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NATIONAL LEAGUE GAMES Philadelphia Among the Four Clubs in First Position. GIANTS FALL DOWN AGAIN Baltimore Jumps Up to Among Four Teams in Fourth Place--Scores in Detail--Record Up to Date.

Yesterday's National League games tied Washington, Pittsburgh, Philadelphia and Cleveland in first position, each with a record of 11 wins and 10 losses. Philadelphia is in first position with a record of 11 wins and 10 losses.

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SCRANTON'S GOOD GRANCE Club's Strength Seems Greater Than When Sloggy on Paper. A STRONG LITCHING CORPS Outfield and Infielders Departments Are All Right--Only a First Baseman and Shortstop Are Wanted--Athletic Park Improvements.

Scranton base ball players can have the satisfaction of knowing that however opinions may have changed during the past week or ten days ago, the strength of the Eastern League club, this city's aggregation has during the interval shown itself to be a very favorable commensurate with the strength of the players reported here. In making any comparison, however, it must be noted that the game is now being played in a different manner than it was some time ago.

Only in accordance with the above is believed that Scranton is better, much better, than the club's strength on paper one week ago. The outfield has been found to be glib-edged; the pitcher's score is better than that of Syracuse, Rochester or Wilkes-Barre, and two experienced and reliable catchers were being retained in the position.

Scranton is predicted safe on pitchers for reasons that are perfectly plain and acceptable. The Johnnie Browne Hooper are not experiments. If such may be stated on the record of any pitcher in a preceding year, that McDermott does not relate to the present season, well indicates that all three are worthy of further trying. It certainly does not indicate that they are all weak, as has been the case with ordinary pedigree before being signed.

Wilkes-Barre and Scranton each will have a series at the opening of the season. The opening of the season will be with Springfield and Providence, and then come home for six more games with those clubs. Providence in particular will be a hot competitor on the league the club most generally touted to win the pennant. Springfield seems nearly as dangerous as last year and that means much to Syracuse, which, if being permitted, would be quoted at about the same odds as Providence and Springfield, should meet the best of its opening games with Toronto and Buffalo. Rochester makes the same opening and the result seems now a toss-up with the chances favoring the Knickerbockers.

A great change can now be seen in the beautifying and improving of Athletic park. The increased outfield territory, caused by moving the center and right field fence, has been ploughed and harrowed and is ready for the road roller. All of yesterday a five-ton steam roller was working over the diamond and the old outfield. In the latter section the improvement is so marked that the change will bring fits of joy to any outfielder who was unfortunate as to jolt around the field last year. On the diamond, too, and behind the plate there is a great change. The whole showing, of magnitude, leviness and finish that should encourage the new owners to throw bouquets at themselves, although such a compliment is not in the least needed from the cranks of long ago and by the new hundreds of spectators that will surely be attracted this year to Athletic park.

There are forty-six divisions in the League of American Wheelmen. The League of American Wheelmen gained 18,000 members last year. The bicycle squad of Yale is more popular than ever in New York. In spite of prophecies that this spring would show a reaction against the bicycle, the Yale team has not only maintained its popularity but has also increased its membership.

A veteran cyclist recommends the following method as efficacious in preventing excessive perspiration. It consists of half a cup of salt in a pint of water and add one pint of alcohol. On rising in the morning take a bath in cold water, rub the body with a rough Turkish towel, then rub the body thoroughly with the above preparation. The result is that the skin is in a short time a marked difference will be noticed.

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BICYCLE TRUST FORMING Syndicate with \$10,000,000 Has Been Organized. TO CONTROL LARGE PLANTS Much of the Money Comes From Boston and Worcester--Plan to Be Located in Toledo--To Be Many Branch Houses.

Toledo, Ohio, April 21.--A rumor of a big bicycle trust has agitated the dealers here for several days. Some strong influence is at work in that direction, although the big manufacturers are loath to say much about it. It is known that a syndicate has been organized which has \$10,000,000 available cash, with the object of purchasing enough of the larger concerns, such as bicycle factories, rim factories, tube mills, and rubber factories, to practically control the output of high grade wheels in America. Several of the leading manufacturers of this city have been quietly approached, and it is rumored some of them have money in the trust.

It is known that much of the money comes from Boston and Worcester, Mass., but the object is to make this city the general headquarters of the business, owing to the present immense bicycle industry, as well as the extra-ordinary facilities for shipping by both rail and water. Branch houses are to be established in Chicago, New York, New Orleans, Boston and San Francisco for distributing purposes, if the deal goes through. A member of the proposed trust met a big manufacturer of this city in Chicago and told him the purposes of the scheme, and an effort is now being made, it is claimed, to decide upon the most available concerns to gather in.

Two Big Plants Ready. Boston, Mass., April 21, 1896.--There appears to be no foundation for the story of a bicycle trust, so far as it relates to Worcester. No prominent bicycle man there has been recently, and nobody there pretends to know anything about the deal. It may be said, however, with certainty that a big firm of Boston and New York are the responsible financial agents back of it. They are not yet ready to make public their plans in full, but it is learned that the organization is not to be a trust to limit the output of manufacturers or keep up the prices, but a combine of as many bicycle plants as may desire to enter the trust into one concern, the special feature of which will be that riders of the wheels of the combination shall become stockholders in it.

AMATEUR BALL NOTES. A base ball team has been organized in the town of Social City. The Milwaukee Athletic club accepts the challenge of the Europa Reserves for a game on Monday. The Ivy Leafs of Carlton accept the challenge of the Reds of the South Side for a game on Monday.

TRACK AND PADDOCK. James Elliot gave his pacer, Keweenaw, by Alcantara, a trial over Belmont, Monday in 2:32, the last half in 1:11, last quarter in 27 seconds. The Vienna Trotting association has decided to exclude from home-bred races all horses over 10 years of age, who, nevertheless will have a right to enter at other races.

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