

LOCAL AND GENERAL SPORTS

DOUBLE HEADER AT ATHLETIC GROUNDS

Richmond Team Will Try to Take Van Wert Into Camp For Two Games.

VISITORS STRENGTHENED.

FLEMING WILL PITCH THE FIRST GAME FOR THE LOCALS AND HORN WILL WORK IN THE SECOND ONE.

I. O. LEAGUE STANDING.			
Decatur	Won.	Lost	Pct.
Decatur	22	16	.579
Richmond	21	16	.568
Portland	18	17	.518
Kokomo	19	18	.513
Van Wert	15	19	.441
Bluffton	15	23	.395

Games Sunday.
Van Wert at Richmond (2 games).
Portland at Kokomo (2 games).
Bluffton at Decatur.

Results Saturday.
Decatur, 9; Bluffton, 0.
Richmond-Van Wert (rain).
Kokomo-Portland (rain).

Richmond and Van Wert will play off a double header this afternoon at Athletic park and the two contests probably will draw a record breaking attendance. Van Wert has been considerably strengthened since the outfit last played here and is now one of the fastest teams in the league. Manager Jessup hopes to capture both of the games but the Quakers will be fortunate if they split even. Double headers seem to afflict the local players with stage fright. The batteries as announced for the first game, which will be called promptly at 2 o'clock, are as follows:
Richmond—Fleming and Jessup.
Van Wert—Romine and Farnam.
—Second Game—
Richmond—Horn and Jessup.
Van Wert—Hay and Farnam.
Romine has never been a difficult proposition for the locals and it is probable that they will connect with his curves again this afternoon—still you never can tell in baseball. Hay is pitching in his mid-season form again and will give the Quakers a run for their money. Richmond hit the ball hard in the recent Decatur series and it is hoped that they will keep up the good stick work until the close of the season.

Rain Prevents Game.
Kokomo, Ind., Sept. 7.—Rain prevented the game between Kokomo and Portland today and a double header is planned for tomorrow.

BLUFFTON SHUT OUT.
Saturday's Contest Was an Easy One For Decatur.

Decatur, Ind., Sept. 7.—Bluffton went down in defeat here today to the tune of 9 to 0 before the leaders and was never in the running. Kehl, who pitched for Decatur, was in rare form and held the visitors safe at all stages, only five hits being secured off his delivery. He forced seven men to fan. Guhl, who worked for Bluffton, was easy, and was hit at will, thirteen safe drives being secured off him. They all came when his meant runs. The only error credited to the locals was made by shortstop Wallace, who was too hasty in attempting a double play. The feature of the game was the hitting of Witham and Burns, the playing of first base by Witham. For the visitors shortstop Piffery put up the most brilliant game. Score:
R. H. E.
Bluffton . . . 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 4
Decatur . . . 3 0 4 0 0 1 0 1 3 1 3 1
Batteries—Guhl and Fogel; Kehl and Quinn. Two base hits—Witham, Burns, Kehl. Three base hit—Wallace. Bases on balls—Off Kehl, 7; off Guhl, 4. Struck out—By Kehl, 1; by Guhl, 1. Stolen bases—Johnson, 4; Behringer, 1. Hit by pitched ball—Piffery. Double plays—Behringer to Witham, Wallace to Behringer to Witham. Sacrifice hits—Pierce, Burns, Johnson, Ryan, Behringer. Time—1:30. Umpire—Arundel.

GOING TO WEST SONORA.
New Paris, O., Sept. 7.—The New Paris ball team will place the West Sonora ball team at the latter place, Sunday.

WON AT THE LIBERTY FAIR.
Cambridge City, Ind., Sept. 7.—Bira Boyd won three straight heats and first money in the 2:40 trot with May Barns at the Liberty fair; best time, 2:26½.

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THE BASEBALL RESULTS

NATIONAL LEAGUE STANDING.			
Chicago	Won.	Lost	Pct.
Chicago	22	16	.579
Pittsburgh	21	16	.568
New York	19	17	.526
Philadelphia	18	17	.518
Brooklyn	15	19	.441
Cincinnati	15	19	.441
Boston	15	19	.441
St. Louis	15	19	.441

Saturday's Results.
Philadelphia 1, New York 0, (first game).
Philadelphia 5, New York 9, (second game).
Chicago 5, Pittsburgh 4.
Brooklyn 3, Boston 1, (first game).
Brooklyn 2, Boston 0, (second game).
Cincinnati 4, St. Louis 3.

AMERICAN ASSN. STANDING.			
Columbus	Won	Lost	Pct.
Columbus	24	19	.558
Toledo	24	19	.558
Minneapolis	24	19	.558
Louisville	24	19	.558
Milwaukee	24	19	.558
Indianapolis	24	19	.558
Kansas City	24	19	.558
St. Paul	24	19	.558

Saturday's Results.
Columbus 4, Toledo 2.
Louisville 1, Indianapolis 6.
Milwaukee 11, St. Paul 3.
Kansas City 7, Minneapolis 1.

AMERICAN LEAGUE STANDING.			
Philadelphia	Won	Lost	Pct.
Philadelphia	24	19	.558
Detroit	24	19	.558
Chicago	24	19	.558
Cleveland	24	19	.558
New York	24	19	.558
Boston	24	19	.558
St. Louis	24	19	.558
Washington	24	19	.558

Saturday's Results.
Philadelphia 8, New York 4.
Detroit 4, Cleveland 3.
Chicago 4, St. Louis 0.
Washington 1, Boston 0, (1st game).
Washington 4, Boston 1, (2d game).

CENTRAL LEAGUE CLOSE COMES WITH TODAY

Springfield, Grand Rapids and Canton Unsettled.

DAYTON NOT SATISFIED.

Terre Haute, Ind., Sept. 7.—The Central League race, which will end tomorrow, is decided, except as between Evansville, Canton and Terre Haute, which are bunched within a range of eleven points for third position, as they were a week ago, and in the order named. The Springfield leaders improved their standing from .639 to .651 in the week, and Wheeling, in second place, from .559 to .573. Dayton, Grand Rapids and South Bend trail off to the bottom of the column, with no chance for a change before the end in their relative positions, which is especially disappointing to Dayton, whose fans believed Malachi Kittredge, the new manager, could land the club in the first division. Now they are calling for another manager for next season. Seven men have served in that capacity in two seasons.

ARRANGE A POST-SEASON SERIES.
Connersville, Ind., Sept. 7.—The Connersville team will go to Hamilton, Sunday, where it will open a post-season series with the Krebs. The Krebs beat Connersville out in the K. I. O. race, but the teams quit on even terms each winning one game.

BATS AT GREAT CLIP.
Toledo, O., Sept. 7.—Ernie Diehl, the Cincinnati infielder, is batting at a great clip for Toledo. His average up to date is .357.

WILL GO TO CONNERSVILLE.
Cambridge City, Ind., Sept. 7.—The Little Giants base ball club will go to Connersville Sunday where it will have a game with a team of its caliber. An exciting contest is expected.

TALKING OF A GUN CLUB.
Economy, Ind., Sept. 7.—There is talk of organizing a gun club here this fall with the following sportsmen back of it: Anderson, Cook, Edwards, Atkinson, Massey and Will Stoltz.

GOSNELL WINS IN PENNSYLVANIA.
Cambridge City, Ind., Sept. 7.—Curt Gosnell won first money with May Barns, J. S. Lackey's green trotter, and third money with Flying Jim at the races near Pittsburgh, Penn.

MONDAY TO BE ONE OF FAIR'S BIG RACING DAYS

The Speed Program Promises Excellent Sport.

NINETEEN EVENTS ON CARD.

Indianapolis, Sept. 7.—Indiana's great state fair, with the biggest racing program in its history, will be opened Monday. There will be five days of racing, with four races each day. As last year, Monday will be one of the biggest days and one of the biggest crowds of the week is expected. The first race on the program will be the pacing division of the Western Horseman stake for a purse of \$2,100. A big field will face the starter. Thursday is expected to be the other big day, although the racing program is so evenly balanced that there is really little difference. Almost 300 trotters and pacers are now quartered at the track. The racing program follows:

Monday, September 9.	
Western Horseman stake, three-year-old pacers, two in three (closed)	\$2,100
2:12 trot	800
2:16 pace	800
2:30 stake trot (closed)	2,000
Tuesday, September 10.	
Free-for-all pace	\$800
2:18 trot	800
2:25 stake race (closed)	2,000
2:24 trot	800
Wednesday, September 11.	
2:15 stake trot (closed)	\$2,000
2:19 pace	800
2:27 trot	800
2:27 trot	800
2:13 pace	800
Thursday, September 12.	
Western Horseman stake, three-year-old trotters, two in three (closed)	\$4,100
2:11 stake pace (closed)	2,000
2:09 trot	800
2:08 pace	800
Friday, September 13.	
2:21 trot	\$800
2:22 pace	800
Free-for-all trot	800

CAMBRIDGE GRAYS TO MEET WONDERLANDS

A Good Ball Game Is Expected At Cambridge City Today.

A CHANGE IN THE LINEUP.

Cambridge City, Ind., Sept. 7.—The line-up for the Grays Sunday afternoon will be a change from that of previous games, as Silverdecker will be on short and Murrely in the box, with Boyd the twirler from Greensfork, on the bench. The other positions will be fielded the same as heretofore. No doubt it will be an exciting and close contest, as the Wonderlands put up a good game when they visited here before. The local team has been strengthened since that time and anticipates a victory.

Throwing Mud.
Unless words without meaning are used a person's vocabulary must be bounded by his knowledge. Many years ago I was teaching a class of poor children in the school connected with the Church of St. Paul's, Covent Garden. One day I exhibited a picture of a bayfield with men carting hay. I asked the children what the men were throwing up into the cart. They answered, without a moment's hesitation, "Mud!" It then occurred to me for the first time that these children had never seen a bayfield or the carting of hay, but the scavenger's cart, carting mud, they were quite familiar with, and hence they spoke within their knowledge.—London Notes and Queries.

The Word "Tar."
Why is the word "tar" a synonym for "sailor"? Some dictionaries say that the allusion is to the seaman's tarry hands and clothes—the "savory of tar" of Stephano's song in "The Tempest." Burns uses "tarrybrooks" as equivalent to "sailor." But it is regarded as much more probable that "tar" is short for "tarpaulin," since Clarendon and other writers colloquially use "tarpaulin" to signify a seaman. Of course, this ultimately gets back to tar, a tarpaulin being a tarred "pailing," or covering (the same word as "pail").

Sure of His Choir.
A peppery New England parson who was disturbed by his choir during prayer time got even with them when he gave out his closing hymn by adding, "I hope the entire congregation will join in singing their grand old hymn, and I know the choir will, for I heard them humming it during the prayer."

A Curio.
Reggy Frappe—Yes, I met the charming Miss Flasher when she was on her tour, and she asked me for my picture, weally. Miss Tabasco—Yes, I heard her say she was collecting pictures of all the curious objects she ran across in this country.—Chicago News.

The Exceptions.
Mrs. White—And do you mean to say that you and your husband always agree about everything? Mrs. Black—Always—except, of course, now and then, when he's out of humor or pig-headed, or something of that sort.—London Answers.

INSECT ENGINEERING

FEATS OF THE CARPENTER BEE AND THE TUMBLEBUG.

The Sexton Beetle Is an Expert Gravedigger—Wonderful Skill of the Spider and the Great Strain That His Elastic Web Will Bear.

Long before man had thought of the saw fly had used the same tool, made after the same fashion and used in the same way, for the purpose of making slits in the branches of trees so that she might have a secure place to deposit her eggs. The carpenter bee, with only the tools which nature has given her, cuts a round hole, the full diameter of her body, through thick boards and so makes a tunnel by which she can have a safe retreat in which to rear her young. The tumblebug, without derrick or machinery, rolls over large masses of dirt many times her own weight, and the sexton beetle will in a few hours bury beneath the ground the carcass of a comparatively large animal. All these feats require a degree of instinct which in a reasoning creature would be called engineering skill, but none of them is as wonderful as the feats performed by the spider. This extraordinary little animal has the faculty of propelling her threads directly against the wind, and by means of her slender cords she can haul up and suspend bodies which are many times her own weight.

Some years ago a paragraph went the rounds of the papers in which it was said that a spider had suspended an unfortunate mouse, raising it from the ground and leaving it to perish miserably between heaven and earth. Would be philosophers made great fun of the statement and ridiculed it unmercifully. I know not how true it was, but I know that it might have been true.

Some years ago in the village of Havana in the state of New York a spider entangled a milk snake in her threads and actually raised it some distance from the ground, and this, too, in spite of the struggles of the reptile, which was alive.

By what process of engineering did this comparatively small and feeble insect succeed in overcoming and lifting up by mechanical means the mouse or the snake? The solution is easy enough if we only give the question a little thought. The spider is furnished with one of the most efficient mechanical implements known to engineers—viz, a strong elastic thread. That the thread is strong is well known. Indeed, there are few substances that will support a greater strain than the silk of the silkworm or the spider, careful experiment has shown that for equal sizes the strength of the spider's threads exceeds that of common iron. But notwithstanding its strength the spider's thread would be useless as a mechanical power if it were not for its elasticity. The spider has no blocks or pulleys, and therefore it cannot cause the thread to divide up and run in different directions, but the elasticity of the thread more than makes up for this and renders possible the lifting of an animal much heavier than a mouse or a snake. This may require a little explanation.

Let us suppose that a child can lift a six pound weight one foot high and do this twenty times a minute. Furnish him with 350 rubber bands, each capable of pulling six pounds through one foot when stretched. Let these bands be attached to a wooden platform on which stands a pair of horses weighing 2,100 pounds, or rather more than a ton. If now the child will go to work and stretch these rubber bands singly, hooking them end up as it is stretched, in less than twenty minutes he will have raised the pair of horses one foot.

We thus see that the elasticity of the rubber bands enables the child to divide the weight of horses into 350 pieces of six pounds each, and, at the rate of a little less than one every three seconds, he lifts all these separate pieces one foot, so that the child easily lifts this enormous weight.

Each spider's thread acts like one of the elastic rubber bands. Let us suppose that the mouse or snake weighed half an ounce and that each thread is capable of supporting a grain and a half. The spider would have to connect the mouse with the point from which it was to be suspended with 150 threads, and if the little quadruped was once swung off his feet he would be powerless. By pulling successively on each thread, and shortening it a little, the mouse or snake might be raised to any height within the capacity of the building or structure in which the work was done. So that to those who have ridiculed the story we may justly say, "There are more things in heaven and earth than are dreamed of in your philosophy."

What object the spider could have had in his work I am unable to see. It may have been a dread of the harm which the mouse or snake might work or it may have been the hope that the decaying carcass would attract flies, which would furnish food for the engineer. I can vouch for the truth of the snake story, however, and the object of this article is to explain and render credible a very extraordinary feat of insect engineering.—Folios of Science.

Era of Actium.
The "era of Actium," adopted during the early days of the Roman empire, commemorates the great victory gained by Octavius over the troops of Antony and Cleopatra, Jan. 1, B. C. 30. It was often used among the Romans both in writing and colloquially, just as in England people speak of events as occurring before or after the conquest, or as persons in this country frequently refer to events as having happened before or after the war.

A straight life is the shortest distance between honesty and honor.—Saturday Evening Post.

A Specimen of Real Irish Wit.
The king heard one real Irish yarn in Ireland. On the train there was a typical Irish honeymooning couple. You never heard such sweet blarneying tones in your life as came from the happy groom. Every time the girl spoke there was "I will, my joel," and "Ochone, my joel," and "To be sure, my joel," utterly oblivious of other auditors. At last the blushing bride bridled. "Whist, Tim darlin', not so much joel!" "And why not, joel?" "Whist, I tell ye, there's thaves about."—Grand Magazine.

THE FALL OF NATIONS

How Great World Powers Have Passed Into History.

MOST HAVE DIED FIGHTING.

The Struggle Between the Empire of the East and the Empire of the West. Venice, Its Secret Three and Its Long Reign of Terror.

Most countries which have died have gone down fighting. The Roman empire perished like that, and by the irony of fate the power of the Caesars came to an end far away from Rome. After it had existed for centuries the Roman empire became so vast and unwieldy that it had to be divided into two, the empire of the west and the empire of the east. The capital of the former was Rome.

The empire of the west became so weak at last that it could make no stand against its enemies. Rome was sacked by the barbarians and eventually became not the capital of a vast empire, but the city of the popes, over which the pontiffs reigned as kings. The temporal power of the popes lasted till 1870, while the capital of Italy was first Turin and then Milan. Finally the city was taken without a real fight by the soldiers of the king of Italy.

The empire of the east had its capital at Constantinople. For centuries it was the greatest power in the world. But it became honeycombed with vice and enervated with pride and luxury; also it grew old and weak. Then in 1422 the Turks made a tigerish spring on Constantinople and took it by storm. The last of the Greek emperors died sword in hand, and his descendants are living in England today in very humble situations.

Egypt, once so powerful and so famous under the pharaohs, was conquered by Rome and was afterward swamped by the Moslems. The crescent was supreme in the land of the Nile, and the aforetime haughty Egyptians were slaves for a thousand years. The great moguls used to reign in India. In the days of Queen Elizabeth the mogul—or emperor of Delhi, as he was sometimes called—was so powerful that he thought it a vast concession on his part to receive an embassy from the maiden queen. But as time went on the great rajahs, or tributary kings, rebelled against the moguls. India was rent asunder by the wars between rival rajahs. This gave the Europeans a chance.

France at first held the upper hand and nearly conquered the land, but then England drove France back and seized the empire of the great moguls for herself. The heir of the moguls, by the way, still enjoys a pension given by the British government as a compensation for the throne lost by his ancestors.

Poland used to occupy a big place on the map of Europe. At one time it

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was much larger and stronger than Russia. The czar of Russia and the emperor of Austria were only too glad to be on good terms with the king of Poland, and there was no king of Prussia in those days.

Noble adventurers from all parts of the world flocked to the Polish capital at Warsaw, eager to serve in the Polish armies. The Duke of Monmouth, son of King Charles II. of England, was thought of doing this.

But Poland perished through her own faults and follies. The mass of the common people were slaves in all but name. They were not allowed to move from one part of the country to another without leave, they could not own a foot of land, and they could never be sure that they might not be sold by the great nobles they served to a new master; hence the nobles and the people never stood together in times of danger or disaster.

Poland was a big country, but it was divided against itself, and Russia, Prussia and Austria combined were more powerful. They all three joined hands, and each took a large share of Poland in 1772. That was the "first partition of Poland." The Poles submitted tamely, for they were still divided.

In 1793 the trio of robbers made a second swoop. Only the ghost of Poland was left. Another year saw the end of the tragedy. The last remnants of Poland were swallowed up by Russia, Prussia and Austria.

The fate of the republic of Venice is one of the most dramatic in all history. For hundreds of years the City of the Lagoons was one of the most powerful states in the world. Its doges ranked as the equals of the proudest kings. Its alliance was coveted by the great powers. Its government was one of sheer terrorism. The doge was hardly more than a splendid figurehead. All real power rested in the

hands of the dreaded council of ten and the secret three. The latter were a trio of living mysteries and were known by name to practically no one in Venice.

Sometimes a man was one of the secret three and his own wife and children never dreamed it. Their most dreaded servants were masked mutes. If a Venetian, no matter how high his rank, was denounced by the council of ten or the secret three, he knew he was no better than a dead man. So the government of Venice was a terror to its own people and the outside world. Then Napoleon came upon the scene, and "the lion of St. Mark licked the dust."—Pearson's Weekly.

"I have generally found that the man who is good at an excuse is good for nothing else," said Franklin to a servant who was always late, but always ready with an excuse.

Superstitious Bonapartes.
The Bonapartes always were superstitious, especially the mother of Napoleon. She always had a presentiment that the rise and fall of her family would occur in the same century, that the glory which was prophesied for them would be followed by disaster. And the prediction was verified. She died in her eighty-seventh year, having lived long enough to see the downfall of all her children. Napoleon I always feared Dec. 2 as an unlucky day, and it is related of him that before every important battle he would throw dice to ascertain if he were to lose or win. The "red men" whom he always saw going to battle with him was a delusion that caused him much suffering.

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