In the World of Sports.

EASTERN LEAGUE BASE BALL GAMES

The Leading Clubs Had Everything Their Own Way.

MINERS DEFEATED WILKES-BARRE

Pounded Smith from the Box While Barons Only Got Scattered Hits Off Morse--Buffalo and Syracuse Overwhelmingly Defeat the Canucks and Rochester--Scranton Occupies a Critical Position.

It was a derby day for leading clubs. Three games were played and in each the winner was a first division team. Rain prevented the Providence-Springfield game at Springfield. The Miners in third place find themselves in a critical position. By winning today they stand a chance of tieing Springfield if that club loses; if the Miners lose and Syracuse wins, those two clubs will be tied for third. Two games at Springfield may, however, upset all calculations and put Scranton in second place and Providence ahead of Rochester.

The Miners won from Wilkes-Barre yesterday through their ability to connect with the ball harder and oftener than did their opponents. Buffalo and Syracuse had walkovers against Toronto and Rochester respectively.

Results.

Scranton	9	Wilkes-Barre	6
Buffalo	12	Toronto	4
Syracuse	11	Rochester	4

Providence at Springfield, rain.

Percentage Record.

	P.	W.	L.	P.C.
Buffalo	20	15	5	.750
Springfield	20	13	7	.650
Scranton	20	12	8	.600
Syracuse	20	11	9	.550
Rochester	24	11	12	.458
Providence	21	9	12	.429
Wilkes-Barre	22	8	14	.364
Toronto	25	7	18	.280

Today's Games.

SCRANTON AT WILKES-BARRE.
PROVIDENCE AT SPRINGFIELD.
SYRACUSE AT ROCHESTER.
TORONTO AT BUFFALO.

WE WIN THE FIRST.

Wilkes-Barre Was Defeated at the Beginning of the Six-Game Series Yesterday Afternoon.

Where's the hoodoo?

The six-game series between Scranton and Wilkes-Barre began at Athletic park yesterday afternoon and the result was unfavorable to the latter. Manager Powell brought along a dozen or more of players to show the Miners a thing or two about the great national game, but he and his family were obliged to return without having accomplished their mission. The Miners exemplified the fact in the first two innings by making enough runs to win, but the Barons from down the valley stubbornly contested the Miners' rights in the matter until the finish when the score was 9-6.

There were about 1,200 persons on the grounds and of this number perhaps a hundred were from Wilkes-Barre. The hundred entered the city unobserved and went to the grounds in small groups to better escape detection. About fifty of them were huddled together in the east end of the grand stand and were encouraged to cheer for just one inning, the first, which resulted in a score of 2-1 in favor of Wilkes-Barre. After that the Scranton majority did the rooting.

Lucien Smith, whose given name deserves a good deal more consideration than does his ability to pitch, was put in to twirl for the Barons. He lasted just two innings. In the second ten Miners faced him and selected a lot of his choicest curves to the extent of two doubles and three singles. The hitting together with a hit-by-pitcher, an error, two bases on balls and a steal gave Scranton six runs. Lucien was then taken out of the box to be warmed up on some future occasion.

KEENAN DID BETTER.

"Jack" Keenan was thrust in to hold the Miners down while his Baron colleagues pulled the game out of the fire, but the colleagues couldn't do the trick. "Pop" Morse was doing the rubber act for the Miners and kept the Wilkes-Barreans' hits well scattered throughout the game, particular thanks being due to Bill Massey, Bonner and Beard. While Keenan was pitching, the Miners made but two runs while the Barons rolled up four, three less than the number sufficient to win.

It was a game with some features, among which were the bunts by Goeckel and his running catch of a high foul. Gonding's catching, a scratch home run for each team, Bonner's ginger, Massey's base playing, Meaney's hitting and a snappy double play by Massey and Beard. The many chances offered the visitors to score keyed the enthusiasm up a bit.

Keefe umpired the game and did it satisfactorily, unless might be excepted, the usual misjudgments of balls and strikes which are always made more noticeable by the yelling of the bleachers. Altogether Keefe did well. He had an unusual number of close decisions to make, and favored neither team.

Manager Griffin continued the rather unusual custom of sending the home team first into the field. Sharrot singled and was advanced by Goeckel's safe bunt. Betts forced Sharrott at third and Odwell singled Goeckel home, Betts going to third from where he scored on the throw to flag Odwell's steal. Mills flew out to O'Brien and Powell was thrown out at first, thanks to Bonner's fast play in fielding the ball after it had bounded from Morse's glove.

O'BRIEN'S HOME (?) RUN.

Meaney flew out to Powell and O'Brien drove one to rightfield fence. The hit should not have been good for more than two bases, but it glanced from Sharrott's outstretched glove and fell inside the baseboard at the foot of the fence from where it was recovered after O'Brien crossed the plate. Beard flew out and Daly was retired at first.

Score, 2-1.

In the second chapter, C. Smith got a walk and then developed two force hits. Sharrott scratched a fungo to short left, and with two on bases Goeckel flew out to Meaney.

Then came Pitcher Smith's finish. Massey was an easy out but the bases filled on Bonner's single, Maguire's hit-by-pitcher and C. Smith's pardonable fumble of Boyd's grounder. The cranks were rooting for Morse to strike out so that Meaney, who was next up, could bat in the runs but Morse was equal to the occasion and smashed one to far left-center near the fence for two bases. The hit cleared the sacks. Meaney followed with a double which would have accomplished the same trick. It scored Morse. O'Brien got a walk. Beard hit safely to left, Meaney coming in and O'Brien going to third. The latter was out on an attempted double steal. Daly drew four balls and went to third on Massey's single to right. On the throw to block Massey's steal Daly attempted to get home but was put out.

Score 2-7.

"SCRATCH" HONORS EVEN.

With one out in the third, Odwell got a home run under the same circumstances as did O'Brien. Odwell's hit was for two bases down the left line, the ball losing itself beneath the fence and giving a home run. Mills was retired at first. Maguire's error put Powell on the circuit but C. Smith flew out to O'Brien.

With two out Boyd singled. Morse fanned.

The Barons were prevented by sharp work by Massey and Beard from tallying in the fourth. Gonding singled Keenan committed a like offence but Beard made a one-hand stop of the hit, keeping Gonding on second. Sharrott hit a grounder to Massey who snapped the ball to Beard and then received it on the bag himself in time to make a double play, Gonding going to third. Goeckel flew out to Bonner.

In the Scranton half of the fourth the Miners did their only bunching on Keenan. With none out, Meaney's double, O'Brien's single and Beard's three-baser to left-center tallied two earned runs. Daly, Massey and Bonner, the next up, went out one-two-three.

Score 3-9.

In the fifth and seventh only three Miners faced Keenan per inning. In the sixth Meaney was the first up, and singled but the next three, O'Brien, Beard and Daly went out. With two out in the eighth, Meaney again singled but Odwell made a pretty running catch of O'Brien's fly to short left.

THE BARONS STRUGGLED.

In the fifth and sixth the Barons went down one-two-three, but in the seventh with one out Massey fumbled Sharrott's grounder and Goeckel singled a pop fly over third. The two tallied on Betts' two-baser to right-center. Odwell was thrown out at first and Mills fanned.

A base on balls to Powell, C Smith's double and a wild pitch gave the Barons one in the eighth. Gonding went out from Bonner to Massey, Keenan fanned and Sharrott hit to Bonner a grounder that was successfully accepted.

Finally in the ninth the Barons missed an opportunity. Goeckel bunted safely. Betts fouled out to Boyd, Odwell fanned and Mills singled Goeckel to second. Powell drove one toward the right line but Massey got his hands over his head in time to make a clever out and end the game.

The details:

SCRANTON.

	A.B.	R.	H.	O.	A.	E.
Meaney, lf.	5	2	4	1	0	0
O'Brien, cf.	4	2	2	2	0	0
Beard, ss.	4	1	2	3	2	0
Daly, rf.	3	0	0	2	0	0
Massey, 1b.	3	0	1	10	1	1
Bonner, 2b.	4	1	1	1	4	0
Maguire, 3b.	3	1	0	1	1	1
Boyd, c.	4	1	1	7	0	0
Morse, p.	4	1	1	0	5	0
Totals	34	9	12	27	14	2

WILKES-BARRE.

	A.B.	R.	H.	O.	A.	E.
Sharrott, rf.	5	1	2	0	0	0
Goeckel, 1b.	5	2	3	11	0	0
Betts, cf.	5	1	1	2	0	0
Odwell, ss.	5	1	1	1	2	0
Mills, 2b.	5	0	1	0	2	0
Powell, lf.	4	1	0	3	0	0
C. Smith, 3b.	3	0	1	2	1	1
Gonding, c.	4	0	1	4	1	0
L. Smith, P.	1	0	0	0	1	0
Keenan, p.	3	0	1	1	2	0
Totals	40	6	11	24	9	1

Wilkes-Barre ....2 0 1 0 0 0 2 1 0—6
Scranton .....1 6 0 2 0 0 0 0 *—9

Earned runs—Scranton, 6; Wilkes-Barre, 2. Two-base hits—Morse, Meaney (2), Betts, Smith. Three-base hit—Beard. Home runs—O'Brien, Odwell. Stolen bases—Beard, Massey, Odwell. Left on bases—Scranton, 6; Wilkes-Barre, 9. Struck out—By Morse, 4; by Keenan, 2. Double plays—Massey to Beard to Massey. First on errors—Scranton, 1; Wilkes-Barre, 2. First on balls—Off Morse, 2; off L. Smith, 2. Hit by pitcher—Maguire. Wild pitches—Morse. Umpire—Keefe. Time—1.45.

Bisons Batted Dineen All Over the Field.

Buffalo, N. Y., May 27.—The Bisons batted Dineen all over the lot, piling up 12 runs to the Canucks' 4. Two home runs were made, one by each side. Score:

BUFFALO.

	A.B.	R.	H.	O.	A.	E.
Clymer, cf.	5	1	0	4	0	1
Grey, rf.	5	1	1	6	0	0
Field, 1b.	4	3	2	9	1	0
Wise, 2b.	3	3	3	2	5	2
Gilboy, lf.	4	0	2	1	0	0
Greminger, 3b.	4	1	0	1	1	0
Sullivan, ss.	4	0	2	2	2	0
Urquhart, c.	4	1	1	1	1	0
Wadsworth, p.	4	2	2	1	2	0
Totals	37	12	13	27	12	3

TORONTO.

	A.B.	R.	H.	O.	A.	E.
McHale, cf.	4	1	2	0	0	0
Freeman, rf.	5	0	1	2	0	1
McGann, 1b.	5	0	0	14	0	1
Taylor, 2b.	3	1	0	0	4	0
White, lf.	3	1	2	2	0	0
Lush, 3b.	4	1	2	0	2	0
Wagner, ss.	4	0	0	3	2	0
Casey, c.	4	0	0	3	0	0
Dineen, p.	3	0	1	0	5	0
Totals	35	4	8	24	13	2

Buffalo .....4 3 0 1 0 1 2 1 *—12
Toronto .....0 0 0 0 0 3 0 0 1—4

Earned runs—Buffalo, 3; Toronto, 2. Two-base hits—Gray, Field, Wise, White, Freeman. Three-base hits—Urquhart, Wadsworth. Home runs—Wadsworth and Lush. Stolen bases—Clymer, Wise, Casey, Lush. First base on balls—Off Wadsworth, 4; off Dineen, 2. Struck out—Taylor. Passed balls—Urquhart. Left on bases—Buffalo, 4; Toronto, 7. Time—2 hours. Umpire—Swartwood.

Stars Fatten Their Batting Averages Off Two Brownie Pitchers.

Syracuse, N. Y., May 27.—The Stars finished McFarland in the first inning of today's game and slugged McFarlan, who was substituted, hard throughout the remainder of the game. Lampe had the Brownies at his mercy. Bannon, who came from Kansas City to Syracuse, played his first game with the home team and made a home run, a two-bagger and a single. Score:

SYRACUSE.

	A.B.	R.	H.	O.	A.	E.
Eagan, 2b.	4	4	4	1	2	0
Garry, cf.	5	2	2	0	0	0
Schelbeck, ss.	5	1	3	4	4	1
O. Smith, 3b.	5	1	1	2	3	1
Lezotte, 1b.	5	3	3	13	0	0
Bannon, lf.	5	1	3	1	0	0
Shearon, rf.	4	0	1	2	1	1
Shaw, c.	3	0	1	3	3	0
Lampe, p.	4	0	0	0	1	0
Totals	40	11	18	27	14	3

ROCHESTER.

	A.B.	R.	H.	O.	A.	E.
Bottenus, lf.	4	0	0	1	0	1
D. Shannon, 2b.	5	0	0	2	4	0
Dooley, 1b.	4	1	0	10	0	1
Lytle, rf.	4	0	1	2	0	0
Richter, cf.	4	0	1	2	1	0
Zahner, c.	4	1	2	1	2	0
F. Shannon, ss.	4	1	2	1	1	0
McFarland, p.	0	0	0	0	0	0
McFarlan, p.	4	0	1	0	3	1
Totals	37	4	8	*22	13	3

*Schelbeck hit by batted ball; Garry out for running out of line.

Syracuse .....4 2 0 1 1 1 1 0 *—11
Rochester .....0 0 0 0 2 0 0 1 1—4

Earned runs—Rochester, 2; Syracuse, 4. Two-base hits—Garry, Bannon, Lezotte, Eagan, Schlebeck; McFarlan, Dooley. Home run—Bannon. Stolen bases—Shaw. First base on balls—Off Lampe, 1; off McFarland, 2; off McFarlan, 1. Struck out—By Lampe, 1½; by McFarland, 1; by Farlan, 1. Passed balls—Zahner, 2. Wild pitches—McFarland, 2; McFarlan, 1. Left on bases—Syracuse, 8; Rochester, 7. Time—1.45. Umpire—Knowles.

NATIONAL LEAGUE.

Unlike the day in the Eastern, it witnessed the defeat of all three leaders in the National league and victories for the next four clubs in the race.

The Phillies lost their tenth straight game while Boston and Brooklyn continue their winning streak. Either Boston or Cleveland may go into second place today. It is certain that the Orioles have been effectively halted in their runaway race.

Results.

Cleveland	8	Baltimore	7
Chicago	6	Philadelphia	3
Boston	16	Cincinnati	7
Brooklyn	5	Pittsburg	3
Louisville	5	Washington	0

Percentage Record.

	P.	W.	L.	P.C.
Baltimore	28	21	7	.750
Cincinnati	30	19	11	.633
Pittsburg	26	16	10	.615
Boston	28	17	11	.607
Cleveland	28	17	11	.607
Louisville	27	14	13	.519
Brooklyn	28	14	14	.500
Philadelphia	29	13	16	.448
New York	23	10	13	.435
Chicago	29	10	19	.345
Washington	26	8	18	.308
St. Louis	28	6	22	.214

Today's Games.

Philadelphia at Chicago.
Boston at Cincinnati.
Washington at Louisville.
Brooklyn at Pittsburg.
Baltimore at Cleveland.
New York at St. Louis.

Chicago-Philadelphia.

Chicago, May 27.—For eight innings the Phillies were unable to touch Briggs and it looked like a shut out, Chicago having, in the meantime, piled up six tallies. In the ninth, the first three Quakers hit safely and with the help of two bad errors scored three times. Score: R.H.E.

Chicago .....0 0 0 2 1 1 2 0 0—6 9 3
Philadelphia .....0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 3—3 9 3

Batteries—Briggs and Donohue; Taylor and Clements. Umpire—Hurst.

Louisville-Washington.

Louisville, May 27.—Hill pitched a magnificent game today and the Senators were unable to get a man past second base. Score: R.H.E.

Louisville .....0 0 0 0 1 2 1 1 0—5 8 0
Washington .....0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0—0 2 2

Batteries—Hill and Wilson; Mercer and McGuire. Umpire—Emslie.

Pittsburg-Brooklyn.

Pittsburg, Pa., May 27.—Brooklyn won by outplaying the home team at every point. Score: R.H.E.

Pittsburg .....0 0 0 0 2 1 0 0 0—3 6 2
Brooklyn .....1 0 0 3 0 0 1 0 0—5 10 0

Batteries—Gardner and Sugden; Payne and Grim. Umpires—Sheridan and McDonald.

Cincinnati-Boston.

Cincinnati, May 27.—The Bostons won from the Reds easily today. Score: R.H.E.

Cincinnati .....2 0 2 0 0 0 0 3 0—7 10 5
Boston .....3 1 1 0 0 5 3 0 3—16 20 3

Batteries—Dwyer, Rhines and Schriver; Klobedanz and Yeager. Umpire—Lynch.

Baltimore-Cleveland.

Cleveland, May 27.—For seven innings of today's game Corbett fooled the Indians badly. Then they found him for fourteen bases in the last two innings, winning the game. Score: R.H.E.

Cleveland .....0 1 0 1 0 0 0 3 3—8 16 2
Baltimore .....3 1 1 1 0 0 0 0 1—7 12 4

Batteries—Young, McDermott and Zimmer; Corbett and Bowerman. Umpire—O'Day.

ATLANTIC LEAGUE.

Athletics-Richmond.

Philadelphia, May 27.—Bunched hits in the second inning gave the Athletics today's game with Richmond. Both teams played lively ball. Score: R.H.E.

Athletics .....0 4 2 0 0 0 0 1 0—7 8 1
Richmond .....0 0 0 2 1 0 0 0 0—3 3 2

Batteries—Garvin and Fox; Lever and Steelman. Umpire—Weidman.

Lancaster-Paterson.

Lancaster, Pa., May 27.—Lancaster struck a winning gait early in today's game, knocking Flaherty out of the box in the fourth inning, during which a double, a triple and two singles were made; he had previously given several bases on balls. Viau, who succeeded was less vulnerable, although liberal in the matter of bases on balls. Wagner was hurt and Smink went to third, Westlake catching the last five innings. Score: R.H.E.

Lancaster .....0 1 3 3 0 2 2 0 0 2—11 13 3
Paterson .....0 1 1 0 0 3 0 0 3—8 15 6

Batteries—Yeager and Wente; Viau, Flaherty and Westlake. Umpire—Snyder.

At New York—Cornell University, 13; Fordham College, 3.

Hartford-Reading.

Reading, Pa., May 27.—The home team was unable to hit Gastright today and the visitors won handily. Score: R.H.E.

Reading .....3 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0—3 8 2
Hartford .....1 0 1 0 2 2 0 0 0—6 10 0

Batteries—Amole and Barkley; Gastright and Roach. Umpire—Cline.

Newark-Norfolk.

Newark, N. J., May 27.—Newark and Norfolk today played a game scheduled for July 15. It resulted in an easy victory for the locals, who hammered Pfanmiller with good effect. Score: R.H.E.

Newark .....1 1 0 0 6 4 0 1 *—13 16 5
Norfolk .....2 0 1 0 0 2 1 1 0—7 10 3

Batteries—Cogan and A. Rothfuss; Pfanmiller and Heydon. Umpire—Earl.

COLLEGE ATHLETICS.

Princeton, N. J., May 27.—At a mass meeting of students held today Benjamin J. Wilson, '98, of Clarion, Pa., and Bruce Bedford, of Wilkes-Barre, Pa., were elected manager and assistant manager, respectively, of the base ball association for the season of 1898. President Patton addressed the meeting, and in behalf of Mr. and Mrs. Cleveland invited the undergraduates to a reception to be given at President Patton's home, at Prospect, tomorrow.

Annapolis, Md., May 27.—The University of Pennsylvania boat crew arrived here this afternoon and rowed over the course of Saturday's race. The cadets expect to give the visitors as close a race as they did Cornell, and the course used will be the same.

DIAMOND DUST.

Credit Is Due to Bonner--Penurious Policy of the Wilkes-Barre Management--Today's Game in Wilkes-Barre--The Circus and Its Effect on Saturday's Game.

No player on the Scranton team has deserved more credit during the last ten days than Bonner. He has at all times been full of that life and snap that encourages all the other players, whether winning or losing, and he has yet to be criticized for a misplay, which is plainly more serious than an ordinary erro in its effect on strong team play. He was one of the last on the club to get in condition, but he came around in good form and has not in three years done better all-around work than at present. A feature of his playing is that he is at the right place in a mix-up and "backs up" with a celerity and hustle that delights the hearts of the fans.

* * *

Little wonder that the Wilkes-Barre team has been putting up a dopey kind of game. Yesterday Manager Powell denied his men the privilege of rooms at a hotel, but took them direct to Athletic park, where they prepared for the game in the Scranton club's dressing rooms. After the game the players were walked to the Delaware and Hudson crossing, where, without having had a rest or supper, they boarded the train for Wilkes-Barre. This penuriousness may be the fault of the owners and not of the manager, but the fault is there just the same and stands out in a glaring and unfavorable contrast against the policy of other clubs. The players grumbled about it yesterday and two of them remarked that hereafter they would have dressing room conveniences and a warm supper after the game, even though they have to bear the expense.

When the Miners go to Wilkes-Barre today they will be quartered and have proper dressing apartments at a hotel and will have supper after the game. The expense will not be their's either.

* * *

Scranton cranks can leave for today's game at Wilkes-Barre by the 1.20 and 2.28 Delaware and Hudson trains, or the 2.00 and 3.00 trains on the Jersey Central. A ticket purchased is good for return over either road. There will probably be quite a number of the faithful who will make the trip and root for the Miners to win.

Wellner will pitch for Scranton, and Sheehan for the Barons. Peter Eagan will be back in left field again and it is possible that Meaney may take Daly's place in right.

* * *

Tomorrow being circus day the game will not be called until 4 o'clock. At that hour the show will be about ended. The circus grounds will be but a minute's walk above Athletic Park and if history repeats itself the show will increase rather than decrease the attendance at the game. This was so in '95, when the Barnum circus was in the city and the show grounds were then a mile and a half away from the park.

Schedule of the Wilkes-Barre-Scranton games:

* * *

At Wilkes-Barre today;
At Scranton Saturday afternoon;
At Wilkes-Barre Monday morning;
At Scranton Monday afternoon;
At Wilkes-Barre Tuesday.

* * *

At Wilkes-Barre.

Tommy Bannon begins well with Syracuse.

Bill Eagan had four hits in four times at bat.

McFarlan, the pitcher, and Pitcher McFarlan-d, fared rather badly at the hands of the Stars.

The double play was like a perfect piece of clockwork.

Daly and Massey haven't been hitting at their usual gait during the last few days—but wait.

The Barons wore their new uniforms. The big and conspicuous "W-B" on the bosom certainly stood for "wayback" yesterday.

A new horse just purchased by Liveryman Nealis, of Oakford court, and which has a mark of 2.37½, has been christened "Pete Eagan."

"Big Bill" is rivaling Carey in gathering in wide throws. He was obliged to do the split yesterday in order to get one of his No. 10's on the bag.

The bases have been given a coat of white paint, thanks to The Tribune's suggestion. They are now almost as conspicuous as Groundkeeper Clark's red sweater.

Gonding is the only catcher who has danced a clog step, stood on his ear and at the same time pretended to catch his game on the Scranton grounds this season.

"Old Gentleman" Jennings was on the Miner's bench. He has sat there five times this season and is a rival of the black rabbit, as he has each time brought victory to the home team.

One of the patrons who has implicit confidence in Irwin to land a winner is the popular Crown Attorney, Mr. Walter Curry, who yesterday wagered a new silk hat that the Torontos would end the season 1-2.—Toronto World. Wot's 'is Crownship's haddress?

This is funny: On Wednesday the Stars played a game with the Auburn, N. Y., team and got only five hits off Murphy, a Rochester cast-off, and lost by a score of 7 to 3. Yesterday these same Stars hit McFarlan and McFarland, of Rochester, eighteen times and won by a score of 11 to 4. Who says base ball isn't uncertain?

Here is a unique theory advanced by Earl Wagner: "In this age of hustling and new schemes to turn a penny, it strikes me that an insurance company that would make a specialty of insuring pitchers' arms, or any ball player's arm, for that matter, would reap a profit. There is the case of Hughey Jennings, for example. It is rumored that Jennings' arm is gone. Now supposing it turns out that his precious wing has failed him. Wouldn't the loss to the Baltimore club be $20,000 at the least calculation? Now if Jennings' arm were insured for that amount, the Baltimore club's losses would be partly covered in case Hughey was compelled to retire from the game. Take Amos Rusie, for example. Of course, the chances are that Amos is as good as he was in '95, but there is the possibility that he may be injured or disabled and rendered incapable of giving the club service that the New York fans are banking on. And you can bet your final simoleon that Freedman would invest in such an insurance scheme if it existed. Take my club. If Mercer met with a serious accident that put him out of the game, it would mean a loss of many a dollar to me on the season, and the same would apply to Maul, King, McJames, or any of my pitchers. Some enterprising risk-taker may one day act on this suggestion of mine, and I think he would find plenty of patrons in this league."

WHIRLS OF THE WHEEL.

An efficient, practical means of taking up chain-slack is always a necessity. All wheels of standard make are well equipped in this respect. The chain adjustment of a low grade is apt to be a little poorer and cheaper than the rest of it.

* * *

The czar of all the Russias is something of a trick rider himself, his specialty being shooting while on the saddle. The professional observers of the doings of royalty write that his nibs can shoot to hit every time while going at a fair road gait.

* * *

It is an important thing to have a step on a bicycle and to use it in mounting. The pedal mount is pretty but it is mighty hard on the machine, and particularly so on the spokes and tires.

* * *

Back when Zimmerman has his innings of was about the right gear. Under the inspiration of that freak of nature, James Michael, and others, gear is rising alarmingly. There will be a reaction. It is a pity to spoil a good bicycle for all round use by too high a gear and cyclists generally will come to this conclusion eventually.

* * *

Bicycling will be a leading form of out of door recreation for an indefinite period to come and the building of improved roads is thus clothed with a new consequence. Looking well forward, the building of cycle paths appears entirely subordinate to the laying down of permanent and substantial roads. The average cycle path project seems rosy enough at first but on an enlarged view it dwindles.

* * *

It is a fact that many cyclists habitually ride right footed or left footed as the case may be. That is, they do most of their pedaling with one foot. It is a fault that should be promptly corrected and yet one that it is very difficult to overcome. It is acquired unconsciously and is therefore hard to detect and still harder to cure. It is quite as natural perhaps that the individual be right or left footed as right or left handed, but it is very apparent that the habit of riding in this way must inevitably lead to unequal physical development, a result always to be avoided in every form of athletic exercise. Furthermore the one-sided rider cannot accomplish his full measure of work. An even distribution of the force exerted in propelling the wheel is absolutely necessary to riding the greatest distance at the least possible expense of energy.—American Cyclist.

* * *

"Billie" Young, the great trainer, who has done more to bring men to the front in National Circuit contests than all the care takers, has been engaged to train and manage Arthur Zimmerman.

Young will at once arrange for a quadruplet to pace Zimmerman and for four men to man the machine. Zimmerman wisely selected Young, and under his care he is likely to be seen in the races this season.

Young's success while training Charlie Murphy in '95, Gardiner in '96 and George Ruppert, the son of the millionaire brewer, are well known. He is clever and knows the game from A to Z.

* * *

The president of the Springfield Bicycle club was in New York Monday to see Bald regarding the match contest at Springfield, Mass., planned for June 15. The club has placed up $500 for the purse, and Cooper has signed and deposited $500 for a side bet. Bald will not sign at present, as he is entered all along the New York State Circuit, and the date would interfere with his plans.

Besides this, it is thought Bald will hold off, owing to the poor form displayed in the contests of Saturday, Bald's original challenge, while at Louisville was for July, and he may hold Cooper to this.

Additional Sporting News will be found on Page 3.

$39.00 BICYCLES

Every one warranted. Choice of any $10.00 tire. Choice four colors. Only a few left Buy now.

STORMERS AT $60.00

Are beauties. One year guarantee any tire or color.

If you want the best that money will buy The "OLIVE" or "ORIENT" will surely fill the bill at

$100.00.

Second Hand Bicycles

$2.50 to $60.00.

Base Ball Goods, Sweaters, Fishing Tackle and Ammunition at lowest prices.

A. W. JURISCH, Agt.

324 SPRUCE STREET.

AN UP TO DATE SMOKE

AMORITA MIXTURE

MFD BY Buchman & Ball 101 WALL ST. NEW YORK

"BROWNIE" BIB Overall

Makes the Boy Proud.

He Can Play in the Dirt

FOR SALE BY

COLLINS & HACKETT

220 Lackawanna Ave.,

Scranton.

$55.00 Cash

Buys a Spalding Bicycle, Gent's 1896 Model.

$60.00 Cash

Buys a Lady's Spalding, 1896 Model. This is a strictly high grade $100 bicycle, as up-to-date as any high grade wheel on the market. Don't waste your money on a cheap wheel when you can get a Spalding at these prices. Call at

FLOREY'S,

Bring along your cash and get a good Bicycle.

222 WYOMING AVENUE.

BUY THE "BARKER" BICYCLE.

$75.00.

MADE BY SCRANTON WORKMEN AND GUARANTEED BY A SCRANTON FIRM.

S. G. BARKER & SON, Scranton, Pa.

SALESROOM: Board of Trade Building, Linden Street, Court House Square.

BICYCLES

Our line of Bicycles, consisting of **Ladies', Gentlemen's and Children's Wheels,** is the most complete line hereabouts, inasmuch as we are selling agents for the following well-known makes:

BARNES, STERLING, FENTON,
STEARNS, DAYTON, DEMOREST,
METEOR, LEAGUE, RICHMOND.

REPAIR WORK

We are the acknowledged leaders in this difficult line of the business. The average cyclist dislikes to have his wheel go to the **ordinary** repair shop. He generally gets it back with badly scratched enamel, etc. Our shop is

NOT AN ORDINARY ONE. IT'S A FIRST-CLASS SHOP

Where work is done in a careful manner by experienced repairers.

Bittenbender & Co., 126 and 128 Franklin Avenue

THE LACKAWANNA WHEEL CO.,

MANUFACTURERS OF

High Grade Bicycles

Lackawanna, - - $100
Black Diamond, $50, $60, $75

Nickel-Plating and Enameling a specialty. Nothing but expert workmen at our factory and the very best material used.

FACTORY: 1216 AND 1218 N. WASHINGTON AVE. REPAIR WORK A SPECIALTY.

SALES ROOMS, 410 LACKAWANNA AVE.