved week's rest before they see action again Saturday night in a sprint program at DePere, Wis.

Greenville-Pickens Speedway on the 150th lap of the 200-lap race.

He gained his third Grand National victory of the season when Bud Moore, who had been in front, lost the right front wheel of his Plymouth when his Ford was in a four-car pile-up.



Don White

White wins road race at Wentzville

WENTZVILLE, Mo. — Don White of Keokuk won the \$12,500 United States Auto Club road race at Mid-America Raceway Sunday driving his 1964 Ford.

White qualified fourth, moved to the second spot behind Norm Nelson of Racine, Wis. and then took over the lead at the 48th lap when Nelson was forced to the pits with engine trouble.

White's victory around the 2 3/4-mile track took two hours and 36 minutes for a winner's share

of \$1,950. Jim Hurtubise of North Tonawanda, N. Y. finished second two laps behind White.

Paul Goldsmith of Munster, Ind. took third in a 1965 Dodge, Bob Slensby of Milwaukee was fourth and Sal Tovells of Chicago was fifth.

The final stock car event of the season will be run Nov. 28 at Hanford, Calif. over a 1 1/2-mile paved track. The rained-out Langhorne race will be run Oct. 24. This is a 250 mile race.

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Derr, Stott Stay Out of Races

(The Register's Iowa News Service)

CEDAR RAPIDS, IA. — The top International Motor Contest Association drivers, including

Ernie Derr and Ramo Stott of Keokuk, apparently will be missing from the late-model stock-car races here today.

The top drivers did not enter or withdrew because they objected to competing against Cedar Rapids-area drivers. The first event is scheduled for 2:30 p.m.

Greenville win for Hutcherson

GREENVILLE, S.C. (AP) — Dick Hutcherson of Keokuk, Iowa, took the lead at the 75-mile mark and won the 100-mile stock car race at the

THE GREAT DUST HEAP CALLED HISTORY
H. J. BRUCKER KEOKUK, IOWA

Keokuk drivers 1-2-3 in final stock standings; title to Derr

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Ernie Derr

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Ramo Stott

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Dick Hutcherson

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WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 15, 1965

'Hutch' wins Hanover race

HANOVER, Pa. (AP)—Southern drivers dominated the annual "Pennsylvania 200 Clas-

DES MOINES — Ernie Derr of Keokuk, triumphed in 15 of the final 26 International Motor Contest Association late model stock car meets and won his fourth auto racing championship.

The 1961 title was his third in a row. He also took the crown in 1953. The "Keokuk Komet" earned \$17,645 for the season and won 21 of 50 features with a 1961 Pontiac.

Stott, Hutcherson

Second and third places were also won by Keokuk drivers. Dick Hutcherson edged Ramo Stott out of runner-up spot by 39 points. Both drove 1961 Fords.

During the first half of the season, Derr, Stott and Hutcherson were all in first place at one time or another. Lenny Funk of Otis, Kans., was also a serious contender until Derr

and Jerry McCredie, Keokuk, began his victory drive in mid-August. Funk finished fourth.

Feature winners

Stott won 11 features during the campaign including the 300-lap Iowa International and two long distance Iowa State Fair events. Hutcherson triumphed in seven and Funk was first in five main events. Buzz McCann of St. Paul, Minn., was the only other IMCA driver who scored more than one victory. He won two including a 350-lap event — the longest race of the season.

Those who took the checkered flag once include: Bob Reynolds, Edmond, Okla.; Chub Liebe, Oelwein, Iowa; Paul Burrow, Sycamore, Ill.,

and Jerry McCredie, Keokuk.

Final stock car standings

	Points Won
1. Ernie Derr, Keokuk, Iowa	3,186
2. Dick Hutcherson, Keokuk	2,078
3. Ramo Stott, Keokuk	2,039
4. Lenny Funk, Otis Kan.	1,560
5. Chub Liebe, Oelwein, Ia.	1,366
6. Bob Reynolds, Edmond, Okla.	1,304
7. Jerry McCredie, Keokuk	1,142
8. Buzz McCann, St. Paul, Minn.	594
9. Eddie Harrow, Corpus Christi, Tex.	549
10. Darrell Duke, Cedar Rapids	538
11. Newt Bartholomew, Carlisle, Ia.	519
12. Johnny Jones, Russell, Minn.	451
13. Mert Williams, Rochester, Minn.	445
14. Ole Brua, Albert Lea, Minn.	412
15. Gerry Harrison, Topeka, Kan.	384
16. Dick Johnson, St. Paul, Minn.	279
17. Johnny Beauchamp, Atlantic, Iowa	256
18. Ron Snow, Ellsworth, Wis.	247
19. Art Brady, Peoria, Ill.	219
20. Sonny Morgan, Beaumont, Tex.	198

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2 — KEOKUK, IOWA
MONDAY, AUG. 19, 1968

White third at Springfield

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. — Don White of Keokuk finished third in the USAC late model stock car race at the Illinois State Fair here Sunday but still gained ground on point leader A. J. Foyt.

White, the defending USAC stock car champion, is currently second to Foyt and has been gaining steadily by finishing ahead of Foyt in the past three races, including victories at Cincinnati and Milwaukee.

White was in a 1968 Dodge Charger.

Norm Nelson of Racine, Wis., in a 1968 Plymouth, won the race after leading almost the entire 100 laps, save six. Parnelli Jones, Torrence, Calif., was second in a 1968 Ford.

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KEOKUK, IOWA
THURSDAY, FEB. 20, 1969

White qualifies 6th for Citrus; Stott tries 500

Don White of Keokuk qualified sixth for Friday's Citrus 250 at 108.166 driving a factory Javelin.

Ramo Stott, who finished 4th in last Sunday's ARCA 300 mile stock car event, was among 54 cars that raced in two 125 mile Sunday's '500'.

Stott's best lap was 172.473 which earned him 16th starting spot in the second race today. He is driving a '67 Plymouth.

Funk Nips Derr At Burlington

(The Register's Iowa News Service)

BURLINGTON, IA. — Lenny Funk of Otis, Kan., won his first late-model stock car feature of the season Friday night, edging Ernie Derr of Keokuk at the Burlington-Hawkeye Fair.

Funk drove a 1966 Ford in the 50-lap event, Derr drove a 1968 Charger. Ramo Stott of Keokuk was third; Blaine Morrow, Joy, Ill., was fourth, and Lewis Taylor, Shawnee, Kan., finished fifth.

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Funk wins at Burlington Derr and Stott, 2 and 3

BURLINGTON — Lenny Funk of Otis, Kan. driving a 1966 Ford, won the 25 lap feature race on the IMCA late model stock car program at Burlington Friday.

Ernie Derr in a '68 Dodge and Ramo Stott in a '68 Plymouth were second and third.

Funk also won two heat races, including the STP handicap event which matched the six fastest qualifiers. Ole Brua was fast qualifier in :28.91 followed by Derr at :29.29, Blaine Marrow, :29.81 and Stott, :30.26.

Derr, who experienced handling problems with his Charger, led from the 20th lap to the 38th when Funk took the lead. The race went

six laps under the caution flag, from 32 to 38, when Ole Brua lost a wheel from his car, allowing Funk to close some distance on Derr.

Stott won the first heat race, Lewis Taylor took the second event, Funk won the third heat and the STP race and John Snow won the consolation mix.

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KEOKUK, IOWA MONDAY, AUG. 19, 1968 — 3

Derr wins twice in weekend races

Keokuk's Ernie Derr added to his IMCA late model stock car point lead this weekend with double wins at Des Moines and Sedalia, Mo.

Derr won the 200 lap Iowa State Fair opener at Des Moines on Saturday they backed it up with a win yesterday in a 25 miler at Sedalia.

Derr qualified fastest at Des Moines in his 1968 Dodge with a :26.73 figure. He was followed by Lenny Funk, :26.80 and Stott, :26.71.

Stott, in a 1968 Plymouth, led for 112 laps of the race before a wheel failed to send

him to the pits. He finished sixth behind Derr, Bill Moyer, Lewis Taylor and Irv Janey.

Stott had better luck on Sunday with a second place finish in his Roadrunner. Funk was third in his '66 Ford.

Saturday evening in Des Moines the IMCA regional drivers entertained at the Fairgrounds track with a 30 lapper won by Verlin Eaker of Cedar Rapids. Lem Blankenship of Keokuk was leading when Eaker got by seven laps from the finish. Blankenship was second and Darrell Duke third.

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8 — KEOKUK, IOWA SATURDAY, JAN. 18, 1969

Don White to start 13th at Riverside

RIVERSIDE, Calif. (AP) — Dan Gurney will be in the third car in Sunday's lineup for the start of the \$100,000 Riverside 500-mile stock car race here but he has proved he knows the Riverside International Raceway course.

Gurney, of Costa Mesa, Calif., probably knows the course better than any race driver on the

NASCAR circuit. He races here in virtually every auto event.

In a practice run Friday, Gurney pushed his 1969 Mercury Cyclone to 110.728 miles an hour, faster than any stock car has ever gone here.

But it was only for show. Gurney qualified third on Thursday. Only places 11-20 were up for grabs Friday.

Cale Yarborough finished with the top speed of the day. The Timmonsville, S.C., resident cruised 109.213 miles an hour in a 1969 Mercury Cyclone.

Bobby Allison, Hueytown, Ala., and Don White, Keokuk, Iowa, earned the 12th and 13th spots on the grid with a second and third Friday.

Winner of the 500-mile event will take home about \$20,000. It's the first NASCAR circuit race of 1969 and the richest on the tour.

Leading the pack will be A.J. Foyt in a 1969 Ford Torino and Lee Roy Yarborough of Columbia, S.C.

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FRIDAY, FEB. 7, 1969

White 31st at Riverside

Don White of Keokuk finished 31st in the recent Motor Trend '500' late model stock car race at Riverside, Calif., according to official statistics received today.

The NASCAR sanctioned event was rained out twice before the field of 44 cars were able to get off and running last Saturday.

Richard Petty won the 500 mile race in a 1969 Ford which was worth \$19,650. Second and on the same finishing lap as Petty (186) was A. J. Foyt in a Ford which won \$10,200 for him. David Pearson, driving a Holman Moody Ford was third, Former NASCAR champion Dick Hutcherson of Keokuk is supervisor over the Pearson team.

White completed 41 trips around the 2.7 mile paved road course before engine failure forced him out. He was driving a 1968 Dodge Charger. Al Unser, who finished fourth, was in a '69 Charger.

Fourteen cars were still on the track at the finish, half of those of '66 and '67 vintage oddly enough.

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2 — KEOKUK, IOWA

FRIDAY, FEB. 21, 1969

Stott ninth in 125 mile qualifying race

Ramo Stott finished ninth in the second of twin 125-mile trial races Thursday as a prelude for Sunday's Daytona 500 mile stock car event. The races were used to decide starting positions for the 500.

Stott picked up \$325 for his ninth place finish completing 48 of the 50 scheduled trips around the 2.5 mile high banked tri-oval.

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14 — KEOKUK, IOWA

MONDAY, APRIL 14, 1969

Derr starts with victory

SHREVEPORT, La. — Dodge driving Ernie Derr of Keokuk took up where he left off last season in IMCA stock car racing by winning Sunday's lifter at Shreveport.

Derr won the 100 mile Pelican 200 late model event with Lewis Taylor of Shawnee, Kan., rolling in second in the muddy affair.

Derr, driving a 1969 Dodge Charger, won \$750. David Wall of Kansas City, Kan., was third.

Absent from the 1969 IMCA opener was Ramo Stott of Keokuk who this year switched to the ARCA stock car circuit.

Another Keokuk name is on the IMCA circuit this season, however, Ron Hutcherson, brother of former IMCA and NASCAR champion, Dick Hutcherson, drove a 1969 Ford to a fifth place finish.

THE GREAT DUST HEAT CALLED HISTORY
R. J. BICKEL KEOKUK, IOWA

Don White heads entries in car race at Milwaukee

The Daily Gate City — KEOKUK, IOWA WEDNESDAY, JUNE 29, 1966

MILWAUKEE, Wis. — Don White of Keokuk, who has finished third in the United States Auto Club stock car standings in each of the past two years, heads a list of 14 entries received for the 200 miler for late model cars here at state fair park on Sunday, July 10. White will drive a 1966 Dodge entered by Nichols Engineering Co., of Griffith, Ind.

White has been competing in USAC late model events since

1959. He has scored four stock car wins at Milwaukee. He was USAC late model national champions in 1962. In eight seasons, he has scored more than 12,000 national championship points, good enough for second place in the all-time stock car ratings, covering 16 years of activities by USAC and its predecessor, the American Automobile Association.

Other entries

Other entries are from: Roger Regeth, West Allis, Wis. (1966 Ford); Dick Eder, Dayton, Ohio (1963 Ford); Dave Whitcomb Valparaiso, Ind. (1964 Plymouth) J. C. Klotz, Fort Wayne, Ind. (1965 Plymouth); Bob Pherneton, Villa Park, Ill. (1964 Mercury); Bay Darnell, Deerfield, Ill. (1965 Plymouth); Bob James, Cleveland, Ohio (1965 Plymouth); Don Hill, Oak Brook Terrace, Ill. 1964 Mercury); Bob Wawak, Villa Park,

Ill. 1964 Mercury); Robert Schultz, Jr., Appleton, Wis.

(1964 Mercury); No driver assigned, 1964 Ford; and Gary Bettenhausen, Tinley Park, Ill. (1965 Dodge).

Tickets for the race on sale at Wisconsin Auto Racing, Inc., 1200 S. First St., Milwaukee 4, Wis.

Eder and Schultz will be making their first appearances on the one-mile paved track here. Regeth, now in his fourth year of late model racing, was voted the "most improved driver" in USAC stocks in 1964. Young Bettenhausen, also in his fourth year of competition, is steadily improving and ranks seventh in the current USAC late model ratings.

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KEOKUK, IOWA MONDAY, APRIL 29, 1968 — 7

Ramo Stott wins Hawkeye 200 Sun.

CEDAR RAPIDS—Ramo Stott captured top honors in the Hawkeye 200 late model stock car race here Sunday and with it wrestled the IMCA point lead away from Ernie Derr. Both are from Keokuk.

Stott has won two of the three IMCA events this season.

Derr led in the early going of Sunday's 100 miler but surren-

dered the lead at about the midway point because of a lengthy pit stop.

Stott held the lead from that point to push his 1967 Plymouth home first. Derr was second in a 1968 Dodge.

Lenny Funk, Lewis Taylor and Fred Horn finished in that order behind the Keokuk duo.

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KEOKUK, IOWA THURSDAY, JUNE 27, 1968

Stott enters D.M. 300 lapper July 7

DES MOINES — Ramo Stott of Keokuk has entered his 1968 Plymouth in the Iowa "300" new model race at the Iowa State fairgrounds in Des Moines on Sunday afternoon, July 7.

Stott has accumulated 35 track records in 16 states and owns 15 International Motor Contest Association world records. All this in 10 years of racing.

With all this going for him you'd think the husky former 4H

farm boy would be happy. Well, he isn't! Ramo has never won the IMCA championship.

He finished second five times and the elusive championship trophy has the dark-haired charger running faster than ever.

He even tried his luck at Daytona a couple of years ago. He turned the asphalt course in a remarkable 175 mile per hour average. But, in the 200 mile

race he ran out of fuel while leading and you guessed it — finished second.

Stott has had pretty good luck in the Iowa "300". He won the 1965 outing and was second to fellow townsman, Ernie Derr, in 1966 and '67. Stott's chief advantage for the "300" will be his strong physical endurance. A race like the "300" isn't always won on miles per hour. It's a tiring race and strong armed Stott is a tireless charger.

A 1968 Mustang has been entered in the annual stampede. Leon Bowman of Wichita, Kansas, will drive the powerful little Mustang. Bowman defeated a field of IMCA regulars last Memorial Day in a heat event at Topeka, Kansas. The car is listed as a potential threat and Bowman is expected to have the Mustang at a full gallop.

Time trials are at 10 a.m. on Sunday, July 7 and the Iowa "300," Iowa's longest race will begin at 1 o'clock.

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Iowa 300 race at DM Sunday

DES MOINES — Iowa drivers dominate the entry list for the running of the famous Iowa "300" at the state fairgrounds on Sunday afternoon, July 7.

Twelve Hawkeye state competitors have inked entry blanks. Two of the top entries, of course, are Ernie Derr and Ramo Stott of Keokuk.

Stott will drive a 1968 Plymouth and Derr a 1968 Dodge Charger. Verlin Eakers of Marion, Iowa, who is considered a darkhorse threat to win the "300" has a 1967 Dodge ready to go.

Three other names were added to the growing entry list. John Boten of Topeka, Kansas, will drive a 1967 Mercury, Hal Freeman of Fort Worth, Texas, en-

tered a 1966 Ford and W. A. Schwader of Davenport, Iowa, will be driving a 1968 Ford. Time trials for the "300" are at 10 a.m. next Sunday and the race begins at 1 o'clock. Entries now total 44.

Hector Honore, veteran sprint car owner who is now retired, will be honored at the "300". A plaque, gifts and official recognition will be given the veteran car owner before the Iowa "300". Honore competed for 32 years on the IMCA circuit.

The queen of the Iowa "300" at the state fairgrounds next Sunday afternoon was announced Thursday. April Andrews of Chicago, a United Air Lines Stewardess has been selected queen for the "300".

White wins fourth straight at Indiana

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. — Defending USAC stock car champion Don White of Keokuk pushed his 1968 Dodge Charger home first Sunday to win the 100 mile Indiana Classic.

White and Dodge driver Al Unser appeared to be headed for a wire finish when the two went into the 99th lap but Unser spun out to dash his bid.

White's fourth straight victory at the Indian State Fairground one mile dirt track won for him \$5,263 of the record \$25,115 purse.

Chargers took the top three

spots with Unser second and Butch Hartman, third and Plymouths were fourth and fifth with Roger McCluskey and Roger Regeht aboard.

There was some dispute waged by Unser that White had bettered his position illegally under the caution flag that went up with 12 miles remaining, however, no official protest was waged.

A. J. Foyt started in the pole position in his Ford Torino but faded after 13 miles and dropped out on the 7nd lap with a broken rear end.

Derr and Stott both to run at Burlington

BURLINGTON — Hawkeye County Fair patrons are assured of an all out new model racing program here on Friday night, August 9. At least the advance entry list promises lots of fireworks on the track that night.

More than 31 drivers have already signed entry blanks for the seven event stampede. Ernie Derr of Keokuk came in with his entry in his 1968 Dodge Charger and now cross-town rival Ramo Stott has filed the entry of his 1968 Plymouth Road Runner.

Stott is right on Ernie's bumper in the International Motor Contest Association point standings. A victory at Burlington could send the former 4-H farmboy into the lead.

The Janey Brothers of Cedar Rapids have also filed entries. Irv will wheel a 1965 Dodge and Chuck has a 1968

Dodge Charger on the line. One of the hottest "little" entries is that of Leon Bowman. The Wichita, Kansas leadfoot will be driving a 1968 Mustang at the Hawkeye County Fair on August 9.

The 1966 I.M.C.A. rookie of the year, Butch Hall of Russell, Minnesota, will be driving a 1964 Ford and the junior ace has been improving with every race this year. Another impressive starter is Lary Piper of Columbus Junction, Iowa. Piper will be guilding a 1966 Pontiac over the tricky half mile track.

The program includes time trials, three heats, a match race, a consolation or pursuit event and a 50-lap feature. It should be a hectic night's work for what appears to be a record number of advance entries. Time trials start at 7 p.m. and the first race at 8 o'clock.

Heavy Fair schedule faces IMCA stockers

The IMCA Late Model stock car racing pace picks up this month with a heavy schedule of events ahead.

Keokuk's Ramo Stott and Ernie Derr, along with the rest of the international contingent, race twice in Des Moines tomorrow, a 200 lapper at the half mile Fairground oval in the afternoon and a sprint program at night.

On Sunday a sprint program is scheduled at Sedalia, Mo., where the Missouri State Fair will get under way. Then, it's back to Sedalia on Satur-

day, August 24, for an afternoon and evening double and on to Des Moines on the following day for a 250 lapper to put the lid on the Iowa State Fair.

Two races, a 150 lapper and 25 lap sprint, are slated at Minot, N.D. on Wednesday, August 28, and on August 31 one of the big ones comes along, the 300 lapper at St. Paul, Minn.

Don White of Keokuk will be in action close to home this Sunday in the NSAC late model program at the Illinois State Fair at Springfield, Ill.

Stott wins 100 lapper Sunday

Ramo Stott of Keokuk wheeled his 1968 Plymouth to victory in the 100 lap feature race at Wausau, Wis. Sunday.

A duo IMCA stock car program was held with Ole Brua of Albert Lea, Minn. taking the evening 25 lap sprint program. Stott and Ernie Der of Keokuk both experienced car trouble in the sprint race.

Stott and Derr were also heat race winners.

Next Saturday at Des Moines Stott, Der and the IMCA International gang will race twice in Des Moines, a 200 lapper in the afternoon and a sprint program at night. On Sunday they move to Sedalia, Mo., for a sprint race.

White of Keokuk, won his second straight race on the USAC late model stock car circuit Thursday by taking the checkered flag in the rain shortened event at Milwaukee, Wis., which was scheduled for 200 laps.

White won at Cincinnati his last time out.

The Dodge Charger driver passed up what would have been a necessary pit stop for fuel gambling that the race wouldn't go the distance and figured right. The race was called after 156 laps with White out front.

White was running third behind Butch Hartman and Jack Bowsher when the rain began to fall on the 125th lap. Both pitted within the next nine laps while the yellow caution flag was out, but White continued.

He picked up 312 points to rank second to leader A. J. Foyt, who was sixth Saturday. Hartman was second, Norm Nelson third and Bowsher fifth.

White wins at Milwaukee

MILWAUKEE, Wis. — Don

R. J. BICKEL KEOKUK, IOWA

SWITCHES LOOPS, GOES INDEPENDENT ---

Stott to Quit I.M.C.A. Racing Circuit

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By Wayne Grett

Ernie Derr without Ramo Stott is like Rowan without Martin. But that's the way it will be in the International Motor Contest Association new-model stock-car competition this year, according to Dan White.

White, a star United States Auto Club driver who will drive a Javelin in Trans-Am races this season, said Saturday:

"Ramo has wanted out of I.M.C.A. for quite awhile. He's going to run in the Auto Racing Club of America circuit this year."

Stott, now in Florida, where he has qualified eighth in today's 300-mile A.R.C.A. race at Daytona International Speedway, could not be reached.

Will Be Independent

White said Ramo will drive as an independent, giving up his factory-backed Plymouth.

Derr said Saturday he had not talked to Stott, but he had heard Stott was leaving.

"However," said Ernie, "He



ERNIE DERR

RAMO STOTT

may just run in a few races then come back to I.M.C.A."

Stott has driven in the I.M.C.A. since 1958 when he finished seventh in point standings and was named Rookie of the Year.

He has finished second in point standings every year since 1963, and he ranks second in lifetime standings behind Derr.

Now about White.

Part-Timer

He said he will be a part-time

driver on the Javelin team which will complete in the Trans-Am road-racing series, beginning Friday with the Florida Citrus 250 race at Daytona.

White will still race in U.S.A.C. in a Dodge Charger, a factory car maintained by Ray Nichols Engineering.

"I'll be able to run in three and possibly five on the 14 Trans-Am races," White said.

He said he was contacted by Ronnie Kaplin of Chicago, who will maintain the Javelin cars, and was given "an offer too good to turn down." He said it includes a guarantee and part of any purse he wins.

His last road-race test was the Motor Trend-Riverside 500 two weeks ago. He went out on the forty-fifth lap with fuel pump trouble but said he had moved from nineteenth to fourth and had passed winner Richard Petty.



Ramo Stott
Weight problem



Don White
Javelin ride

Keokuk race drivers Ramo Stott and Don White will be involved in the competition during Speed Week at the Daytona International Speedway although neither will run the Daytona 500 on February 23.

Stott will run in the 300 mile ARCA stock car event this Sunday at the 2.5 mile banked Daytona Speedway and White will be trying his hand at something a little different when he races in the Citrus 250 on February 21.

White will be at the wheel of an American Motors factory Javelin in the Grand Touring competition which will be run over the Daytona 3.8 paved road course. He will be in competition with Camaros, Mustangs, Cougars, etc.

Stott qualified eighth fastest Thursday with a 174.425 clocking, however, is experiencing a weight problem with the 1967 Plymouth he will drive. Ramo turned the high banked tri-oval at 176 mph in practice spins but used his racing gear in time trials which cost him some speed.

Three cars bettered the qualifying record led by Benny Parsons of Detroit who pushed his '69 Ford through a 185.204 lap.

The car, which Stott previously owned and drove at Daytona in 1967, is about 200 pounds heavier than he would like but where the weight will come off was presenting a problem for the personable Keokuk pilot.

Stott has strongly indicated that he will make the switch

from IMCA to the ARCA stock car circuit this season which means he will run more asphalt surfaces for bigger purses. After the Daytona appearance, ARCA will stage a 500 mile race in Alabama in October but run mostly in the midwest.

White will not have an opportunity to try out his new ride until next week when the cars arrive in Daytona. Also in the Citrus 250 will be a long time USAC competitor of White's, Parnelli Jones, who will be in a Mercury Cougar.

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Stott and White in Daytona races

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Racer Killed At Daytona; Lund Third

DAYTONA BEACH, FLA. (AP) — Lee Roy Yarbrough Saturday outdueled Tiny Lund, formerly of Harlan, Ia., to win the Permatex 300, a rain-plagued sportsman race marred by the death of Don MacTavish, 26, Stillwater, N.Y., in a smash-up involving four cars.

He was dead on arrival at the field hospital.

Going into the grandstand straightaway completing the ninth lap (22 miles) MacTavish lost control of his Comet and barreled headon into the wall at an estimated 175 miles an hour.

Car Disintegrates

The engine exploded and the front end of the car disintegrated.

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ed, spraying parts like machine-gun fire over the track. The Comet spun crazily, with MacTavish hanging on to his bucket seat — nothing in front of him but part of his rollbar cage.

There was no time for a cluster of cars just behind to take evasive action. A Ford driven by Sam Sommers of Savannah, Ga., smashed into the open front end of MacTavish's car, driving it into the infield.

"I've never seen a car come apart like that," said a mechanic.

Bunkie Blackburn the defending race champion from Daytona Beach, ran over MacTavish's radiator, and the oil pan of his Ford was cut off, spreading oil over the track.

Another Collision

In the oil slick left by Blackburn, Bob James of Cleveland went into a spin on his Pontiac and crashed into a Ford driven by Hank Thomas of Winston-Salem, N.C. Both cars were eliminated from the race.

No other driver was injured.

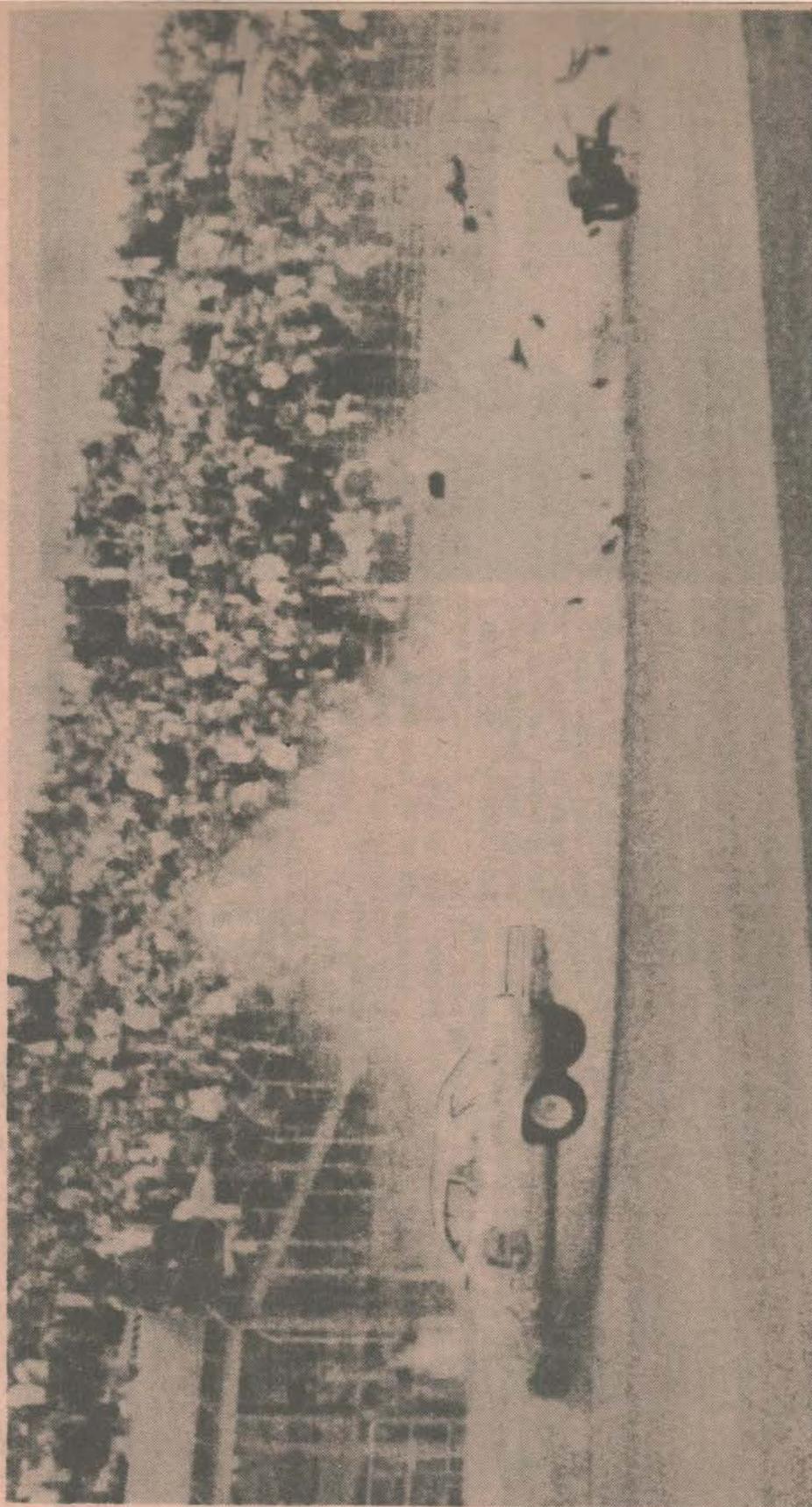
Yarbrough, the Columbia, S.C., veteran given the pole when Donnie Allison of Hueytown, Ala., qualified his 1966 Dodge at a record speed of 185.208 miles an hour, took the initial lead but was quickly passed by Lund, who led most of the way in a 1966 Ford.

With 35 miles to go, Yarbrough surged to the front to remain. He beat Lund across the finish line by seven seconds after running the 300 miles at an average speed of 105.365 m.p.h.

Lund finished third and Dutch Hoag of Bath, N.Y., was second. Lund collected \$3,425 and \$9,225 went to Yarbrough.

Today's Daytona 500, the richest late model stock car race of the season, will complete Speedweeks at the Daytona International Speedway.

Ramo Stott of Keokuk, Ia., will start eighteenth in the race involving racing's top drivers. The race will be shown over closed-circuit television at KRNT Theater beginning at 11:30 a.m.



Head-On Into Wall at 175 M.P.H.

Don MacTavish of Stillwater, N.Y., loses control of 1966 Comet and barrels head-on into wall at estimated 175 miles an hour Saturday in fatal crash at Daytona International Speedway.

WIREPHOTO (AP)

R. J. BICKEL KEOKUK, IOWA

Derr after unprecedented ninth racing championship

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STOCK CAR RACING'S ALL-TIMER — Credited with more wins and more national championships than any other driver in U.S. stock car racing, Dodge driver Ernie Derr, of Keokuk, is campaigning a new '68 Dodge Charger in

quest of an unprecedented 9th title. With a season-opening victory in the "Pelican 200" at Shreveport, La., March 31, added in, he now has amassed 212 wins, and 112 second-place finishes in 545 races since 1954 — an all-time stock car victory record.

DES MOINES — Dodge driver Ernie Derr, of Keokuk, Iowa, who holds more victories and more national championships than any one in stock car racing, is within striking distance of his ninth championship, which would be a new record in all of U.S. auto racing.

The 46-year-old Iowan is an eight-time stock car champion of the International Motor Contest Association (IMCA), America's oldest auto race sanctioning body and headquartered here.

He closed out the 1967 season by winning his third consecutive IMCA title, and on March 31, he opened his 19th season by winning the "Peli-

can 200" at Shreveport, La.

Since 1954, Derr and his Dodges have set an all-time stock car victory record with 212 wins and 112 second place finishes in 545 oval races. These totals are actually higher, but earlier IMCA official records were destroyed by fire and he is not credited for five years of competition begun in 1950, including his first (1953) championship year.

To reach the unprecedented goal of nine national championships, the muscular five-foot, six-inch driving perfectionist must win most of the 40 scheduled races during the '68 IMCA season.

The season inaugural on

March 31 at Shreveport saw Derr behind the wheel of a new '68 Dodge Charger, powered by a 426 Hemi engine with a single 4-barrel carburetor.

In third position at the starting line, preceded by Ford driver, Lenny Funk, of Otis, Kan., and Plymouth pilot Ramo Stott, of Keokuk, Derr moved into the lead before the race had gone 10 laps. He lost this spot to arch rival Stott when he made a 30-second mandatory pit stop near the 25-mile mark.

Halfway in the race, Ernie charged back into the lead and steadily ground out the miles, finishing a half-mile ahead of Stott.

To many observers, this auspicious beginning simply means that the No. 1 painted on the side of Derr's car is no ornament but a reality which all challengers must pass if they are to keep him from winning his 9th title.

Asked about his new Charger, Ernie replied, "It's too early to tell, but it seems to handle better than my two previous cars. It comes off the corners stronger and we're getting good weight transfer — more power to the ground."

Dirt-track genius

Some racing experts consider Derr the greatest dirt-track driver in auto racing, and attribute his incredible list of victories to his skill in skidding around the four corners of the oval without losing time or momentum.

Since most of the IMCA circuits in twelve states from North Dakota to Louisiana are dirt, Ol' Ernie is a master dirt-dobber, who knows from long experience how to come off the straights and hit the corner groove just right.

While others try to figure out what Derr does right to add to his all-time win record, Ernie adds a few comments of his own about driving:

"The first requirement is coordination between the head and the foot. Some of this is natural, but mostly it's acquired by driving, driving, driving."

"Reflexes don't have that much to do with it," Ernie said, "it's a matter of learning to think ahead with hands, feet, and head. The fellow who relies on reflexes is in trouble; the good driver anticipates situations."

Ernie considers that he has had only one bad moment in his career. "Back in 1963 in Topeka," he recalled, "we were racing the dirt track there, and a fellow spun out and was just sitting in the dust. I never saw him. As I

clipped him, I was hit from behind and we had one grand mess. But all I got was a skinned-up chin."

Never seen Indy 500

For a man who has made racing a lifetime career, Derr has another unique distinction.

He has never had any ambition to drive a car in the famed Indianapolis 500-mile classic. In fact, he has never seen an Indy race. Derr said:

"I've always been busy racing on Memorial Day.

"I've never run the super-speedways in the South, either. I started racing in the IMCA circuit and did well enough so that I never got around to switching over to NASCAR or USAC.

"It seems to me that a driver coming up must pick his ac-

tion early and stick with it. Good switch hitters are rare in baseball, and switch drivers capable of winning big in any of the major circuits, are even rarer."

After winning his first IMCA championship in 1953, Derr repeated in 1959, 1960, 1961, 1965, 1966, and 1967. He was runner-up in 1963 and 1964 to Dick Hutcherson, another well-known IMCA and NASCAR driver, now retired. Only Hutcherson, a fellow townsman from Keokuk, halted the Derr and Dodge championship skein since 1958.

Ernie's only complaint is the lack of national recognition that the drivers on the IMCA circuit get compared to those in NASCAR and USAC. The matter of recognition is not just pride, but money.

Not all of a driver's income is from prize money. His name — national recognition — can be worth a tidy sum from endorsements.

Ernie, whose annual racing earnings are estimated at \$25,000, says his complaint is not personal, merely a general statement of fact. The average purse at an IMCA program is \$5,000; the average NASCAR purse is \$25,000. Over-riding the winnings is the national recognition accorded some NASCAR and USAC drivers in contrast to the IMCA chauffeurs.

"Each circuit has its own advantages and disadvantages," Ernie commented, "and each has its own particular style and flavor. For more than 52 years, IMCA drivers have been thrilling racing crowds at state fairs from

the Canadian border to the Gulf. The excitement of these dirt track duels is a vital part of the U.S. racing scene."

Sharing Ernie's enthusiasm for racing is his sizeable family: wife, Mariana; Nancy Ann, 20; Michael, 19; Steve, 18; Russell, 15; Randy, 11; and Danny Jo, 5.

In addition, Ernie's younger sister, Verna, is married to Don White, another Keokuk native and fellow Dodge driver, winner of the 1967 USAC stock car championship. Don was IMCA champ in 1954, 1955, and 1958 before moving over to USAC, where he picked up his first championship there in 1963.

One Iowa sports writer summarized the Derr record this way, "How you gonna keep 'em down on the farm, after they've seen 'Ol Ernie run."

Take it or leave it snub irks top IMCA drivers

By Rich Nelson

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The IMCA twin-50s new car stock car program at Cedar Rapids this Sunday apparently will go on without all of the top named drivers on the International Circuit which of course includes Ramo Stott and Ernie Derr of Keokuk.

The event in fact shapes up as nothing more than a regional race for a rich \$4,200 purse.

Regulars of the IMCA late model circuit voted almost unanimously earlier this month to boycott the race after being informed in a letter from promoter Frank Winkley that the, there-to-fore billed IMCA late model event, would be opened to regional drivers.

According to Winkley the race was originally scheduled as a regional event. It was then changed to a late model race, as the IMCA schedule carried it, and then changed a third time to the combination affair.

The final change was made by Winkley about three weeks ago at which time drivers were informed by letter. A part of the letter which seemed to stir the most opposition read: "Drivers

on the international new car circuit who do not wish to compete under these circumstances should not enter, or, if their entry is already filed, should withdraw their entry."

Winkley is president of Auto Racing Inc., the promotion body of the IMCA late model stock car events, which is handling the twin 50, and also director of the IMCA regional franchise races at Cedar Rapids' Hawkeye Downs.

There are five IMCA franchised regional circuits in Iowa which are designed to be proving grounds for future international drivers.

In opening the event to regional drivers, Winkley set down in his letter the following stipulation: "In order to be eligible for this race (the Twin-50s), regional circuit drivers must have competed in at least one weekly program at Cedar Rapids during the preceding two weeks."

Winkley in a statement today said, "The boycott will in no way affect the running of this Sunday's race and might tend to increase the total number of en-

tries." He further stated, "Reason for the boycott is vague but it appears that basically the real underlying factor in the driver's reasoning is the undisputable fact that they are afraid of red hot competition offered by the regional drivers at Cedar Rapids. When you have fellows like Red Droste, Verlin Eaker ... what do you need with the Lenny Funk, Lewis Taylor, Ole Brua and Blaine Morrow of the International circuit?"

Winkley said, "My only regret is that Derr and Stott who are really the only international competitors who can hold a candle to the Cedar Rapids area drivers, will probably see fit to pass up the race.

"Derr and Stott apparently would like to compete in the Cedar Rapids Twin 50s and Stott in fact had an entry in but withdrew it. It appears that they are afraid of reprisal by the other drivers involved in the boycott."

Derr explained his stand with the majority in this way. "I'll go up there and run with them any day in the week if they think we're scared or something,

but there is such a thing as keeping good relations with the guys that you're running with every day.

"I think Winkley made the other drivers mad with that letter and they have taken a stand against what they feel is an unfair situation," Derr continued.

Stott had a similar opinion. "I'm not against running in open competition against the regional cars, in fact, Ernie and I have done it. But where I think they are making a mistake is not defining what is regional and what is late model races. It's either one or the other and I think the drivers who have to haul their cars all over the country on the International Circuit resent suddenly being informed that this is it, take it or leave it."

THE GREAT DUST BOWL CRISIS
R. J. BICKEL KEOKUK, IOWA

Stockers tour area ovals starting at Donnellson Fri.

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MONDAY, MAY 6, 1968

Derr captures DM feature

DES MOINES — Ernie Derr of Keokuk won the 25 lap feature race at the Des Moines state fairground track here Saturday in a 1967 Dodge Charger.

Derr, who was beaten in his first outing in the IMCA fairgrounds series last week, showed the others how on Saturday by taking the lead on the second lap for keeps.

Ramo Stott of Keokuk was third behind Dean Montgomery of Milan, Ill.

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SATURDAY, JUNE 15, 1968

Stott, Derr share IMCA point lead

Ernie Derr and Ramo Stott are in a virtual deadlock for the IMCA late model stock car point lead with 925 apiece after seven race dates thus far.

Stott won his fourth feature of the season last Saturday at Donnellson to close a 15 point deficit. Derr held an 820-805 point edge going into the Donnellson race.

Stott has won features at Dallas, Texas, Cedar Rapids, Belleville, Kansas and Donnellson. Derr won at Shreveport, La.

On Sunday Stott, Derr and the rest of the IMCA troupe are in a sprint program at Lincoln, Neb.

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to be jinxed in the Iowa "300" new-model stock-car race? Times have changed.

The eight-time International Motor Contest Association champion is favored to score his third consecutive triumph in the 150-



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Local race fans will have three opportunities to see IMCA events at area ovals this week-end starting Friday at Donnellson. On Saturday the scene shifts to Burlington and on Sunday to Memphis, Mo.

From the three races will emerge the Mississippi Valley champion who will receive the Jerry Colbert Memorial trophy following Sunday's race.

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Derr and Stott resume point battle at Des Moines Sunday

DES MOINES—The longest new model stock car race held in Iowa—The Iowa International—is slated for the Iowa State Fairgrounds in Des Moines on Sunday afternoon.

The International will cover 300 racing laps, a total of 150 miles, and will include the top racing stars of the International Motor Contest Association.

Last year's Iowa International champion, Ramo Stott,

driving a Plymouth, is expected to head a field of assorted new and near-new model drivers in the grueling speed event.

Dodges, Plymouths, Fords, Pontiacs, Chevelles and other Detroit models are expected for the endurance contest that will match man and machine.

Time trials open the July 10 program at 10 a.m., with the 300-lap Iowa International set to roll into the first lap at 1 o'clock.

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KEOKUK, IOWA MONDAY, JULY 18, 1966 — 7

Derr and Stott race at Donnellson Sat.

Keokuk drivers Ernie Derr and Ramo Stott take on a heavy IMCA race schedule this week which begins at Minot, North Dakota where a sprint program is scheduled Wednesday and a 100 lap feature on Thursday.

Saturday the big stockers will show again at the Donnellson track for the Lee County Fair and then on Sunday have afternoon and evening engagements at Cresco, Iowa.

Last week Stott stopped the rampaging Derr in his 1966 Dodge Coronet by winning the 100 lap feature at Red River, North Dakota.

Prior to the Plymouth victory by Stott on Friday, Derr had won six straight features to enhance his bid for a seventh IMCA point championship.

Derr won a sprint at Donnellson back on June 4, then stacked up big wins at Lincoln, Neb., a 200 lap affair,

ing Lenny Funk of Otis, Kansas is fourth, 90 points behind the leader.

Another Keokuk driver Ernie McMahan will be running this week-end. Others in the field are Johnny Jones and Bill Thomas, Minnesota veterans and Ralph Wilhelm of Milwaukee, Wis., another northern delegate.

Time trials will be at 7:00 and racing at 8:00 on each of the three nights.

National Speedway officials expect more than 25 entries including Stott, defending IMCA champion Ernie Derr in his 1966 Dodge, Ford driving Lenny Funk and Leonard McCarl of Des Moines who'll show the rookie stripes on his 1966 Mustang, and Ed Negre in the hemi-powered Dodge driven last year by Paul Goldsmith.

Two Chevelles are entered by Hank Melhorn, Kansas City, Mo., and George Barton of Luther.

at Topeka, Kansas, 200 laps, and Des Moines, a 300 lapper. At Red River Derr won the 25 lap feature and the fast heat race on Thursday, then won again on Friday in the afternoon 25 lap sprint before Stott put the brakes on Friday night. Derr won both heat races Friday.

Prior to the swing into North Dakota this week Derr led Stott by 80 points —with 1145.

Favor Derr To Win 3rd Iowa '300'

By Wayne Greff Remember the days when Ernie Derr of Keokuk seemed

mile event today at the State Fairgrounds. Time trials are scheduled for 10 a.m., the race will begin at 1 p.m.

The six fastest qualifiers will start in reverse order. All drivers must take a 30-second pit stop without refueling during the first 100 laps of the 300-lapper.

The number of entries had soared to 48 by Thursday, but six cars were damaged in the Kansas "200" race July 4 at Topeka and are unable to compete. The remaining 42 drivers will vie for the 33 starting positions.

Had Problems

Before 1965, Derr had only a second and a fourth-place finish in eight 300s. Most of the time he was sidelined with mechanical problems. He also finished second in 1965.

Derr will drive a 1968 Charger today as he tries to bag the \$1,100 first prize, up \$100 from last year. He could win considerably more because Verlin Eaker of Cedar Rapids will drive his 1967 Charger (the 1967 championship winner). Derr's share of Eaker's winnings could range from 40 to 60 per cent.

Ramo Stott of Keokuk, who won this race in 1960 and 1961 and finished second in 1966 and 1967, figures to be a strong contender with a 1968 Plymouth Roadrunner.

He and Derr have each won four I.M.C.A. features this year. Unofficially, Derr leads Stott in the battle for the 1968 championship, 1,185 points to 1,145. Today's winner will receive 175 points.

There are five more 1968 model cars entered and seven of 1967 vintage. The '68s include a

Corvette, Bill Moyer, Des Moines; Charger, Chuck Janey, Cedar Rapids; Torino, Ole Brua, Albert Lea, Minn.; Ford convertible, W. A. Schwader, McCausland, and Ford, Willie Crane, Springfield, Mo.

Many Models

Mustangs, Chevells, Chevrolets, a Rambler Ambassador, a Buick, Plymouths and Fairlanes also will compete. Cars can be no older than 1964 models.

There is one other attraction. Hector (Pappy) Honore of Pana, Ill., will be honored for his contribution to sprint-car racing. This was scheduled for the June 9 Hawkeye Futurity, which was canceled by the assassination of Sen. Robert Kennedy.

The Entries

Car No. 6, Ramo Stott, 1968 Plymouth, Keokuk; No. 11, Fred Horn, 1967 Plymouth, Marion; No. 1, Ernie Derr, 1968 Charger, Keokuk; No. 1X, Bill Eastwood,

1967 Chevelle, Dallas, Tex.; No. 2, Lenny Funk, 1966 Ford, Olathe, Kan.; No. 3, Ole Brua, 1968 Torino, Albert Lea, Minn.; No. 4, Bob Perry, 1967 Mercury Cyclone, Springfield, Mo.; No. 6, Blaine Morrow, 1967 Plymouth, Joy, Ill.; No. 7, Lewis Taylor, 1967 Plymouth, Shawnee Mission, Kan.; No. 10, Dean Luckaby, 1965 Chevrolet, Kansas City, Kan.; No. 11, Dick Johnson, 1966 Ford, St. Paul, Minn.; No. 13, W. A. Schwader, 1968 Ford, McCausland; No. 14, Karl Stauter, 1967 Chevelle, Independence, Mo.; No. 15, Elmer Walton, 1967 Ford, Liberty, Mo.; No. 17, Verlin Eaker, 1967 Charger, Cedar Rapids; No. 20, Sanny Sandstrom, 1964 Ford, Kansas City, Mo.; No. 22, Chuck Nutzman, 1966 Plymouth, New Richmond, Wis.; No. 22X, Chuck Ludwig, 1964 Ford, Cottonwood, Minn.; No. 26, Ron Larson, 1967 Ford, White Bear Lake, Minn.; No. 29, Ken Pankratz, 1964 Ford, Mosinee, Wis.; No. 32, Willie Crane, 1968 Ford, Springfield, Mo.; No. 41, Roger Brown, 1965 Rambler, Waverly; No. 42, Roland Wilson, 1964 Plymouth, Bedford, No. 42X, Ernie Janey, 1965 Dodge, Cedar Rapids; No. 43, Chuck Janey, 1968 Charger, Cedar Rapids; No. 44, Wally Christensen, 1964 Ford, Minneapolis, Minn.; No. 45, Bob Dishman, 1964 Ford, D.M.; No. 49, Chuck Berg, 1966 Mustang, D.M.; No. 51, Jerry Wichman, 1965 Ford, Kansas City, Mo.; No. 57, Robert Dalsky, 1965 Ford, Wausau, Wis.; No. 71, Vic Elson, 1965 Chevrolet, Ash Grove, Mo.; No. 73, Dale Keeling, 1964 Ford, Dixon, Mo.; No. 74, Perry Cottingham, 1967 Buick, Wheaton, Minn.; No. 75, Freddie Whisler, 1964 Ford, Independence, Mo.; No. 87, George England, 1965 Fairlane, Dallas, Tex.; No. 88, Bill Moyer, 1968 Corvette, D.M.; No. 90, Kenneth Campeau, 1965 Ford, New Richmond, Wis.; No. 91, 1965 Ford owned by Alan Mills, Steelville, Mo.; No. 92, Leon Bowman, 1967 Mustang, Wichita, Kan.; No. 93, Bill Stark, 1966 Fairlane, D.M.; Larry Piper, Columbus Junction (car and number not given).

Mustang, Corvette in IMCA field

BURLINGTON - DONNELSON — Can you picture a 1968 Mustang and a 1968 Corvette in the same race? Well, both cars are entered in the International Motor Contest Association's program at Burlington this Friday and Donnellson on Saturday.

The Mustang is a regular jackrabbit, according to its owner, Leon Bowman of Wichita, Kansas. Bowman had the spectators in Topeka, Kan. standing on their feet when he went from last place to first in a heat race last

week. He thinks the little car will give all the regular hot-dogs all the trouble they want at both Burlington and Donnellson.

The Corvette is owned by Billy Moyer of Des Moines. He will drive the powerful car and according to some inside information it could run away from everyone this weekend.

Ernie Derr won the Memorial Classic at Topeka last Thursday and Ramo Stott was second. Derr's victory puts him right on Stott's bumper in the I.M.C.A. point leading

department. Races scheduled last weekend at Fargo, N.D. were canceled.

The Moyer corvette wasn't ready for Topeka, and so the real proof of its capabilities won't be tested until this weekend. But, its presence hasn't scared anyone away as National Spedways vice president and general manager, Gene Van Winkle, indicated at least 22 entries for the doubleheader.

Three other names also were entered for both programs. Ken Pankratz of Mosinee, Wisconsin entered a 1964 Ford, George England of Dallas, Texas will drive a '65 Ford and Wally Christensen of Minneapolis will be in a 1964 Ford.

Time trials for both nights are at 7 o'clock and the first race will start promptly at 8

p.m. The Burlington Hawkeye County Fair track will be the site of Friday's program and the Lee County Fair-ground track at Donnellson will hold the clash on Saturday.

lead on the 51st lap after Derr was involved in his second crash. On the 48th lap Derr hit Andy Sandstrom headon after Sandstrom spun out and was pointed in the opposite direction on the track. The hood on Derr's 1968 Dodge Charger was so badly damaged it had to be removed.

On the 82nd lap Stott tangled with Gary Martin in the No. 2 turn and the engine died on his 1968 Plymouth. He lost the lead to Derr and gave up further distance while in the pits for repairs.

Derr was never headed after that finishing in front of Stott, Freddie Whisler, Gary Martin, Dale Keeling, Leon Bowman, Blain Morrow, Gary Eastwood, Doug Pachulke and Elmer Walton, in that order.

Half of the 32 starters finished the race which was viewed by 5,500 spectators.

Derr was fastest qualifier at :27.78, with Funk second, :27.80 and Stott third, :27.95.

On Sunday Derr, Stott and the rest of the IMCA international circuit will run in the Iowa 300 at the Iowa Fairground track in Des Moines.

Derr wins slam-bang 200 lapper at Topeka

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TOPEKA, Kan. — Ernie Derr and Ramo Stott finished one-two in the 200 lap IMCA late model stock car race at Topeka, Kan., Thursday which had a scattering of mishaps involving both Keokuk drivers.

Stott was leading a tight group of front runners when the biggest crash of the evening took place on the 29th trip around the half mile dirt oval. Hal Freeman lost a wheel off his car to start the chain reaction pileup. Stott

was behind Freeman and slowed for the trouble ahead. Ole Brua hit Stott from the rear, Lenny Funk hit Brua and Derr hit Funk. Brua and Funk had to pit while Derr and Stott were able to continue.

Derr took the lead on the 34th lap when Stott became bogged in traffic. Stott regained the

THE GREAT DUST HEAP CALLED HISTORY!
R. J. BICKEL KEOKUK, IOWA

Stott out duels Derr for Donnellson win

Ramo Stott outdid Ernie Derr in a torrid late model stock car hookup at the Donnellson fair-ground track Saturday which must rival any IMCA show, race wise, that has been staged in some time.

The great job done by the participants was just reward for viewers who waited one and one-half hours past the advertised time for time trials to start. Water had to be applied to the dry half mile Donnellson oval and then the track ironed out by heavy equipment.

Stott took the lead in the 50 lap feature event on the tenth lap around when he nosed in front of Ole Brua coming out of turn four and kept the lead spot to the end, except for one lap which Derr led.

Derr's one shot at the pace came on the 41st lap when Stott's '68 Plymouth held too long in the loose dirt on the lip of turn one and the '68 Derr Dodge Charger came out on the back straight on top.

It was short lived, however, as Stott regained the advantage in nearly the same spot on lap 42 when Derr was held up by traffic. Stott opened up a four car length lead on 43 but Derr had it back on 44. Derr lost a bit on 45 then made a strong bid on 46 when the two went into turn one almost side by side with Derr on the inside. Stott held him off and for the final three laps it was a 'steamer'.

Derr charged out of turn four on the final lap with all the Dodge could muster but Stott had his Plymouth a half car length in front as they crossed the finish line.

Brua, who started one row in front of Derr and Stott, led for the first nine laps but then dropped far off the pace to finish a distant third. Lewis Taylor was fourth, Tom Gruenwald, fifth, and Dave Keeling, sixth.

Derr qualified fastest in :27.77 followed closely by Stott at :27.79 and Brua :27.80.

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Derr won the opening heat race by coming from last to first by the halfway point of the 10 lap event and then holding off Brua. Stott had over-heating problems and dropped out on the sixth lap.

Irv Janey of Cedar Rapids started on the pole in the second heat and held the first position throughout the 10 lapper.

The third heat, for non-money winners, saw Stott come from last to first to take the checkered flag. Stott moved in front on the fourth lap and coasted home.

The STP handicap race, pitting the six fastest qualifiers in a five lap duel, went to Derr with Blaine Morrow of Joy, Ill., second. It was an inverted start again with Stott and Derr in the back row upon being fastest qualifiers.

Lewis Taylor took the lead



Ramo Stott

from pole sitter Karl Stauffer on the third lap then Derr shot in front on the fifth lap. Stott was running third when on the third lap he got too high in turn four and dropped back to fifth.

The fifth heat event produced

one of the wildest finishes of the season when Blaine Morrow limped home with just three good wheels to win by a nose over Ron Larson. Morrow was leading when the left front tire on his '67 Plymouth failed on the sixth lap and he rolled the rest of the way on only three.

Summary Time trials

Ernie Derr, Keokuk, 1968 Dodge, :27.77; Ramo Stott, Keokuk, 1968 Plymouth, :27.79; Ole Brua, Albert Lea, Minn., 1968 Ford :27.80; Lewis Taylor, Shawnee Mission, Kan., 1967 Plymouth, :28.91; Blaine Morrow, Joy, Ill., '67 Plymouth, :29.06; Karl Stauffer, Independence, Mo., 1967 Chevelle :29.80.

First heat

Derr, Brua, Bill Schwader, Davenport, 1968 Ford, Wally Christensen, Minneapolis, Minn., 1964 Ford.

Second heat

Irv Janey, Cedar Rapids, 1965 Dodge; Dale Keeling, Dixon, Mo., 1964 Ford; Leon Bowman, Wichita, Kan., 1968 Mustang; Tom Gruenwald, West Bend, Wis., 1967 Mercury.

Third heat

Stott, Taylor, Chuck Janey, Cedar Rapids, 1967 Plymouth; Freddie Whisler, Independence, Mo., 1964 Ford.

Fourth heat

Ernie Derr, Lewis Taylor.

Fifth heat

Morrow, Ron Larson, White Bear Lake, Minn., 1964 Ford, Butch Hall, Russell Minn. 1964 Ford; John Tiller, Fridly, Minn., 1967 Plymouth.

Feature

Ramo Stott, Ernie Derr, Ole Brua, Lewis Taylor, Tom Gruenwald, Dale Keeling, Irv Janey, Ron Larson, Butch Hall, Bill Schwader, Chuck Janey, Ken Campeau, Leon Bowman, Freddie Whisler, John Tiller, Wally Christensen.

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MONDAY, APRIL 4, 1966



Ramo Stott
record spin

Stott opens IMCA season with victory

SHREVEPORT, La. (AP)—Ramo Stott of Keokuk, Iowa, won the International Motor Contest Association's open stock car race in 1 hour, 33.87 minutes Sunday to break the record of 1:34.37 set in 1961 by another Keokuk driver, Ernie Derr.

Derr was third Sunday in the 100-mile race in a 1965 Dodge. Stott drove a 1965 Plymouth. Lenny Funk of Otis, Kan., was second in a 1965 Ford.

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Stott, Derr Duel At Fairgrounds

Ernie Derr and Ramo Stott of Keokuk will compete twice at the Iowa State Fair beginning next Saturday afternoon with a 200-lap race.

The two are fighting for the lead in the International Motor Contest Association's new model point standings. Derr holds a 90 point lead over Stott.

Afternoon races begin at 2 o'clock and evening shows start at 8 o'clock.

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Stott prepared for all out bid at Donnellson

DONNELLSON—Ramo Stott and his Plymouth Roadrunner of 1968 vintage have entered the seven event Lee County Fair new model racing program here on Saturday night, July 20.

Stott is just a mere 90 points behind his famous crosstown Keokuk rival, Ernie Derr, in the championship race. He needs a triumph at the Lee County Fair to move in on the galloping Derr.

Stott had the lead four times in the recent Iowa "300" at Des Moines. But, three costly spinouts cost the former 4H farmboy dearly.

There's an old saying around race tracks that applies to Stott and those costly spinouts. "You always see the real good drivers spin a car now and then, they are pushing their machinery at the peak of its torque and one little bobble happens to the best of drivers." So, Ramo doesn't need anyone to run a benefit for him, he's still in contention for a national title that has eluded him since he first joined the International Motor Contest Association.

But, get set for action next Saturday night—word has it that Stott's going all out for

this one.

Entries were also received from Fred Horn of Marion in a 1967 Plymouth, Roger Brown of Waverly in a 1965 Ambassador, and from Dale Keeling of Dixon, Missouri in a '64 Ford.

Time trials begin the action at 7 p.m. and the first race is set for 8 o'clock.

Stott's most recent success was at Des Moines last Saturday when he led a one-two-three Keokuk finish in regional competition there.

Behind Stott were Lem Blankenship and Derr in the 25 lap feature.

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Iowan White 2nd In Canada Race

MOSPORT, ONTARIO, CANADA (AP)—Don White of Keokuk, Ia., finished second Saturday in the first heat of the Mosport 250-mile race for United States Auto Club stock cars.

White, driving a 1968 Dodge Charger, was 20 seconds behind Roger McCluskey of Tucson, Ariz., through 50 laps of the 100-lap race. McCluskey drove a 1968 Plymouth.

Parnelli Jones of Indianapolis, Ind., was the fastest qualifier with an average speed of 94 miles per hour, but he dropped out of the race when a collision on the thirtieth lap wrecked his steering.

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8 — KEOKUK, IOWA

THURSDAY, JULY 18, 1968

Derr-Stott rematch at Donnellson Sat.

DONNELLSON — Ernie Derr of Keokuk, fresh from a 300-lap victory in the Iowa "300" at Des Moines, has entered his 1968 Dodge Charger in the new model races at the Lee County Fair here on Saturday night, July 20.

Derr, eight time International Motor Contest Association new model racing king, will be trying to makeup for a loss suffered at the Donnellson track last June to Ramo Stott.

Stott, also of Keokuk, came home first that day and Derr will be out to avenge that setback.

It looks like the 45-year old charger is getting better with age. He has muscled his way into a 150 point lead in the I.M.C.A. standings and is setting sail for

an unprecedented ninth national title.

The seven event program at the Lee County Fair on July 20 will include a 50-lap feature race.

Also filing entries were four other drivers, Blaine Morrow of Joy, Illinois entered a 1967 Plymouth, Fred Whisler of Kansas City entered a '64 Ford, Jerre Wichman of Kansas City came in with a 1965 Ford and Larry Piper of Columbus Junction has entered a 1966 Pontiac.

Time trials open the evening of activity at 7 o'clock and the first racing event gets underway at 8 p.m.

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MONDAY, JULY 22, 1968 — 7

Derr wins Sat. at Donnellson

The "Old Fox" of the IMCA racing circuit, Ernie Derr of Keokuk, came out on the winning end Saturday night as the Lee County fair closed with a sell out crowd watching an action packed night of racing.

Lenny Funk, the Kansas wheat farmer from Otis, Kansas, set the fast time for the time trials with a 28.34 second turn around the half mile oval, Derr and Stott had times of 28.63 and 29.43 seconds respectively.

During the first few heat races both Derr and Stott were having some troubles with their machines as both dropped out of the first race to make minor adjustments. By the STP handicap, a five lap race, both drivers had their cars ready to run.

Stott edged out Derr by a few feet and set a track record of 2 minutes 15.42 seconds.

In the feature it was a different story for Stott as Derr won by a considerable distance over the number two driver Ole Brua of Albert Lea, Minnesota. Stott was once again plagued with bad luck as he got too high in the third turn early in the race and went into the wall. An excellent bit of driving on the part of Stott saved the 1968 Plymouth from rolling. Because of Stott's wreck, the race had to be stopped and then restarted from which time Derr had no trouble keeping the lead. Stott was out the rest of the night with damage to his radiator.

R. J. BICKEL KEOKUK, IOWA

ERNIE BREAKING IN SONS MIKE, STEVE---

2 More Derr Drivers Coming Up

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Veteran Keokuk race driver Ernie Derr offers pointers to 20-year-old son, Mike

By Wayne Grett

Late-model stock-car drivers soon will have to contend with three Derrs, not just one.

This summer, Mike, 20, and Steve, 19, the sons of eight-time International Motor Contest Association champion Ernie Derr of Keokuk, are learning the ropes.

And Ernie has bought a 1965 Dodge which Mike plans to drive later in the season. Steve probably won't compete until next year.

"They both want to be race drivers," Ernie said Saturday, "so I'm starting them from the ground up."

They were helping Ernie replace sheet metal on the 1968 Charger which he will drive in the Iowa 300 next Sunday at the State Fairgrounds when they were contacted at their garage.

Big Job

Ernie said the boys have helped him work on the car before, but this summer it's a full-time job. "They are helping with all the work which is

necessary to keep a race car running," Derr said. "It takes a lot of patience, but they are learning."

Mike will be a junior at Northeast Missouri State College this fall where he is majoring in business administration. He is minoring in physical education.

Steve will be a sophomore at Keokuk Junior College, but has no definite major.

Mike said he plans to graduate but wants to try racing. He likes the challenge.

"Both realize racing is a tough business," Ernie said, "and they know they won't be winners right away."

Neither has competed in races, but they have seen many and Ernie has explained the fundamentals.

Passing Important

"The most important thing I want to teach them is how to pass a car without bumping it out of the way," Derr said. "Knowing how to pass is 90 per cent of racing. So many

drivers think they have to go over the top to get by."

Derr may have some other race drivers coming up. He has three more sons—Russ, 16; Randy, 12, and Danny Joe, 6.

It is possible the No. 40 turbine car, which Parnelli Jones drove in the 1967 Indianapolis 500-mile race, will appear at the State Fair and some Iowa county fairs.

Al Sweeney, who is promoting the Iowa 300, spent two days with Andy Granatelli, president of STP Corp., last week.

"The car could compete in sprint-car races or would be used for exhibition," Sweeney said. "The board of directors of STP must vote on the matter."

Sweeney said there is no I.M.C.A. rule which would prohibit the car from competition.

How would the car perform on a dirt track? "Andy doesn't know, but he believes it would be competitive," Sweeney said.

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2 — KEOKUK, IOWA

WEDNESDAY, JULY 3, 1968

IMCA stockers race tomorrow in 200 lapper

Ernie Derr and Ramo Stott of Keokuk are locked up in a tight battle for the IMCA late model stock car point lead with Derr a scant 15 points in front going into two big events coming up.

The Keokuk duo along with the rest of the IMCA international regulars will be in a 200 lap event at Topeka, Kan. tomorrow and on Sunday will hook up in Iowa's longest race, the Iowa 300 at the Iowa Fairgrounds track in Des Moines.

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2 — KEOKUK, IOWA

MONDAY, MAY 13, 1968

Derr captures DM feature

Ernie Derr of Keokuk won his second straight IMCA late model stock car race at the Des Moines state fairground track Saturday.

Derr, in a 1967 Dodge Charger, worked his way through the field from a 12th place start to take the lead four laps from the finish of the 25 lap feature race.

The crowd of approximately 1,500 saw Derr pass Buzz McCann on the 21st lap after a hard push through the pack.

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Derr wins at Lincoln, trouble plagues Stott

LINCOLN, Neb. — Ernie Derr won the 50 lap IMCA late model stock car race at Lincoln, Neb. Sunday taking the lead from Ramo Stott on

the fourth lap and holding it to the finish.

Stott was third in the feature behind Derr and Lewis Taylor after a frustrating day

in which his 1968 Plymouth just wouldn't perform.

He qualified a slow seventh in :31.71, after which he declared the car "as flat as a

pancake." A change of spark plugs failed to better to situation to any extent and finally the transmission was looked into as a possible cause of the trouble.

"There was something drastically wrong with the car. During the final 25 laps of the feature I thought sure it was going to blow," Stott was quoted as saying after the main event.

Ole Brua in a 1968 Ford was fast qualifier with a :28.93 spin around the half mile dirt oval. Derr was next in his 1968 Dodge at :29.15.

Brua won the first heat, Dale Deeling the second, Taylor the third, Derr the five lap STP handicap event matching the fast qualifiers and Stott took the Australian pursuit race.

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KEOKUK, IOWA FRIDAY, MAY 31, 1968 — 11

Derr wins 50 lapper Thursday

Ernie Derr of Keokuk won the 50 lap Memorial Day feature race at Topeka, Kan., Thursday in a 1968 Dodge Charger with Ramo Stott finishing second.

Rain Thursday morning slowed the track for time trials in which Blain Morrow in a 1967 Plymouth took the pole spot with a :32.46 lap. Stott in a '68 Plymouth qualified second at :32.72 and Derr was third fastest with a :32.73 trip around the half mile dirt oval.

Derr shot through a pack of three cars on the front straight away of the third lap and from

there had it all to himself, building an advantage of nearly a half a lap by the three quarters point of the IMCA race.

Karl Staufer was third, George England fourth and Ron Larson fifth in the 50 lap feature.

Derr also won the first heat and Stott the consolation race. All were 10 laps.

Coming up on the IMCA late model stock car slate are dates at Fargo, N.D. on June 1 and then races at Burlington on June 7 and Donnellson on June 8.

:26.92. Derr in a 1968 Dodge Charger was second fastest, :27.0 and Stott in a 1968 Plymouth Road Runner was third at :27.21.

In the feature Stott was leading on the 19th lap when a spin out in the third turn slowed the first under the caution flag. For some unexplained reason Stott's engine blew. Ole Brua took the lead temporarily then Eaker charged in front to keep it. Derr never led in the race and was running fourth behind Stott, Brua and Eaker at the time of Stott's trouble.

Stott won the STP match race matching the six fastest qualifiers followed by Eaker and Derr. Derr won the third heat.

Tonight the IMCA troupe moves to the Donnellson fair-ground track for another sprint card.

Minn., '64 Ford; Chuck Janney, Cedar Rapids, '68 Dodge.

Third heat

Ernie Derr, Keokuk, '68 Dodge; Winfred Keeling, Waynesville, Mo., '65 Chev-elle; Bill Schwader, Rock Island, Ill., '68 Ford; Tom Grunwald, Westbend, Wis., '67 Mureury.

STP match race

Stott, Eaker, Derr, Blaine Morrow.

Fifth heat

Morrow, Carl Staufer, Independence, Mo., '67 Chev-elle; Ken Christi, Springfield, Mo., '67 Dodge; Ken Campeau, New Richmond, Wis., '65 Ford.

Feature

Eaker, Brua, Derr, Morrow, Dale Keeling.

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KEOKUK, IOWA SATURDAY, JUNE 8, 1968 — 9

C. R. driver wins Burlington feature

BURLINGTON — Verlin Eaker of Cedar Rapids pulled the surprise of the IMCA racing season here Friday by whipping Keokuk's duo of

Ernie Derr and Ramo Stott in the 25-lap feature event.

Eaker qualified fastest in his 1967 Dodge Charger, turning the half mile dirt oval in

Fastest qualifier

Verlin Eaker, Cedar Rapids, :26.92, 1967 Dodge.

First heat

Ole Brua, Albert Lea, Minn. '68 Ford; Ramo Stott, Keokuk, '68 Plymouth; Lewis Taylor, Shawnee Mission, Kan., '67 Plymouth; Verlin Eaker, Cedar Rapids, '67 Dodge.

Second heat

Wally Christensen, Minneapolis, Minn., '64 Ford; Butch Hall, Russell, Minn., '64 Ford; Ron Larson, White Bear Lake,



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Fiery Stop for Stock Car Fuel

Driver Joe Frasson (left) and others work to extinguish flames on Frasson's stock car Saturday at Iowa State Fair. Car caught fire when Frasson

made pit stop for gasoline during 200-lap race. Its gas tank exploded and two crewmen suffered burns before crowd of 10,000.

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3 ARE BURNED AS DERR ZIPS IN FAIR RACE

Gas Tank Explodes Before 10,000

By Wayne Grett

There was a hot time at the State Fair new-model stock car races Saturday afternoon.

Three men were burned when a gas tank exploded and Ramo Stott also was bothered by fires as Ernie Derr of Keokuk won the 200-lap event before an estimated 10,000 fans.

Bill Nafe of Burnsville, Minn., suffered second-degree burns on his right arm when the gas tank exploded on Joe Frasson's 1967 Chevelle. Nafe, Frasson's crew chief, was treated at Iowa Lutheran Hospital and released.

Frasson of Golden Valley, Minn., received minor burns on his hands and neck. Another pitman, Mick Urness of Fredericksburg also received minor burns.

Frasson said he had just doused himself with water before the blast. He credited a flame-proof suit for keeping him from being more seriously injured.

He said he had stopped the car over a gasoline puddle and the exhaust from his car apparently ignited it as crewmen were filling his tank.

"All I could see was orange when it exploded," he said. "I was lifted out of the seat. The suit is supposed to ward off flame for 30 seconds, but it didn't take me that long to get out."

Seat Melts

Firemen were on the scene immediately and quickly extinguished the fire. Frasson said the seat and roll bars were melted.

Derr, driving a 1968 Dodge Charger, collected \$850 for winning the race in 1 hour, 37 minutes and 31.44 seconds. He also was fastest qualifier, which was worth another \$50.

The lead changed hands seven times with Derr holding the advantage for 85 laps.

Ramo Stott, also of Keokuk, had his 1968 Plymouth Roadrunner in the lead for 112 laps. However, Stott had wheel bearing problems and burned five tires. Stott finished sixth and collected \$250.

Lenny Funk of Otis, Kan., was second in a 1966 Ford. Bill Moyer of Des Moines, who collected \$550 for third, drove the last 50 laps holding onto a loose roof of his 1968 Corvette with one hand. Irv Janey of Cedar



VICTOR—Ernie Derr of Keokuk is hotter and \$850 richer after capturing 200-lap event which kicked off State Fair's auto racing program. Derr, leader in International Motor Contest Association point standings, drove 1968 Dodge Charger to victory.



Suddenly, Stott's Car Is Too Hot to Handle

Flames shoot from right rear wheel of Ramo Stott's car during 200-lap new-model stock car race at Iowa State Fair Saturday. Moments later the

tire blew out. Mishap kept Stott from gaining ground on fellow Keokuk driver Ernie Derr—who won race—in I.M.C.A. point standings.



VICTIM—Injured when Joe Frasson's car caught fire were crewmen Mick Urness (above) of Fredericksburg and Bill Nafe of Burnsville, Minn. Urness, shown being assisted by track official John Van Arkle of Oskaloosa, suffered minor burns. Nafe was treated at Iowa Lutheran hospital for second degree burns on right arm.

Rapids was fifth.

Brua Out

The caution flag was out for 24 laps, fifteen due to Frasson's fire. Ole Brua of Albert Lea, Minn., was sidelined on the seventy-fifth lap, while in third position, because of engine trouble.

TIME TRIALS

1. Ernie Derr, Keokuk, Ia., 1968 Dodge Charger, :26.73; 2. Lenny Funk, Oils, Kan., 1966 Ford, :26.80; 3. Ramo Stott, Keokuk, 1968 Plymouth Roadrunner, :26.81; 4. Ole Brua, Albert Lea, Minn., 1968 Ford Torino, :27.01; 5. Leon Bowman, Wichita, Kan., 1965 Mustang, :27.46; 6. Blaine Morrow, Joy, Ill., 1967 Plymouth, :27.54; 7. Bill Moyer, D.M., 1968 Corvette, :27.51; 8. Irv Janey, Cedar Rapids, 1965 Dodge, :27.81; 9. Leon Bowman, Wichita, Kan., 1965 Mustang, :27.75; 10. Chuck Janey, Cedar Rapids, 1968 Dodge Charger, :27.81; 11. Joe Fosson, Golden Valley, Minn., 1967 Chevrolet, :28.07; 12. Dale Kelling, Dixon, Mo., 1964 Ford, :28.14; 13. Karl Stauffer, Independence, Mo., 1965 Chevrolet, :28.44; 14. Dick Johnson, St. Paul, Minn., 1966 Ford, :28.45; 15. Freddie Whisler, Independence, Mo., 1964 Ford, :28.56; 16. Bulch Hall, Russell, Minn., 1964 Ford, :28.61; 17. Blackie Wangerin, Minneapolis, Minn., 1963 Ford, :28.64; 18. Bill Stark, D.M., 1967 Fairlane, :28.70; 19. Chuck Berg, D.M., 1966 Mustang, :28.72; 20. Vic Elson, Ash Grove, Mo., 1965 Chevrolet, :28.83; 21. Sandy Sandstrom, Kansas City, Mo., 1964 Ford, :29.06; 22. John Tiller, Fridleyville, Minn., 1967 Plymouth, :29.20; 23. Doug Pacholke, Liberty, Mo., 1968 Pontiac, :29.32; 24. Elmer Walton, Liberty, Mo., 1967 Fairlane, :29.48; 25. Denn Huckaby, Kansas City, Mo., 1965 Chevrolet, :30.44; 26. Ralph Bowen, Marshall, Mo., 1968 Mercury, :20.60; 27. Roger Brown, Waverly, 1965 Rambler, :31.12; 28. John Boten, Topeka, Kan., 1967 Mercury, :31.44; 29. Roland Wilson, Bedford, 1964 Plymouth, :40.11.

RESULTS

1. Derr, 200 laps, \$850; 2. Funk, 199 laps, \$675; 3. Moyer, 176 laps, \$550; 4. Taylor, 190 laps, \$400; 5. Irv Janey, 171 laps, \$300; 6. Stott, 186 laps, \$250; 7. Berg, 185 laps, \$225; 8. Hall, 175 laps, \$175; 9. Chuck Janey, 173 laps, \$150; 10. Pacholke, 173 laps, \$125; 11. Bolten, 170 laps, \$100; 12. Sandstrom, 163 laps, \$85; 13. Johnson, 161 laps, \$75; 14. Brown, 154 laps, \$70; 15. Tiller, 152 laps, \$60; 16. Boten, 150 laps, \$60; 17. Bowman, 145 laps, \$50; 18. Elson, 138 laps, \$30; time 1:37:31.44.

KEOKUK, IA., GATE CITY
MONDAY, NOV. 30, 1953

Derr Named Nat'l Stock Car Champ

CHICAGO (AP)—Ernie Derr, 30, Keokuk, Sunday was named late-model stock car champion for 1953 by the International Motor Contest association at its annual meeting here.

Derr, an auto parts dealer who has been driving only four years, succeeded Dominic Peerlick, Minneapolis, Minn.

KEOKUK, IA., GATE CITY
FRI., SEPTEMBER 3, 1954

White and Derr Finish One-Two At Minnesota Fair

ST. PAUL, Minn., (AP)—Don White of Fort Madison, Iowa, and his brother-in-law Ernie Derr of Keokuk finished on-two in the Minnesota State Fair stock car races Thursday.

White's three-quarter lap victory was his third straight at the fair and boosted his purse total to \$1,800.

Derr set two notional stock car records, being timed in 2:30.73 for five laps and 12:31.47 for 25 laps. He also set a record in his qualifying run by shading his previous mark with a time of 30:07 seconds for a half mile.



THE CHECKER FLAG is waved for Keokuk's Ernie Derr on one of 245 such victorious occasions in a great stock car racing career for the Dodge Charger pilot. Derr became the all-time great in U.S. auto racing history this year by winning an unprecedented ninth IMCA championship with 19 firsts to boost his career total to 245 in 577 events.

Derr is 'all-time' winner in racing

DES MOINES, — Ernie Derr now is the all-time "greatest" in automobile racing.

The numeral "1" permanently painted on the side of Ernie's Dodge says so with new, real significance.

Derr cinched his claim to the motorsports crown by winning more national championships and more victories than any other driver in United States auto racing history.

The midwestern stock car veteran captured the all-inclusive title by winning the 1968 championship of the International Motor Contest Association (IMCA), America's oldest auto race sanctioning group, which operates in some 19 southern and midwestern states.

When Derr's Dodge led the pack over the finish line in the last race of the IMCA season, Oct. 27 at the State Fairgrounds in Shreveport, La., it was the ninth — and fourth consecutive — time

he had won the IMCA national title.

Coincident with the event, the 46-year-old native Iowan attained the greatest number of victories of any driver in stock car history and any other type of automobile racing with a total of 245 first place feature wins.

In nearly 20 years of stock car racing and an estimated 577 racing events, Derr also clocked 119 second place wins.

During the 1968 racing season alone, from March 29 until Oct. 27, Derr took 19 first places, seven second place wins and four third positions in 33 contests ranging from Minnesota to Texas.

His actual totals are estimated to be higher. However, earlier official IMCA records were lost in a fire, eliminating five years of credits starting in 1950. The loss included Derr's first IMCA championship in 1953.

Derr, from Keokuk, con-

cluded the 1968 season with a total 4,400 points. His nearest competitor, Ramo Stott, who placed second to Derr in the final race, was nearly 1,000 points behind him with 3,368 points. Also from Keokuk, Ia., Stott drives a 1968 Plymouth.

Derr previously won the IMCA championship title in 1953, and from 1959 through 1962, and again from 1965 through 1967. He was runner-up to Dick Hutcherson in 1963 and 1964.

Driving Dodges since 1965, Derr won his new laurels in a 1968 Charger, equipped with a 426 cubic inch Hemi engine and single four-barrel carburetor.

Typical of the American heartland race drivers, owner-driver Derr is his own chief mechanic, and builds, tunes, repairs and runs the car himself with a minimal crew.

The five-foot, six-inch champion-of-champions and

his wife, Mariana, have six children.

Stott finishes 5th at Salem

SALEM, Ind. — Ramo Stott of Keokuk finished fifth in Sunday's ARCA late model stock car race run over the half-mile, paved track at Salem, Ind.

Stott earlier won an eight lap heat race in thrilling fashion by pushing his 1969 Plymouth in front on the final trip around the paved oval. The popular former IMCA pilot, started at the rear of the 10 car field and was blocked out for most of the early laps but started his charge to the lead at the midway point and succeeded.

Les Snow of Bloomington, Ill., set his 1969 Plymouth in front early in the 50 mile trek and was never headed as he improved on his ARCA point leadership.

Bobby Watson of Louisville, Ky., was second in a 1969 Dodge, Benny Parsons, Detroit, Mich., was third in a 1969 Ford and Iggy Katona, was fourth in a '67 Dodge.

The ARCA troupe races next at Louisville, Ky., on April 20 and then at Florence, Ky., on April 27, both 100 lap events.

White leads in Citrus 250 but is forced out

By F. T. MacFEELY
Associated Press Sports Writer

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. (AP) — It may be a time for conservatives, even in auto racing.

Don Yenko, 36-year-old former national sports car champion from Canonsburg, Pa., achieved a personal goal when he made the "big board" at Daytona International Speedway for the first time Friday and he said he did it by being conservative.

After winning the first running of the Florida Citrus 250 in a 1969 Camaro, Yenko said he knew he wasn't the fastest man on the track despite a qualifying record of 112.799 miles an hour.

"I knew the lap I turned in qualifying I couldn't turn in the race and make the car last," Yenko said. "I figured there would be no way of catching Parnelli Jones if his car would hold up."

Yenko lost more ground than he intended because of an overheating problem, finally corrected by a new fan belt, and was well off the pace as Jones, Lloyd Ruby and Don White entertained 15,500 spectators with a whiz-bang Mustang-Camaro-Javelin duel.

Their cars all failed under the strain and suddenly Yenko knew he was back in contention. He passed 25-year-old Rusty Jowett of Washington, D.C., 12 laps from the finish and flew on home.

Jones and Ruby waged a fierce duel until Jones had to quit with a broken linkage and then White, who trailed the two by just a fourth of a mile, took up the pace.

He shot his Javelin into the lead but just two laps later followed Jones into the pits. Ruby held a five mile lead nearing the 100 mile mark when he experienced rear end trouble that sent him to the side.

Ramo Stott of Keokuk will run in tomorrow's 500, starting 18th in the field of 50 cars.

"I thought I was out of it and was driving a conservative race; then I realized I was back in contention when I saw my No. 11 up on the big board (a sign giving numbers of the four leading cars)," Yenko said. "I always wanted to be up there in the years I've been racing at Dayton and never was there before."

He won \$4,500 for the victory and set an automatic record of 104.365 m.p.h. since it was a new event of Speed Week.

The drivers in today's Permatex 300 for sportsman type stock cars and the \$206,000 featured Daytona 500 for late model stock cars Sunday probably won't be as conservative with big money at stake.

In a brief practice session for the Sunday event, Richard Petty and Pete Hamilton blew engines Friday. New ones were installed for the big showdown between Ford and Dodge factory teams—four of each in the first



Don White
In hot duel

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"My car's flying," said Buddy Baker of Charlotte, N.C., sitting on the pole in a 1969 Dodge Charger. "We can run with anyone."

He drove only two laps around the 2.5 mile high banked track in the first 125-miler Thursday; then retired because of what he said was a slight vibration that wasn't worth risking damage but will be easily ironed out by Sunday's \$206,000 main event.

Baker already had the pole sewed up with the fastest opening day qualifying speed of

188.901 miles an hour.

Bobby Isaac of Catawba, N.C., was beaming, too. His Dodge Charger was cemented in the front row beside Baker off earlier qualifying.

But he went out and won the second race in a hectic duel with five strong contenders and proved he and his machine are equal to any.

David Pearson of Spartanburg, S.C., proved he was right when he predicted his record qualifying speed of 190.029 m.p.h. would be equalled or bettered in a race. He did it himself at 190.274 enroute to winning the first 125-miler in his 1969 Ford Talladega.

He was pleased with the way his car responded and with the third place starting spot.

"I had no problems, and if we were underpowered I couldn't tell it," Pearson said.

Meanwhile, a stellar field of stock car, Indianapolis and international drivers completed today in a new Speed Weeks event, the Florida Citrus 250 for Mustangs, Camaros, Cougars, Javelins, Porsches and similar cars.

Don Yenko, former national sports car champion from Canonsburg, Pa., started on the pole in a 1969 Camaro and beside him sat ex-Indianapolis 500 winner Parnelli Jones of Torrance, Calif., in a 1969 Mustang. Both broke the old record for the 3.81-mile road-track course on which they race with 112 m.p.h. plus clockings.

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Stott second in ARCA race

DAYTON, Ohio — Ramo Stott of Keokuk drove his 1967 Dodge to a second place finish in the ARCA sponsored 100 lap late model stock car race here Sunday.

Stott led up to the 94th lap when Iggy Katona of Willis, Mich. pushed in front to bag top loot. Les Snow of Bloomington, Ill. finished third.

Stott made the switch to ARCA from the IMCA circuit this season.

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'Speeds soar during '500' trial events

By F.T. MACFEELY

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. (AP) — There probably never were so many satisfied race

drivers as there are today after a pair of 125-mile preliminaries to Sunday's richest stock car event ever run.

M. L. BICKEL KEOKUK, IOWA

White leads in Citrus 250 but is forced out

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By F. T. MacFEELY
Associated Press Sports Writer

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. (AP) — It may be a time for conservatives, even in auto racing.

Don Yenko, 36-year-old former national sports car champion from Canonsburg, Pa., achieved a personal goal when he made the "big board" at Daytona International Speedway for the first time Friday and he said he did it by being conservative.

After winning the first running of the Florida Citrus 250 in a 1969 Camaro, Yenko said he knew he wasn't the fastest man on the track despite a qualifying record of 112.799 miles an hour.

"I knew the lap I turned in qualifying I couldn't turn in the race and make the car last," Yenko said. "I figured there would be no way of catching Parnelli Jones if his car would hold up."

Yenko lost more ground than

he intended because of an overheating problem, finally corrected by a new fan belt, and was well off the pace as Jones, Lloyd Ruby and Don White entertained 15,500 spectators with a whiz-bang Mustang-Camaro-Javelin duel.

Their cars all failed under the strain and suddenly Yenko knew he was back in contention. He passed 25-year-old Rusty Jowett

of Washington, D.C., 12 laps from the finish and flew on home.

Jones and Ruby waged a fierce duel until Jones had to quit with a broken linkage and then White, who trailed the two by just a fourth of a mile, took up the pace.

He shot his Javelin into the lead but just two laps later followed Jones into the pits. Ruby held a five mile lead nearing the 100 mile mark when he experienced rear end trouble that sent him to the side.

Ramo Stott of Keokuk will run in tomorrow's 500, starting 18th

in the field of 50 cars.

"I thought I was out of it and was driving a conservative race; then I realized I was back in contention when I saw my No. 11 up on the big board (a sign giving numbers of the four leading cars)," Yenko said. "I always wanted to be up there in the years I've been racing at Daytona and never was there before."

He won \$4,500 for the victory and set an automatic record of 104.365 m.p.h. since it was a new event of Speed Week.

The drivers in today's Permatex 300 for sportsman type stock cars and the \$206,000 featured Daytona 500 for late model stock cars Sunday probably won't be as conservative with big money at stake.

In a brief practice session for the Sunday event, Richard Petty and Pete Hamilton blew engines Friday. New ones were installed for the big showdown between Ford and Dodge factory teams—four of each in the first four rows at the start.

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of Dodge Chargers. David Pearson, who set a qualifying record of 190.029 m.p.h. in a Ford Talladega, and Charlie Glotzbach in a Dodge will start right behind them.

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Yarbrough wins at Daytona in close finish; Stott 33rd

By F.T. MACFEELY

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla.

(AP) — Sheer determination and skill brought Lee Roy Yarbrough his biggest payoff in eight years of big time stock car racing. But pit crews will debate for a long time whether a tire change might have made the difference between the winner and second-place Charlie Glotzbach in the Daytona 500 Sunday.

Ramo Stott of Keokuk, driving a 1967 Plymouth, finished 33rd in the field of 50 cars completing 139 trips around the 2.5 mile high banked oval to win 1,410.

In the background of the me-

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chanical controversy were two former champion drivers—Junior Johnson, who prepared Yarbrough's 1969 Ford Talladega, and Cotton Owens, who did the same with Glotzbach's 1969 Dodge Charger 500.

Yarbrough, who was runner-up in both the Daytona 500 and Firecracker 400 at Daytona International Speedway last year, passed Glotzbach one mile from home and finished a car length in front.

"I was going flat out and I couldn't slingshot past him off the fourth turn," Glotzbach

said.

Yarbrough, giving his account of the final laps, said: "I actually caught him on the lap before but decided to wait till the last lap, where he could not gain enough momentum to pass me back."

They waged a two-car duel through the last 100 miles after Donnie Allison—who led 87 of the 200 laps around the 2.5-mile high banked track—brushed the wall and lost some of his speed.

The crucial tire change came 50 miles before the finish. Yarbrough pitted 21 seconds. In

addition to fueling, they changed the left rear tire. Glotzbach was in the pits only 18 seconds, just for fuel.

When both cars went into the final laps, it appeared the three-second difference had won the race for Glotzbach, the comparative newcomer from Georgetown, Ind. But Yarbrough steadily closed in.

After he got past a dangerous situation just before passing Glotzbach, he had the tiny speed margin that brought him \$38,950 in prize money compared to \$18,425 for Glotzbach.

That dangerous situation cropped up when the two cars overtook a slower one on the backstretch.

"I went past him on one side and Charlie on the other side," Yarborough recalled. "I just hoped he was experienced enough to look in his rear view mirror and wouldn't just move over the other way when he saw the first car come by."

He was.

It was a big double over the weekend for Yarborough. He also won the Permatex 300 race for older sportsman type cars Saturday and collected \$9,225 for that one—a weekend total of \$48,205 to take back to Columbia, S.C.

Aerodynamic design of the Talladega model was credited for faster speeds, and Yarborough

actually set a race record of 157.950 m.p.h. It wiped out the 154.334 mark set by Richard Petty in 1966.

Ford took the next two places behind Glotzbach.

Donnie Allison of Hueytown, Ala., finished third, one lap back, and collected \$13,275. A.J. Foyt of Houston was fourth and got \$5,800. Buddy Baker of Charlotte, who started a Dodge

on the pole, came home fifth for \$10,050.

Defending champion Cale Yarborough of Timmonsville, S.C., was the only driver taken to the hospital. He was checked for foot and nose injuries—with no broken bones found—after his Ford hit the outer wall and rode along the concrete until it ground off the body on the right side.

Ron Hutcherson to Drive A Pearson Car in I.M.C.A.

By Wayne Grett

The International Motor Contest Association will have a new driver this season who may fill some of the void created by the loss of Ramo Stott of Keokuk.

Ron Hutcherson, 25, also of Keokuk, Saturday disclosed he has purchased the 1968 Ford which Dave Pearson drove to the Nascar championship last year.

Hutcherson's brother Dick, former Nascar star and the 1963-64 I.M.C.A. champion is Pearson's crew chief. Dick arranged the deal and has been helping Ron set up the car for dirt-tracks.

Ron will make his initial appearance in the car today at Shreveport, La., in I.M.C.A.'s opening late model stock car race.

This will be Hutcherson's second venture into I.M.C.A. In 1964, he demolished his car in his first race and dropped out. Since then, he has driven modified stock cars and has won the 1967 and '68 championships at Memphis, Mo.

Stott, who has been nine-time champion Ernie Derr's chief competition in recent campaigns, now is driving in another circuit.

Iowa will have two new drivers in United States Auto Club competition this year.

Verlin Eaker of Cedar Rapids will be in stock car action

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6-5 and Lee Kunzman of Guttenberg will drive in midget, sprint car and, after the Indianapolis 500, the championship big car circuit.

Don Lamberti and Lefty Robinson of Des Moines have purchased 1968 Dodge Chargers campaigned by Don White of Keokuk and Sal Tavello of Chicago. Eaker will be their driver.

Eaker was the regional I.M.C.A. champion at the State Fairgrounds last year and in limited I.M.C.A. national competition he won three features and finished second in the Iowa 300.

Kunzman, who could become one of the state's greatest drivers, was I.M.C.A. sprint car rookie of the year in 1967. He finished second in point standings last year but also saw U.S.A.C. action.

In one U.S.A.C. midget appearance at Davenport, he beat Billy Vukovich, Gary Bettenhausen and Mel Kenyon — all Indy stars — in the feature. Against the same drivers, plus A. J. Foyt and Mario Andretti, he won a 100-lap midget feature recently in the Houston Astrodome.

And in the opening 1969 sprint car race at Reading, Pa., last Sunday, he finished third but led for 26 of 30 laps.

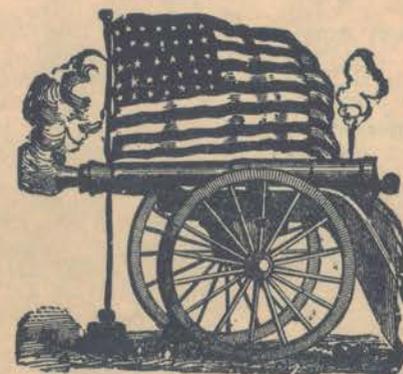
Lee recently said he was offered a car for the Indianapolis 500 but turned it down because of "lack of experience."

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