## FROM THE HUB.

The "Ifs" Connected With the Boston Club -Tim Murnan's Club-Shaw's Figures-General News.

Boston, March 12 .- Editor Sporting Life:-Boston, March 12.—Editor Sporting Life:—
If Boston's base ball outlook ever hinged on more
ifs than it does this season I should like to know
when it was. We shall undoubtedly have a big
year if certain things come around right, but the
question is will they work out to the success
of the Hub's interests. Buff and Rad will
pitch well enough. There is no if in their case, as
they can't pitch poorly unless they try, and they
are not apt to do that. John Morrill can beat the
world at first base, but if he is not going to be
satisfied with his salary he will not do the work
he is capable of. If John Burdock is "himself
again," second base will be well cared for, but
here again is one of the uncertainties. If Joe
Hornung has no more rheumatism we want no Hornung has no more rheumatism we want no better fielder, but here again comes the if. Now, if all these things turn out right, the team ought to win a fair share of games on the first trip West, and when the season opens there should be big enthusiasm here.
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There are already indications of an unusually good season in Boston. The League team of course will have the call, but it is now an assured fact that there is to be another candidate for favor in the base ball world of the Hub. The New England League club which is to represent Boston has made some long strides during the past week. Tim Murnan has been bobbing about the city in a very quiet and unpretending way, but he has been putting in some good work all the time, and he can rub his hands with satisfaction as he looks over the memoraudum of what he has done in the last ten days. Jim Mullen is not alone now in backing the c ub, but he has induced another man with money and a love for base ball to go into the venture, and now there are several other demands for stock. The wherewith to run the team is now forthcoming, and Tim Murnan can do somethiag in the way of getting the material for the nine.

Tim said to me yesterday: "You can't do anything on wind, but now that we have got the stuff I can make things hustle." He seems to care very little about getting players with long-established reputations, but says he wants his nine alive and so he is going in for the youngsters who have got reputations to make. He says: "I will have two or three old heads in the team to give the kids points, and there are plenty of old ones on the market; but I am looking for coming players and not those who are on the decline. I am going to keep on hunting until I get men who can run bases. They are the kind who make ball players. Why, some people seem to think because the season is almost here there are no well-known players to be had. The woods are full of them. What's the matter with such men as Caskins, Dick Burns or Farrell, of the old Detroits? They're pretty good ones, and there are a lot more just like them.

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Of the men Tim has already engaged the professional diamond has seen comparatively little, but each one has acquired more or less local reputation. Two pitchers have already been signed. Dennis Fitzgerald is a Boston boy, but he is not known here to any extent as a ball player. He began his career with the Oswegos, but his work last season with the Maple Leafs, of Guelph, Ont., secured his engagement here. His name appears in the list of pitchers who performed remarkable feats last season, as he shut a nine out without a base hit. It was the team for which Stemmyer, Boston's League player, pitched.

Daniel Ryan, a Cambridge boy, is the other twirler. He figured prominently in amateur games a year ago, and was looked upon as a great amateur pitcher. In a game last fall he pitched against the champion Harvard team, and but two hits were made off his delivery. What he will do against professionals is to be shown this seeson.

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For catcher a man named Sullivan has been secured. He played with the Nashvilles last season. When not behind the bat he covered second base, and in this position had an average of .916. His batting figures were .286. If he cannot throw down to second base in good style he will not catch, as Manager Murnan says he will have no man behind the bat who can't throw to bases. For a week it has been known about the city that a second baseman had been signed, but only a few here know that Sullivan, of the John L. Whiting & Son amateur nine, is the man. He has played with this team for three years, and has attracted much attention throughout New England. Professional ball playing will be a novelty for him. It was in this nine that Tim Murnan found Ed Crane, when he was getting the Boston Unions together. They played on the same team one teason. one season.

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For the outfield two players have been engaged; young Muller, of last year's Biddefords, and at one time of the Nationals, and Wm. Clark, a South Boston boy, who has never played in any but amateur games. The latter is much like Tommy McCarthy in his style of playing, and is one of the best sprinters in the city, besides being a clever hiter.

I think without any doubt the first baseman will be Hartnett. He may be signed this minute, but if he has not yet put his name to a coutract, he is as good as engaged. He is a good man for the place, and being a South Boston boy will draw well from that section. He made a good record with the Biddefords and Portlands last season, and is a batter.

during April as possible, which will put his men through a sort of sifting process. By May 1 he will have his team well selected, and then he wants to begin championship games at home. He will make a big effort to have the schedule so arranged that the Boston nine can play on the home grounds throughout May, so that it can be on the road when the League team is here.

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I met "Wizard" Shaw last night, and I neversaw him looking better hi my life, although I havo known him almost as long as he has played base ball. I don't mean simply since he has been on the professional diamond, but way back before the days of curve pitching, when he was first baseman of an amateur nine over in Charlestown. As usual when I meet "Dupee," our conversation drifted around to base ball, and before we parted he had expressed himself very freely on the hitch in his relations with Washington. When I intimated that it was the impression among the players that he would take a vacation for a year, he responded: "Well, I don't intend to sign for what the Washingtons have offered me."

"That is to say you will not play for the limit?"

"Why should I? I can get more money somewhere else, and there are others who are to get more in the League than the limit. They pretend they can't go beyond the limit, but they are not so particular about the advance money rule. Why, Scallon offered me advance money when he was on here. I told him it was not money in advance that I wanted, but more of it. Do you know what he told Ed Crane when he left Boston? He said he shouldn't come here again, as he had seen me and given me his terms. I suppose he expect that I will suddenly sign a contract and send it along to him. If he stays in Washington until he gets a contract from me he will wait a long time."

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"Les, but I didn't know anything about it until I saw a note to that effect in one of the papers. Scanlon k nows where to find me, and if he wants me he can come after me. I am in no hurry to sign."

"If you get satisfactory terms I suppose you will have no further objection to Washington?"

"Thad much rather play in a stronger team. The Washingtons are not going to be very strong. They may be good for seventh place, but it will take a hard fight to get there. If I am going to play in Washington I would like to see Joe Start on first base. There are no better fellows than Joe, and he is a good captain. He would make a good man for them, and Mike Scanlon would also do well to hunt up Farrell, the old third baseman of the Detroits. I haven't heard that he is engaged any where."

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conversation I have given may be of interest to some
Washington readers of The Sporting Life, and so I Washington readers of The Sporting Lipe, and so I have been rash enough to run the risk of again being accused of "imposing upon the editor with an imaginary interview." Of course nine out of every ten who read it will say "Shaw will play in Washington." I think he will myself, because Mike Scanlon is too shrewd not to fix matters up with him. Scanlon knows the "Wizard's" value as well as any other manager in the business, and he is not going to let this left-handed winding machine lie idle.

HEARD ABOUT THE HUP.

Everybody is asking: "Isu't John Morrill going to eign?" Sam Wise seems in no more hurry than Capt. John to

sign the papers.
Al Spalding will make the suits for the Bostons again

this season.

The genual Taibot, who has been base ball editor of the most The genial Tailot, who has been base ball curio the Journal for several years and was one of the repopular scorers in the "Pen," has gone to the Adverand I understand will be seen no more at the grou "Statistician" Beals will now have full swing at

Wright and Ditson feel almost sure that they will win the suit over the catcher's mask which they are having with Al Spalding.

I haven't heard a word about the Hines matter for a bary that have have a spalding to the bary that he have been supported by the bary that he have been suppo

week. President Soden told me last Saturday that he had made an offer for Hines. It was to give up Hack ett and Whitney and a bonus; as both these men have signed with Kansas City, this deal falls through of course. Money may buy Hines' release from Washingington when they get his contract which is still in the hands of the Boston Club.

The plan to play Ezra Sutton at right field does not exactly suit the veteran. The "old gentleman" says, with his habitual good-natured smile:—"I will do my best, but I haven't played in the outfield for years. In fact, I never played there but one season, which was for the Athletics. I suppose they will expect just as much of me as though I was in my old position. Then, if anything happens to Nash or Sam Wise, I suppose I shall

be called in, and, of course, I sha'nt play as good a game as I would if I were there all the time. It will hurt my reputation. But if John Morrill says right field, it's all right."

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Manchester, N. H., March 11.—Editor Sporting Lipe:—Our old-time rivals, the Concords (N. H.), will have a base ball nine in the field this season that will bother the Manchesters and ether strong teams to down. Under the active directorship of Hon. Chas. R. Corning, a prominent lawyer and a keen lover of base ball, they have got together the following nine: Terrien, catcher; Canaran, catcher and field; Kennedy, pitcher; Kent, first base; Hole, first base and field; Bradley, short stop; Keefe, third base; Brennan, second base; Rundlett, pitcher and field. Torrien was catcher last year, and is a strong one. Canaran is from New Bedford, Mass., and is highly spoken of. Bradley was last year with the Haverhills and previously with Lawrence. Kennedy was last year's pitcher; balance are all strong players. They are about signing a strong pitcher, which will complete the team. L. S. Richardson, manager, is booking dates, and wishes to hear from League and strong independent nines. Concord is a good ball town, and games there are always well patronized. Have excellent grounds and grand stand. The ball association comprises Concord's best citizens. Nothing new here in ball news. F. J. Leonard, Manchester's manager, whose present address is the City Hotel, Newburyport, Mass., tells me that he is booking dates, but is not in position yet to announce the make-up of the nine.

## Notes and Comments.

ALL of Detroits "big four" are now married.

HAVERHILL has signed Harmon and Bresnahan.

Dailt's contract with the Phillies has been approved. PETE HOTALING has at last been released by Brooklyn.

WASHINGTON still has hopes of inducing Joe Start to ED HOGAN, late of Memphis, joins the Columbus

Blues.

Buck Ewing is still in Cincinnati. So is Joe Ger

NEARLY all the Southern League clubs have skinned diamonds. iamonds.

ARTHUR WHITNEY'S contract with Pittsburg has been

Macon has signed a "phenomenal" pitcher named F. W. Beeler.

AL SPALDING was in town last week. He also paid

DETECT is happy, for her base ball team is full. Hann has signed. Tony Mullane signed as soon as he heard Barkley

WALTER LATHAM has added wrestling to his other ac

omplishments.
The Louisvilles play every day in the South, except unday, until April 3.
The New England League meets at Haverhill March

20, to make up a schedule.

Jack Glezson has offers from the Atlanta, Kansas City and Baltimore teams.

ALLEGHENY and St. Louis play exhibition games in

St. Louis March 20 and 21.

Dominick McCaffret has about given up his projected star pitching scheme.

POWELL, of the Baltimores, will, it is claimed, prove to the base runner of that team.

TWELVE hundred and forty-two balls were used by the American Association last season.

PITCHER VEACH, of the Toronto Club, has taken up his residence in that Canadian city.

ALL of Atlanta's players w ll be quartered with Manager Purcell at the Kimball House.

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McDonald, a catcher and third baseman of last year's bawego Club, has signed with the Mets.

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BILL PHILLIPS, of the Brooklyns, is training with Frank Glover, the puglist, at Beloit, Wis.

DARRAH and Toy have signed with the Augustas, hence will not be placed on the blacklist.

THE Rochesters favor making one, if not every day of the week, ladies' days, admitting them free.

JERRY DRNNY accompanied Mr. Lucas to St. Louis on the latter's return from the League meeting.

HOLDSWORTH, centre fielder for the Rochesters last year, is a candidate for State League umpire.

THE railroads will get nearly \$50,000 out of the National League and American Association clubs this year.

DECKER, just reinstated by the American Association, will probably be signed by Macon. He is a good catcher. Mr. AND Mrs. VON DER AHE on Thursday week celebrated the sixteenth anniversary of their wedding day. One more on the list of scienced men. Old Bill Phillips, of Brooklyn, is natty with the boxing gloves. CINCINNATI will have the next schedule meeting the American Association, and St. Louis the one follo

fug.

CLIFF CARROLL, Mulvey and Ed Smith ran up to Boston from Providence the other day to attend the Elks' ball.

IN HORNUNG, Johnston and Sutton Boston will have a great trio of long and accurate throwers in the outfield.

George Moolic, of the Chicagos, is to be tendered a benefit at Lawrence, Mass., before he starts for the JOHN KIRBY, one of the St. Louis League club pitchers, was married week before last to a Miss Hooper of St. Louis.

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If Bos Ferguson fails of reappointment Tom Pratt, ate of the Union Keyetone Club, will step into his

THE players of the Washington Club have been di-

rected to report for duty the latter portion of the present

Every club in the American Association has a sure thing on the pennant, and even Barnie is inclined to be hopeful.

SHAPPERT, the Syracuse pitcher, will play with the Long Island Ridgewood and Skelly clubs for practice during April.

Comiskey's father is quite an active politician at Chicago, having recently held the office of first-assistant city treasurer.

ty treasurer. John L. Sullivan has been engaged to pitch for the w Providence Eastern League Club in its opening THE Hamilton Club has unearthed a second Thompson in the woods near Port Hope. The wonder's name is Livingstone.

IS LIVINGSCEEP.

POUGHKEEPSIE has signed Sam Shaw, a Baltimore pitcher, formerly of the Monumental, Norfolk and Durham, N. C., clubs.

THE Louisville papers think that their city contributes in Phelps and Hart the biggest quota of brains to the American Association.

Manager Scanlon still mourns the loss of Fulmer

and Cook. He thinks these two men can never be re-placed by Washington.

The Cincinnati nine will be under the exclusive man-agement of O. P. Caylor this year. It will be a superb He thinks these two men can never

eam with an able manager.

An amateur league could now live in Cincinnati by playing Sunday games, since there is to be no opposition by the local American team.

PITCHER ELY is the most youthful-looking member of the Louisville team. He has a beardless face, and his figure is not of very stout mold.

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Galvin is said to be apprehensive of trouble through the California clique in the Pittsburg team. Ball players say that this clique runs the club.

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Siffel, the excellent young catcher who was with
he athletic Club for some time, is working in a cotton
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CHARLEY EDEN, who played with Pittsburg last year, still conducts a freight on the Big Four, and it is not likely that he will play ball this season.

MACON has signed David Connelly, of St. Louis, and Chattanooga has signed Mike Kelly—not the hero of the parrot story, but a pitcher of that name.

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The local championship series between the St. Louis
Browns and Maroons will undoubtedly fatten the clubs'
treasuries against a possible lean regular season.

J. Henry Farrell, manager of the Monitor Club, of
New York City, was on Tuesday evening last presented
by his many friends with a gold watch and chalm.

The Gleason boys' mother has never yet witnessed a
game of base ball. Considering that her boys have been
so many years on the diamond, this is remarkable.

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Says a Boston correspondent: "Rather than accept
the figures offered by Scanlon, of the Washingtons,
Shaw and Gilligan won't play ball at all this seuson."

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Reach did so much for them, fighting hard for eight
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A proposition to shorten the distance between the home plate and second base was discussed at the National League meeting, but no action was taken upon it.

Secretary Fitzgerald, of the Buffalo Club, says that the club is booming already in good shape. About all the atook has been taken and everything looks favorable.

BOSTON has advanced \$500 to Hines, which the Na onals will have to make good to Soden. The latter entleman says so, and ought to know whereof he

spears.

Joe Farrell, the ex-third baseman of the Detroit
Club, has been signed by Barnie. His contract, as well
as that of Tony Mullane with Cincinnati, bas been ap-

Titcomn, Harry Wright's south-paw twirler, is ano maker by trade and writes a beautiful hand. 1 22 years old, weighs 165 pounds and stands 5 feet

THE cities of the International Base Ball League, in matter of size, rank as follows: Buffalo, Toronto, Ro-chester, Syracuse, Hamilton, Utica, Oswego and Bing-

JOHN MUNDELL, JR., the manager, announces the fol-

lowing as the Solar Tip team for the coming season: P. Kelly, catcher; Sheers, pitcher; Hogg, first base; Geise,

second base; Wetzel, third base; C. Kelly, short stop; Forbes, left field; J. Mundell, Jr., centre field; North, right field.

Association Umpire Ben Young closes his school at Independence, O., the 20th inst. with a grand concer-and exhibition. He will then get ready for duty on the

Tony MULLANE to Barkley:—"Ah there, Sam, you know how it is yourself now. Come over to Cincinnati and I'll give you a job as bouncer in my palace cocktail factors."

A NUMBER of the St. Louis Browns, champions of the American Association, are expert hand ball players and they have taken part in some very interesting games recently.

MYERS, of the Philadelphias, will play second base for Kansas City. He is satisfied with the offer made by the Westerners, and says his only objection is to playing in a new club.

THE Portland Club will report for duty to Manager Spence, in New York City, early in April, and play their opening game with either the New Yorks or Metropolitans.

ST. Louis is pleased that Utica and Toronto have adopted the same uniforms as the Maroons, because it shows that at least two other clubs don't think maroon a "Jonah" color.

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The Wall Street Base Ball League will reorganize this season with six clubs. The membership of each club will be confined to persons engaged in business in or around Wall street. THE St. Louis Club will draw the \$100 appropriation

from the Association treasury for the championship pen nant and add several hundred more to the sum so as to have a "dandy" made.

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JOHNNY PETERS, the once famous short stop, now living in St. Louis, writes us that he is in as good condition as ever in his life and that he is prepared to re-enter the diamond this season.

JOHN KELLY has accepted the contract to umpire the nine games between the two St. Louis teams next month. One hundred and fifty dollars for the series is, we believe, John's stipend.

The new Sunday grounds of the Brooklyn Club will be in readiness by the middle of April, and the inaugural game will be played April 25 between the Metropolitan and Brooklyn clubs.

TIM MORNAN thinks that Barkley should not have been suspended because he is one of the star second basemen of the Association. He classes Barkley with Dunlap, Burdock or Farrell. Oh, come off.

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The Brantford, Ont., Club has these new officers: President, Mr. H. R. Blackwood, vice-president, Mr. James Duncan; secretary and treasurer, Mr. Geo. Sleeman, Jr.; manager, Mr. P. G. Walsh.

The St. Louis Republican thinks the reason why O'Brien, Milligan and Matthews are the only unmarried Athletic players is because O'Brien is too fat, Milligan too bashful, and Matthews too young.

The prospects for the base ball interests in Connecticut are far better than every before, and there will be more practicing and more amateur clubs formed than that State has known in any previous year.

The American Association has cut out a pretty rapid pace. A grand total of 560 games will have to be completed during the twenty-five weeks of the championship season, opening April 17 and closing Oct. 10.

Bosron has hopes of getting as high as second place, as she thinks she has the batteries to justify the hope. Well, a great deal will depend on what "Rad" and "Buf" do this season. It's a fine pair to draw to.

DAN O'LEARY was in town last week alive- and in blooming health. Elmira, N. Y., parties have made him an offer to work up the town and organize an independent club there, and he will probably accept.

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The Northwestern League just organized looks as if it might be a go. It owes its existence largely to the untiring efforts of W. H. Lucas and Ted Sullivan, who have worked for it night and day for the last three months.

NASHVILLE and Savannah intend charging ladies the MANUTURE and Savahuan intend charging ladies the regular admission fee of twenty-five cents, which will be a change of the usual rule heretofore adopted in the South. It is thought that Memphis will charge ladies

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The Allerton Club, of New York City, will be in the field this season with the following team: Kinzey and Fleming, battery; Carr, Coffenberger and Flynn on the bases; H. Smith, short stop; Green, McManus and Siemon

The Sparta Club, of New York City, has organized with the following team: Broderick and Mooney, battery; Crawford, G. Bender, and Campbell on the bases, Naughton, short stop, and Multer, Delaney and H. Bender in the outfield.

The executive committee of the Newark Base Ball Association have made arrangements with the Young Men's Christian Association for the use of their gymnasium for the players to exercise in, for one week, beginn'ng March 24.

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The fact that Mr. Day is so anxious to give Esterbrook to the Metropolitans that he would not give him to Washington even for \$1,000, leads the Washington press to express their belief that Day still retains some sort of connection with the Mets.

Grosce H. Grer, our Syracuse correspondent, is a candidate for an International League umpireship. He is thoroughly competent and well qualified for the postition, and we trust that he will receive the appointment. His prospects are favorable.

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The Mets have secured in Behel every whit as good a man as Burch. Much surprise is expressed throughout the South that Augusta let him go. The terms were probably too tempting. Behel is spoken of by all ball players as a fine all-round player.

All the recent accessions to the ranks of the American Association, Hauck, of Cincinnati; Nimick, of Pittsburg; Abell, of Brooklyn, and Erastus Wiman are men of wealth and in that respect the Association is rapidly approaching the League standard.

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A St. Louis exchange says that "inspite of the fact that Mr. Lucas has secured the privilege of a 25-cent tariff, it is more than probable that he will open at the 50-cent rate as a species of "feeler" of the public pulse." Mr: Lucas denies this most emphatically.

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A PROMINENT player says:—"Jim White will never make the captain for the Detroits that Ed Hanlon has.

A man to captain a nine should be well versed in baserunning, and be an able coacher. Jim White is probably one of the poorest base-runners in the business."

Wonder if Mr. Hauck, the rich brewer, who now
owns the Ciacinnati Club, and is so violently opposed to
Sunday games is also opposed to beer selling on Sunday.
If the latter was suppressed in the city of pork Mr.
Hauck, perhaps, would not be quite so rich as he is reputed to be. Buffalonians can, when they look at the score of

Buffalonians can, when they look at the scole of club next season, almost imagine it the old club, as will have a Brouthers in the list. The illustrious Dan's brother Jimmy, an excellent player, has been en gaged by Manager Chapman so as to give the score amiliar look. TOMMY LEE, who at one time pitched for Chicago.

Milwaukee and other professional clubs, was buried last Sunday in Milwaukee. His death was attributed to quick consumption. He was a blacksmith by trade and a strong and rugged youth, who looked as if he had a

ong lease of life.

HECKER and Big Smith did not accompany the Louis-rille Club on the Southern trip. Hecker's arm is in better condition that at any time last year, but as cold weather always affects the great pitcher's arm he will not be worked by Manager Hart until the weather is quite arm and settled. ED WHITING has reached his home in Philadelphia

hrough the kindly assistance of Lew Simmons and Major Williams, of the Metropolitans. He has secured a situation with a street railway company which he will tick to until something in the way of a base ball en ment turns up.

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Manager Sleeman has signed nine men for the helph Maple Leafs, and the contracts have all been laced in the hands of the Canadian League secretary. The salary list will reach \$900 a month. Most of the outracts have been made since the formation of the In-

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THE Toronto Club will hold a general meeting March
19 to consider the advisability of increasing the capital
stock to \$10,000. It is stated that the Increase has nearly
all been already subscribed. The directors intend to
make the ground the best in the Dominion, and have
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THE Cincinnati team for 1886 will be among the heaviest, if not the heaviest, in the country. Four of the fourteen will, when trained down, weigh 188 pounds or over, namely, Keenan, Lewis, Snyder and Jones. Even Baldwin is spreading out, and the average weight will be about 175 pounds.

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will be about 175 pounds.

THE Kansas City Club will try several young players during the April exhibition games. The aspirants are John A. Healy, of Des Moines, Ia.; Harry Zell, of Dayton, O., and J. W. Butler, of Denver. The two former claim to be pitchers of ability. Butler played short for Denver and Leadville last season.

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The Athletics play seven games at home during April, seventeen in May, thirteen in June, twelve in July, four in August and seventeen in September. The Philadelphias will play eleven games at Recreation Park during May, nine in June, ten in July, seventeen in August, seven in September and eight in October.

The Hartford Club wants the local railway company to do something for the club. They show that over 39,000 people visited the club's games last season, to the great pecuniary advantage of the railway company. As the attendance this year is likely to be even larger, the club's demand does not seem unreasonable.

There will be six championship games played in the Metropolitan district on Decoration Day, two in N. Y. City between the New Yorks and Detroits, two in Brooklyn and two at Staten Island. The Louisville and Cincinnati clubs will each play one game in Brooklyn and one game at Staten Island on that occasion.

One of the railroad companies has offered to furnish ton der Ahe with a private palace car to be used by his team while on trips this summer. The car will be provided with sleeping apartments and so arranged that make and be served to all the players. The car will do

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Smith, who played with Wilkesbarre last season and made a record of .897 in fielding and .220 in batting. He is said to be a plucky catcher, capable of handling a speedy delivery and will be paired with Holzberger.

The National Cub, of the California State Amateur League, will have the following team this season: D. P. Delmas, captain and second base; N. Koshland, short stop; J. Dolan, pitcher; F. Delmas, first base; G. Riddell, catcher; J. O'Shea, third base; F. Gately, J. Tribon and E. Thompson in the outfield; D. Levy, change catcher. Ar last the New York Club has sent some contracts to Secretary Young for approval and promulgation. The names are those of players who were long ago stated to have signed, viz: Corcoran, Joe Gerhardt, O'Rourke, Richardson, Connor and Ward. Buck Ewing's name is not on the list, although he too is said to have signed.

The Clinton House Club, of Brooklyn, have reorganized for the coming season. The team will be as follows: S. Casey and W. Conklin, pitchers: J. Dagnell, and W. Hennessey, catchers; C. Boeman, W. Briggs, S. Rodenburg on the bases; H. Forhell, short stop and captain; W. Janes, G. Forhell and J. Goggin in the outfield.

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The boys will have to buy their suits this year. I has been a rule of the League for several seasons to require the men to pay out of their salaries the expense of uniforming themselves. The American Association adopted a similar plan this winter, and hereafter the American clubs will not have the item of suits to tax their resources.

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Following are the sums fixed by the League for the unassigned Providence and Buffalo players: Peter Wood, \$200; Force, \$200; Serad, \$300; Crowley, \$250; Start, \$500; Knight, \$250. It is not likely that these figures can be obtained for any one of them. The chances are that the League will have to release them soon, bidders being non est.

The famous Delaware Club, of New York, have reorganized for the season of 1836 with the following well-known players:—"Pasher" Troy, Waters, Wardell, Dolan, Callahan, Tilly, McFarland, Pete Troy, Crane and Beadle. They will have enclosed grounds at Weehawken, N. J., which are only ten minutes' walk from the new West Shore ferry.

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The Atlantics, of Atlantic Park, Brooklyn, J. M. Bright, manager, 200 Spring street, New York, will open play for the season in April. They will appear in their new uniforms, maroon striped shirts, dark-gray pauts, maroon stockings and belts and maroon striped caps. They will play all the leading clubs in the country when they come that way.

An "esteemed local contemporary" comments upon the fact that Wheeling, West Virginia, has given to the world three ball players who have by misconduct subjected themselves to punishment, viz: Barkley, Glasscock and Mullane. Our "esteemed local contemporary" is informed that our beautiful State fathers the gentle Tooy. He hails from Erie.

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An ATLANTA correspondent writes:—"Much has been said of the phenomenal Ramsey, of the Louisvilles, and the great work that is expected of him this season. I would suggest to all admirers of left-handed twirlers to keep their eyes on Kilroy, of the Baltimores; Bauer, of the St. Louis Maroons, and last, but by no means least, Parsons, of the Bostons."

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KANSAS CITY will not be so slow with her team, con stituted, in all probability, as follows:—Whitney, Conway and Wedman, pitchers; Briody, Baker and Hackett, catchers; McQuery, first base; Moyers, second base; Donnelly, third base; Bassett, short stop; Rowe, Lillie and Radford, in the outfield. Lightness at the bat will be the greatest drawback of this team.

Tur Hartford team has been ordered to report April 8, from which date exhibition games will be played until the opening of the championship season. The club's grounds have been underdrained and otherwise improved and a registered ticket book prepared for stockholders, so that no ticket can be used more than once, nor by more than one person for the same game.

From a Washington exchange we slearn that the League has conceded to that city the privilege of selling tickets at other places than the gate for 35 cents, or three tickets for a dollar. The tickets sold at the grounds will entitle the visiting club to 15 cents, whereas those sold at the reduced price, which will have a distinguishing color, will give the visiting club but 12½ cents off.

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The Association players don't like the new rule compelling them to pay for their uniforms. It will be the first time such a thing has been done in the Association. This uniform will cost each player about \$33. Von der Ahe, however, will provide the Browns with all the extra pants they may need, because the Browns do so much base-stealing that they wear out more pants than any other Association team.

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THE Eastern League will find that it has imposed upon its scorers too great a burden by adopting a rule that "battery assists" shall be placed in the summary. Here is a second-class League tackling what even the big Leagues were afraid to experiment with. Well, "fools rush in where angels fear to tread." The rule will be a dead letter in less than a month or all the Eastern League scorers will be raving lunatics.

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MANAGER Rows, of the Kansas City Club, was in the East last week skirmishing after players. He secured Whitney and Hackett from the Bostons for \$1,000, and also signed Radford. He has in addition made arrangements with Philadelphia for Myers' release. Whitney will pitch against the Bostons in the opening game at the Hub with the Kansas Citys June 5, and will endeavor to knock an eye out of his beloved friend Soden's acceptance.

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PEARLS OF WISDOM FROM HENRY V. LUCAS:-"To tell PEARLS OF WISDOM FROM HERRY V. LUCAS:—"To tell you my candid opinion, I would say I don't believe a year will elapse before Sunday base ball games in St. Louis will be prohibited by law. Out of one hundred and ten counties in the State forty have already voted for prohibition, so you will see we are all on the verge of a new order of things. The fever has struck Ohio and in Illinois the rule is being voluntarily acquiesced in, so I think it is bound to strike us."

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The old Canadian League held a meeting at Toronto, March 6, at which much of the bitterness over the defection of Toronto and Hamilton was allayed and the hatchet buried. The London and Guelph clubs, the remaining members of the Canadian League proposed to Toronto and Hamilton that the four clubs play a series of twelve games with each other. Toronto and Hamilton have agreed—on consideration that the games do not interfere with the International schedule.

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STAPLETON has been released by the Hamilton Club. The men under engagement now are: Mike Morrison, Malcolm McArthur, pitchers; Jerry S. Moore, John Morrison, catchers; Mickey Jones, first; Chas. Collins, second and captain; John Rainey, third; W. W. Andrus, right or short; W. S. Wright, centre; Harry Murray, left. It is expected that a short stop and another first class battery will be signed within the next few days. The uniform will probably be a bronze green.

The Sylvan Club, of New York, which met with such success hasty ear, defeating most of the leading clubs in the vicinity of New York, have secured the following strong team for the coming season: Loopam and Gaffney, pitchers; Mulligan and Mooney, catchers; Bogart, first base; Cohen, second base; Fowart, third base; D. White, short stop; Hadley, White and Burke in the field. They will play the coming season at Oak Point, New York, commencing about the latter part of April.

"AL Atrisson, the pitcher, can play when and where he pleases without c mpromising any National Agreement club until the opening of the regular season of the American Association."—Chicago Journal. Wrong, brother. Athisson is a blacklisted player. His reinstatement is conditional upon his signing with the Athletics, with which club he violated a contract, and does not take effect until he signs with that club. He cannot, therefore, meantme, play with any club against a National Agreement club.

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The attacher of the Fourteenth Standard. THE attaches of the Fourteenth Street Theatre, N. Y. THE attaches of the Fourteenth Street Theatre, N. Y. have organized a club and named it the "Evangeline" Club. This is proudly claimed to be the only club in the country all the players of which are employed in the same theatre. The secretary is Joseph Wray. The players are as follows: G. W. Burnton, pitcher; Joe Wray, catcher; T. Reynolds, first base; B. Rorrman, second base; C. Glunter, third base; Turner, abort stoy; T. Durkin, left field; G. Glerman, centre field; Wade, right field; Richmond, catcher; B. Turner, pitcher.

TONY MULLANE settled all doubts by signing with Cincinnati last saturday. The contract contains the first signature of the club's new owner and president, Mr. John Hauck. On Saturday Tony and his partner,

ex-umpire Johnny Dyler, were to have opened their new Cincinnati base ball headquarters and pool room on Vine-street near Eighth. The place is in a splendid location and will surprise Tony's friends in its elegance and convenience. A large blackboard is mounted in the middle room, on which all base ball scores will be posted during the season.

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Major Williams, of the Metropolitan Club, is being sharply criticized for his speech at the Louisville banquet in which he is quoted as saying "that the Metropolitan and Brooklyn clubs would find it a matter of golden profit to keep up a supposed fight before the public by using the newspapers, but in the inner circle they could be the best of friends," The Louisville papers say that Mr. Williams but lift in the cau't deliberately play upon the press as if it were a harp with a thousand strings. If Mr. Williams made the remarks attributed to him it was a foolish thing to do in the presence of a number of newspaper men.

John Harberdoe, a former well-known bell tossor of West Philadelphia, was appointed a member of Mayor Smith's police force on Wednesday last, and assigned to duty in the Sixteenth (West Philadelphia, and lator played professionally with the Experis, of Harrisburg. His is a brother of the popular "Roaring Bill," of the Augusta, its., team, who also first entered the professional ranks at Harrisburg, where he strength and Emil Gross had an argument with the boxing gloves in Chicago, and Bill, who was a trifle "sloppy" at the time, got the short end of it. The other day Emil and Bill met at Beloit, Wis, where the latter had been training with Frank Glover for a few weeks. Somebody suggested another go between the two bell players, and Gross, remembering what an exhibition he made of Phillips on the occasion above referred to, agreed. They put on the gloves, and after a few passes Bill got in a soaker straight out from the shoulder on Emil's jaw. That was enough for him." I just wanted to get one good square paste at you," said Bill, as he draw of the weight of the widely with his usual elastic imagination gave a glowing account of the weight of the wide

go. If they are not retained by the management home team, here will be a chance for some club cure two fine players.

associa-home Prittsribe, Mass., notes.—Pittsfield has at last woke up in base ball. She has been asleep since '78 when we had a strong team composed of Latham (the dude) An nia, Jerry Dorgan, Turbidy, Williams and others whe have since made reputations on the diamond. It is proposed to place a strong team in the field and as Pitts field is on the direct line of travel of the Eastern League field is on the direct line of travel of the Eastern League teams, to be able to arrange games with them. Pittsfield is just half way between Albany and Springfield and clubs can go either way after the games, so all they will have to do is to step off and pick up the guarantee and leave the same day. 'The Eastern League schedule committee will do well to make a note of this fact. The team will probably be under the management of a well-known player who has had considerable experience in managing, and we expect a revival of the interest taken in the game in '77 and '78.

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Lock Haven (Pa.) notes:—Will there be a club here this season? That is the question that is now troubling a great many admirers of the game in this city. There will be a club here and one of the finest in the State, "providing" the Association can get one hundred names at twenty-five dollars each. They an get fifty names at once, but they want fifty more. The business men of this city ought to arouse themselves and see that the association gets the required number. A good base ball club is an honor to any city. Lock Haven is one of the best base ball towns in the State, and will support a good club, but it requires money to run a first-class club and that is the only kind the city will support. I notice that Altoona, Williamsport, Milton and Wilkeshare are talking of forming a league. Very good idea. If they are going to do it, select some place for meeting, appoint delegates and get to work at once; suppose you meet here, we will treat you well and do all we can to make it a success. Shafter, of last season's team, has gone to Atlanta, Ga. They have "one of the finest" in him. Rathgeber has signed with the Troy Easter: League team; he will play right field. Mauager Bear aley is receiving letters every day from men who wish to play here. He has a fine lot to select from, and if enough money is raised Lock Haven will have a better ball club, than ever before. LOCK HAVEN (Pa.) notes:—Will there be a club here his season? That is the question that is now troubling