

ENOUGH VOTERS NOW SECURED

County Local Option Petition
Signed by More Than the
Required Number.

"DRYS" SEEM CONFIDENT.

THINK THAT SALOONS WILL BE
DRIVEN FROM WAYNE COUNTY
—DATE OF PRESENTATION NOT
YET DECIDED.

"What has become of the county local option matter, is it still alive?" was asked one of the men most prominently connected with the movement, last night. He replied the proposition is very much alive and when the time comes it will be found just about the most animated thing that has appeared in this county for many moons. "We are keeping quiet about the matter but working every bit as hard as if we were doing a whole lot of talking," was stated by the gentleman referred to. From other remarks it was to be gathered that the local option promoters will not be found asleep at the switch.

Enough Signatures.
The petitions that have been in circulation have been signed by more than the required number of voters. The intention now is to present this petition at the first meeting of the commissioners in January, but if it be decided not to do so, the same petition will be retained for presentation afterward. It is probable, also, that the petition will not be filed so very long in advance of the date set for presentation. Those who have circulated the petition, have a reason for not wishing the document to remain on file longer than is necessary.

Success Predicted.
The promoters of the option agitation declare they have every reason to believe they will be successful, when the election is held. They realize a strong opposition will be encountered but feel Wayne will become a dry county. They look upon the fact that Wayne was one of the few counties in the state having a large city that was carried by Watson on the county local option plank as a favorable omen. They argue there will be more than enough anti-saloon democrats vote with the drys to offset the loss of republicans who will vote wet.

CONFEDERATE FLAGS.

The Stars and Bars and Then the Red Battleflag.

The first Confederate flag was the stars and bars, a blue field and three stripes, one white and two red, and on the blue field seven white stars in a circle, a star for each state that up to that time had seceded. In battle, however, it was seen that this banner bore altogether too close a resemblance to the stars and stripes, and thus there came into use the Confederate battleflag, the origin of which seems to have been as follows:

This is the statement of General William L. Cabell: "When the Confederate army commanded by General Beauregard and the Federal army confronted each other at Manassas, it was seen that the Confederate flag and the stars and stripes looked at a distance so much alike that it was hard to distinguish one from the other. General Beauregard, thinking that serious mistakes might be made in recognizing our troops, after the battle of July 18, at Blackburn Ford, ordered that a small badge should be worn on the left shoulder by our troops and, as I was chief quartermaster, ordered me to purchase a large amount of red flannel and to distribute it to each regiment."

This Confederate battleflag was adopted in September, 1861, and was designed by Generals Johnston and Beauregard. Red was its color, with a blue St. Andrew's cross reaching from corner to corner and white stars on the cross representing the different southern states. The women of the south made these flags by hundreds out of their red and blue silk dresses. Miss Constance Cary, who afterward became Mrs. Burton Harrison, the well known novelist, was one of the three southern girls who made the first three battleflags.—Magazine of American History.

Lady—I've been expecting a packet of medicine by post for a week, and I haven't received it yet.

P. O. Clerk—Yes, madam. Kindly fill in this form and state the nature of your complaint.

Lady—Well, if you must know, it's biliousness!—Punch.

SPORTING BRIEFS.

Hot Springs will lay out six baseball grounds for major league spring training purposes.

Wonder if Hans Wagner's dip in the circus game will cause his retirement from baseball?

The Detroit Americans have picked up Deacon Rogers, a giant college pitcher, who was the star of the Arkansas State league last season.

Bat Nelson says that the only fighters who ever hurt him were Martin Canale, Young Corbett and Joe Gans. That's tough on the others.

A running race that would bring together in American such men as Hayes, Longboat, Shrubbs and Dorando would be worth going miles to see.

Wrestler Hjalmar Lundén, who has returned from a visit to Sweden, says: "If Gotch and Hackenschmidt come together again it will be the Chicago match over again, for Hack will never throw the American. A few years ago the Russian could have downed him, but he has not got the stuff in him now."

FOOTBALL CAPTAINS.

Many Colleges Have Chosen
Leaders For 1909 Elevens.

PAGE TO LEAD CHICAGO.

Maroon's Speedy End Was Elected on
Train After Wisconsin Game—Siegl-
ing to Head Tigers—Coy Yale's Pilot.
Regnier Brown's Captain.

Several of the big football teams have chosen their captains for 1909, while a number of others are a little late in selecting their leaders. In most cases the big teams will lose the majority of the 1908 stars, and they wish to weigh the merits of the men remaining before making the important selection.

Pat Page, generally considered the best end that ever played on a University of Chicago football team, was elected captain of the 1909 maroon eleven in the private car of the maroons on the way back from Madison after the Wisconsin game. The selection of the little right end was not only unanimous, but spontaneous. Counting the votes was a joke.

This was Page's second year of varsity football, but it may also be said to have been only his second season of experience in the game, as the prep school from which he came, Lewis Institute, has not been represented by a football team for a number of years. Page developed in two seasons of play. When the hero came to the Midway three years ago he had only the training of some vacant lot football and generally was raw material. He did not lack, however, in physique, nerve or shiftness, and Stagg saw immediately that he had a man who might be developed, just as the maroon coach made from green material such players as Slaker and Bezdek.

All Page needed was experience, and after one season on the varsity team he blossomed into an end whom many critics hold to be the greatest that ever played on a western gridiron—at least the best Stagg has had in his many years of coaching at the Midway. There seems to be no other end in the west this year who classes with him.

Page is the greatest all around athlete Stagg has. He is not only a star in football, but is the star pitcher of the conference colleges and a star basketball player, one of the best on the Chicago national collegiate championship team last winter. He is also a champion five mile runner.

The new captain is five feet seven inches in height and weighs 140 pounds. He was born and always has lived in Chicago.

Edward Harris Coy, for two years fullback on the Yale varsity eleven, has been selected to lead Yale next season. Coy is a New Haven boy, and he is the first New Haven boy to be elected captain in over twenty-five years, the only other one having been Walter Camp, who was captain in 1878 and 1879. The election was by no means unanimous, Stephen H. Philbin of New York receiving several votes. The friends of Coy forced an early election so that it could not be fixed the way it has been in some of the past years. After the choice, which was made by secret balloting, was announced the election was made unanimous. Captain Elect Coy is one of the most brilliant and sensational players Yale has had in many years. He is twenty years old, the youngest captain ever chosen.

Rudolph C. Siegling of Charleston, S. C., is to head the Princeton football team next season. Siegling is a junior and has played left tackle two years. He is six feet tall and weighs 208 pounds.

Adrian Edward Regnier of Dorchester, Mass., has been elected captain of next year's varsity football team at Brown university. He plays right end on the team and is also a member of the baseball and basketball teams, being captain of the latter.

Dickinson's football team has honored Frank Mount Pleasant, the famous Indian quarter and halfback and all around athlete, by electing him captain of the football eleven. Mount Pleasant prepared for Dickinson college by two years' study at Carlisle.

Pulliam Signs New Umpire.

President Pulliam has signed a new National league umpire in the person of Cusack, a big fellow who worked with a good deal of success in the American association last season. This makes seven umpires on the National league list, and that will be all. Three of the men—namely, O'Day, Klem and Owens—will be assigned to duty behind the bat in every game in which they officiate. Emslie, Rigler, Johnstone and Cusack will be field umpires, but one of them will have to work behind the bat whenever there are four league games in one day.

Camp Explains Rule on Fair Catch.
Walter Camp has the following to say in regard to the rule governing a fair football catch:

"At the meetings of the officials and coaches to discuss interpretations last year and at the rules committee meeting it was clearly brought out that a man who has an opportunity to make a fair catch must not be interfered with. He has the right of way, and his opponents who are off side may not run into him until the ball reaches him. This ruling is made on the theory that he may put his hand on it the last minute."

Thirteen Wins For The Contractor.
The Contractor, 2:09 1/4, has won thirteen races this season, all on half mile tracks.

Tender Tributes.

Tenderly she laid the silent white form beside those that had gone before. She made no outcry; she did not weep. Such a moment was too precious to be spent in idle tears. But soon there came a time when it seemed as if nature must give way. She lifted her voice and cried loud and long. Her cries were taken up by others who were near, and it echoed and re-echoed over the grounds. Then suddenly all was still. What was the use of it all? She would surely lay another egg tomorrow.—Kansas City Journal.



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Mrs. Peck is 79 years old and was recently arrested in New York, and is declared to be the most notorious woman thief in the world.

Affairs of the Sporting World

Dode Birmingham, the fast outfielder of the Naps, has just been successfully operated on for varicose veins.

Bill Brannon is now goal tending for the Pawtucket polo team, and is said to be a screaming success. As a first baseman in the New York State league, he was about the real goods, too.

Even St. Louis and Cincinnati papers admit that Jawn McGraw appears to have secured the best of the three-cornered deal just put across the boards. So do we.

A Cleveland scribe who took in the base ball meeting, informed us that N. Lajoie will stand pat on his team this season. With a little brainwork thrown in those Naps would have copied a pennant long before this.

Get this one: They must think Brooklyn never say any ready coin. It comes from an exchange: "Some cruel joker sent out the report that the Boston club wanted to sell Bill Dahlen outright to Brooklyn and the price asked was \$11,000. Where on earth could Brooklyn dig up that sum?"

Rube Waddell, the eccentric, says that next year will find him at his best. Edward claims that with Criger behind the plate he will be able to twirl much better ball than he has displayed for several seasons. This pair will make the other American League clubs hustle in order to beat them.

"Pop" Anson has originated a scheme whereby he, with the aid of some Chicago promoters, could start a league in the Windy City exclusively. The league is to be a sort of preparatory school for the youngsters who are capable of entering the big leagues.

President Taylor, of the Boston Americans, is satisfied with the deal with the St. Louis club whereby he secured the services of Catcher Ed Spencer and a cash consideration, said

to be \$5,000, in exchange for Catcher Lou Criger. "The sentiment among base ball men appears to be that I made a foolish deal," said the Boston magnate. "It may look bad to every one during the next season, but I am convinced that in the long run the base ball public will realize I acted wisely. Spencer is still a young man and a good catcher. Criger's best years have passed and he is no longer in the best of health—in fact, he never has been his old self since he had trouble with his back."

M'ALEER WANTS OLD CY YOUNG

Reported Veteran Pitcher May
Be Sold to St. Louis
Browns.

Cleveland, O., Dec. 19.—Ed Bang, who has watched the sale of Lou Criger more than other baseball authority, said that when McAleer got Criger, Cy Young, who has played with Lou for years, would be easy. "Now that McAleer has Criger in the St. Louis Browns, says Bang, 'Cy Young's going to the same outfit is not only possible but probable. McAleer killed two birds with one stone when he made the deal with Boston that gave Criger to the Browns. Did he have Cy Young in mind when he took away the veteran's running mate? It looks mighty probable. It begins to look as if McAleer put two and two together and told his boss to go to the limit with Criger."

Wax obtained by boiling crude ozocerite obtained from the bituminous shales of central Poland and Hungary is used for candles by the peasants.

"BAT" NELSON SHOULD ELIMINATE HIMSELF

Tony Ryan Thinks He Would
Do Game Good.

Chicago, December 19.—"If Batting Nelson would like to cause some real excitement in the lightweight class and do the boxing game a genuine service," says Tommy Ryan, "he could do it in short order. Let him announce that he retires from the

game, definitely and immediately, and that he will not re-enter until the bunch of minor lightweights has sifted out the one man whom the public thinks best fitted to encounter him. Bat recently suggested that the lightweights have a set of elimination contests among themselves, but his declaration that he would be ready to fight in February or March gave the other fellows an excellent excuse to dodge one another.

"Each of them imagined that when February came he would be the one man selected to meet Bat and reap the harvest, and each hated the idea of letting any other fellow trim him and thus beat him to the Nelson match. As long as Bat says he will return at any definite period, just so long the others will avoid doing any fighting among themselves, but if he will decide to quit and not to come back until a logical candidate is selected, no matter how many months it takes, they will be forced to action. Talk about Nelson dodging fights! It looks more as if the rest of them were dodging one another."

How Words Change.
A century and a half ago "fun," a word of Irish origin, was considered "shockingly low." "Mob," too, was a word "no self respecting gentleman would use" till Pope boldly wrote "the mob of gentlemen who write with ease." Of "humbus" a writer in 1750 said: "I will venture to affirm that this 'humbus' is neither an English word nor a derivative from any other language. It is, indeed, a blackguard sound. It is a fine makeweight in conversation, and some great men deceive themselves so egregiously as to think they mean something by it."

JOHN L. A SCRIBE

Old Gladiator to Be Sporting
Editor of the Boston
American.

WILL BE HERE DEC. 29TH.

John L. Sullivan, the king of all prize fighters, who will give an exhibition sparring match at the New Phillips, Tuesday, December 29, with Jake Kilrain, is to become a full fledged newspaper man, according to the following, Boston, Mass., dispatch, received last night:

John L. Sullivan is going to be a regular newspaper man. The vigorous old champion of champions has signed a contract by which he becomes sporting editor of the Boston American. Despite the fact that the gladiator now has theatrical engagements in the West, he will enter on his new duties at once, utilizing the American's special wires to keep in touch with the sporting events and furnish his paper its daily articles.

On completion of his tour Mr. Sullivan will again settle down as an editorial writer on all subjects covered in the sporting field. In addition to this he will conduct a question and answer department.

Four essentials of clubdom are the billiard ball, the highball, the black ball and the loser who won't bowl.—Kansas City Times.

POLO COLISEUM

Wednesday, CITY LEAGUE
Dec. 23. GAME CALLED
7:30

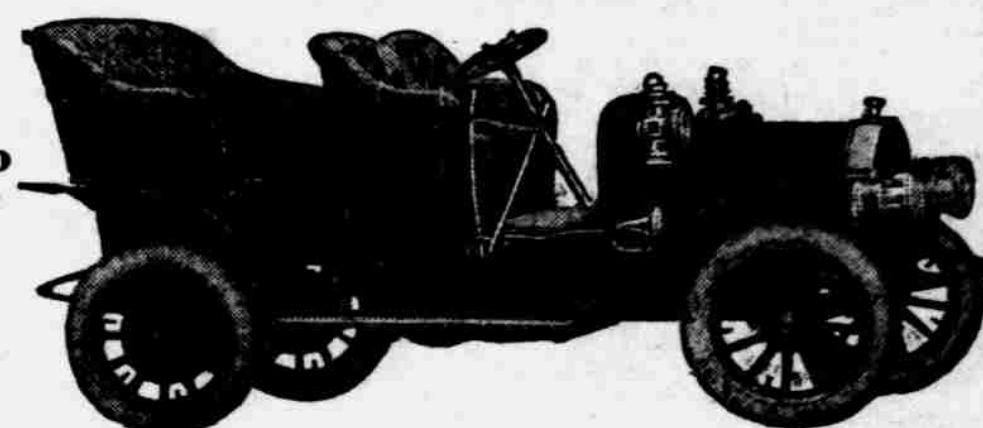
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