The World of Sport.

MANAGER WALTER W. BURNHAM did not return home yesterday afternoon from Reading, as was expected, but stayed to work on the schedule, he being one of the committee appointed to draw it up. As a result, the meeting of the directors of the team, which was to take place this afternoon, was postponed.

From all present indications base ball ought to prove a great success in Scranton this season. The most successful year of base ball ever experienced here was during the time "Marty" Swift managed the old State League team. This new league has a more compact and shorter circuit, there will be a faster class of players in it, and the cities are so paired off that a wholesome spirit of rivalry exists throughout the entire circuit. The season will include probably about 120 games, of which half will be played on the home grounds.

Sunday base ball will be played at Newark, Elmira and Jersey City, and special games will be played on Sunday at Paterson with the independent team of that city. Special games will also be played with the Atlantic City team.

The managers of the various teams are hard at work getting together their players, and the Athletics, Reading, Allentown and Elmira teams have practically their full nines already organized.

Manager Burnham has signed several clever young players, and will be able to get out his team, within the next day or two. Manager Clymer, of Wilkes-Barre, is also hard at work, and will put a team in the field which will ably represent the Barons, and which will serve to keep very much alive the old time rivalry between the two cities.

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Base Ball Brevities.

FRANK DILLON, last year the Scranton first baseman, is rapidly batting himself, if the expression may be used, into the hearts of the Pittsburg fans. His work during the practice games, so far, has been of the gilt-edged order, and has been commented upon most graciously by the Pittsburg newspapers. During the games with the Rochester nine, champions last year of the Eastern league, his batting was the feature of every game. In one contest, in particular, when "Pop" Morse, the old Scranton pitcher was in the box for Rochester and holding the big batsmen down in fine style, the tall young first baseman smashed out a single and two double-sackers, and was robbed of a home run by Lush making a grand catch in the outfield.

Jonett Meekin, once regarded as one of the greatest pitchers in the business while he was Amos Rusie's running mate on the New York Giants, and who last year played with Boston for a short while, has been signed by Manager Fred Clarke for his Pittsburg team.

Manager Fleishman now has his Reading team almost completed and on paper, at least, it looks strong. Voorhees, Ames and Eson will pitch, Cogan, Fox and probably Snyder will constitute the catching department; Beaumont will play first; Conroy, second; Lawrence third and at short either O'Neil or "Kid' Cross will be stationed. Tate, last year with Allentown, and who also played here a short while, will play left field; Moran will be in center and Cauiflower is wanted for right. The hard hitting ex-Cleveland player is also claimed by the Wilkes-Barre team.

The St. Louis team has on its present list twenty-five men. There are eight pitchers alone, of whom Harper, the old Scranton twirler is one.

Michael Walsh, of Mayfield, is gaining laurels galore on the base ball diamond early as the season is. As will be remembered he last year played left field on the Georgetown nine and batted second in that collection of terrific-hitting young collegians. So far this season his work has been the feature of every game played. In the match with the champion Brooklyns of the National League he fielded his position in irreproachable style and made the longest hit of the game, a handsome drive for three bases, made off McGinnity, the crack pitcher who was the star Baltimore twirler last season. In Wednesday's game with Lehigh University he again loomed up strong in the field and lined out a single and two home runs at the bat.

The Official Base Ball Guides for 1900 have now been issued by A. J. Reach and A. G. Spalding and Brothers, and prove the same reliable, interesting summarys of the year's base ball that they always have. Both are substantial, solid-looking little books, full of technical information and news. The Spalding Guide is embellished with several handsome plates of the college teams, a few professional nines, and several portraits of magnates and star players of the league.

The veteran base ball player, Dan Brouthers recently figured as the hero in a fire at Wappinger's Falls. The blaze was caused by the overturning of a kerosene lamp, which set fire to the carpet. There were two children in a cradle in one corner of the room, who were in imminent danger of losing their lives. Big Dan rushed into the room, and exerting his great strength tore up the carpet and threw it into the street. His action occasioned much newspaper comment, which the ex-Leaguer bore with the same modesty with which he formerly carried off the batting honors of the country.

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Among the Pugs.

BOB FITZSIMMONS is scheduled to soon fight Joe Choynski. This will be the first entry of the big California fighter into the ring since his disastrous fight with the terrible little darkey, Joe Walcott. The men will be pretty well matched as far as build and strength goes, but Fitzsimmons is accredited with the power to stand more punishment than the blond fighter from the West.

Tuesday, April 17, "Mysterious Billy" Smith and Matty Matthews will fight before the Broadway Athletic club, of New York. It is scheduled to go twenty-five rounds but there are many who think that the mysterious one will put his antagoist out of the game long before the full limit is gone. Smith enjoys a first-class reputation in this city, since he demonstrated his powers by the terrible punishment he administered to Jim Judge.

Jim Jeffries, tips the scale at 225 pounds at present and says he never felt better in his life. He is going through a course of hard training and is rapidly getting into condition to meet Corbett. The big champion is confident of his ability to defeat "Pompadour Jim" and also declares his willingness to again meet Tom Sharkey.

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Strikes and Spares.

THE ELKS' bowing tournament has now been fairy begun and promises to be fully as successful as that conducted on the Bicycle club alleys. Players have been entered from most of the local clubs, and some very fine bowling has already been done. At the conclusion of the tournament, a match will be played on the alleys between the Elk Second team and the Wilkes-Barre West End Club "Scrap-Irons."

Mitchell of the Elk team recently bowled a very pretty game on the Elk alleys and rolled 263. In the course of the game he made ten strikes, and had two breaks.

THE FIRST PONY EXPRESS.

In the Saturday Evening Post Homer Bassford gives a full account of a talk he had with Colonel Alexander Majors shortly before his death. Colonel Majors was a member of the firm that controlled the famous Pony Express. Colonel Majors said: "We had first sounded a lot of the important business men of both the coast and eastern cities as to its desirability. We learned that the fixed charge of $5 a detter of one ounce weight would be welcomed as surprisingly low—that is, if we were able to keep our promise as to the delivery of a letter in something like eight days.

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"I have been asked sometimes whether the express stopped on account of weather. This question used to make me smile, but it has been repeated so many times that I have concluded that our present-day folks, who know little of pioneer life, are to be excused. Why, I have seen a man jump from the back of one pony to the back of another, in zero weather, and start away like the wind, with never a thought of entering the post house for a drink or a sniff of the fire."

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NEW YORK FASHIONS.

Spring Costumes, Bordered Fabrics, Easter Dresses, Easter Millinery, Independent Skirts, Eton Jackets, The "Mess" Jacket, Spangled Nets, Parasols.

New York, April 13.—The feminine who does not appear attractive in her new spring costume must be deficient in taste, as materials, colors or styles were never more varied, or defective figures so easily concealed. Bordered fabrics are numerous this season, and etamines (a species of open canvas) show wide colored borders edged with narrow white fringe, two handkerchiefs or "shawls" in exact harmony being required for a waist and a third is often purchased for the parasol, which of necessity is almost square, these "shawls" averaging about a yard and a quarter each way.

BORDERED CREPE DE CHINES

are also lovely materials, in all stylish light shades, not however fringed, but have merely bands of Oriental colorings at one edge. Usually, a very full taffeta silk plaiting or ruffing is used on the under skirt, and the bordered stuff forms the overskirt. Cords may now be run through lengthwise tucks on skirts, and these are known under the name of candle 'wick" skirts, causing great dismay to the fashionable dressmaker who hesitates to increase her already high prices and yet more than double the usual labor must now be expended on a fashionable costume.

EASTER DRESSES ARE FOR THE MOST PART

so overloaded with trimming as to be entirely opposed to good taste; as an exception, however, a gray poplin is made with a plain skirt and border of white satin applique; Eton jacket and sleeves almost covered with similar applique. This is a novel feature, and in a blue foulard silk, four rows of blue ribbon, connected by hemstitching, are fitted around the hips with corset-like closeness, pointing at the front and from the lower one depends the very full skirt with one row of blue ribbon near the lower edge. A crepe de Chine costume has broad double-edged lace fitted around the hips and the skirt in wide tucks.

EASTER HATS ARE AS OFTEN PREPOSTEROUS

as beautiful and the present style of piling tulle, chiffon on Milane, fruit and flowers together often results in dire confusion. As a rule, colors are so pale that there is often a want of contract, that fault however cannot be ascribed to the all-red hats, which are usually very charming, made of transparent materials often supplemented by touches of crimson velvet and flowers. Black and white hats, while shown in great numbers, are extremely trying.

INDEPENDENT SKIRTS

include those of mixed cloth, black and white plaids, broadcloth, peau-de-sole, black cloth or silk applique, all of which show no seams, while on the other hand, a black silk skirt composed of small gores tucked throughout, was exhibited by a leading house: thus there is no lack of variety. Figured lace in either black or white, over colors is very appropriate to spangled net bodices now considered a part of every stylish wardrobe.

THE ETON JACKET HOLDS UNDISPUTED SWAY,

not only as a stylish corsage, but as outdoor coverings come in cloth or silk applique, not unfrequently tucked of silk throughout, with white or ecru lace revers, or black applique revers is handseme over white silk or satin. Crimson cloth Etons with brass buttons and green velvet collars are extremely conspicuous, but happily will be worn only by young people. The "Mess" jacket is another fashionable fancy, small and rounded at the front, without any collar, and having a white cloth facing all around, over which is laid a second facing of tucked and pointed black taffeta silk, the points overlying the white facing, both of which are in sharp contrast with the crimson fabric. A row of brass buttons at each side of the front is optional. As a waist, in high-class costumes the Eton is cut very short, and tucked batiste waists are largely used under them, with a handsome lace jabot at the front. For older persons rather long silk sacques, trimmed with passementerie, or long silk cloaks, for carriage or evening wear, are shown, and capes (which lose their jaunty appearance when long) constitute leading styles for middle-aged ladies to whom Eton jacket would be fatal.

THE NEWEST SPANGLED NET SKIRTS

in white have appliqued lace borders around the lower edge, sprinkled with silver or gilt sparks, and from this border, a fibre-like designs in spangles ascend for about eighteen inches, the remainder having oval spangles at close intervals. Instead of a lace border, a deep white silk knotted fringe is substituted, with the upper part of the skirt thickly spangled. In black spangled nets, "all overs," patterns are preferred to to heavy borders, and spangled Etons may take the place of the net bodice.

PARASOLS EMBRACE

every fashionable fad, beginning with the "tailor-made," of plain colored silk with fancy handles—for example, a pug dog's head or an eagle's head, etc. Then come the broad stripes, either plain or in chine designs, on plain silk; next embroidered patterns on contrasting surfaces, then appliqued lace leaves, or black-lace dots of many sizes grouped together on pink or white silk. Chiffon parasols are without number, white being in the majority. The fringed "shawl" or "handkerchief" parasol is a passing fad, and all that class of materials are only suitable for persons of unlimited income. Fannie Field.

THE CHEAPENING TELEGRAPH.

From Ainslee's Magazine.

The increase in the use of the telegraph for business purposes has been accompanied by a steady reduction in the cost of messages. When the first Atlantic cable was laid the price of a twenty-word message between London and New York was $100, or $5 per word. Now the commercial rate between the two cities is twenty-five cents per word. To telegraph ten words from Chicago to New York in 1866 cost $2.05. Now it costs forty cents.

Telegraphing to distant parts of the world is still an expensive business. The rate per word for a message from San Francisco to Auckland, New Zealand, for example, is $2.87. From New York to Manila the rate is $2.45. The charge is not always in ratio to the distance. The rate from New York to some South American or West Indian ports is nearly two dollars per word, but in reaching these points the messages travel twice across the Atlantic.

A Bad State of Affairs.

Mrs. Benham—It's hard on the people of Greenland to have nights six months long.

Benham—Yes. Just think of the sufferings of the poor man whose wife's mother drops in to spend the evening.—Harper's Bazaar.

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For clouds will come and showers fall,
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Bottle the sunshine up, my dears,
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Carry through life a smiling face
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Mattie B. Curtis.

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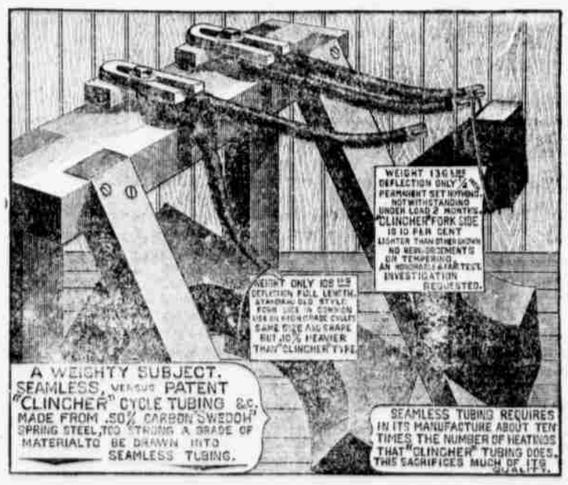

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