

PASTIMES.

Close of the Second Eastern Tour of the Western Clubs.

A Quadrilateral Victory for Chicago and Her Following.

Announcement of the White Stocking Team for '77.

Programme for the Rest of the Championship Season.

Various Personal and General Base-Ball Notes of Interest.

The Frolic the Winner of Yesterday's Great Yacht Race.

BASE-BALL.

WHITE STOCKINGS VS. BOSTON RED STOCKINGS.

Special Dispatch to The Tribune.

BOSTON, Sept. 16.—Fully 3,000 people witnessed the eighth game of the series, played in this city to-day, between the Chicago and Boston. The first part of the game was very interesting, and when the Reds made a run in the fourth inning and took the lead, the audience became very enthusiastic, and began to look forward to a Boston victory; but the three earned runs made by the visitors in the fifth inning dispelled all such hopes, and from this out the good plays on both sides were applauded. George Wright opened up the game by a long, high hit to centre field, which Hines misjudged, and was unable to field the ball on account of his recent injury, and by the time Addy had got the ball George had crossed the home-plate. The remaining three strikers went out in one, two, three order. The Boston got their second and last run in the fourth inning. Moran hit safely, after two men were out, and White's wild throw to second to cut him off in attempting to steal, and Hines' failure to stop the ball, allowed him to score. The home nine failed to hit Spalding with any effect after this, and went out in nearly every inning in the order of coming to bat. A two-base hit by White and a single by Spalding in the second inning gave the Whites an earned run. They failed to score again until the fifth inning, when Barnes hit safely, and successive base hits by McVey, Peters, and White earned three more runs, and gave them what proved to be the winning lead. They added one in the sixth inning, and two more in the eighth. Glenn's fine batting assisting materially in both instances. The Chicago played a very strong game, both at the bat and the field, only three errors marring their record, and but for Hines' lameness the Boston would probably not have scored a run during the game. The umpiring of Daniels was satisfactory. Appended is

THE OFFICIAL SCORE:

Table with columns: Chicago, Boston, and individual player statistics (Barnes, Anson, McVey, etc.) with columns for Runs, Hits, Errors, and other metrics.

Runs scored, Runs earned, Innings, Home runs, Total bases on hits, First base on errors, Bases on called balls, Empire—Charles Daniels.

ON MONDAY the Boston nine of '75 will play a picked nine from the two clubs, with Bradley as pitcher for the latter, and on Tuesday the Whites play in Binghamton, Wednesday in Syracuse, and Thursday in Toledo.

ST. LOUIS VS. HARTFORD.

HARTFORD, Sept. 16.—The following was the result of the game to-day between the Hartford and St. Louis nines: Innings—1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9; St. Louis—0 1 0 0 2 0 3 0 0—6; Hartford—0 1 0 1 0 1 1 0 0—4.

LOUISVILLE VS. ATHLETICS.

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 16.—The base-ball game here to-day resulted as follows: Innings—1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9; Louisville—0 0 1 0 1 0 1 0 2—7; Athletics—3 0 0 0 0 1 1 0 0—6.

CINCINNATI VS. MUTUAL.

NEW YORK, Sept. 16.—The following is the result of the game between the Cincinnati and Mutual Clubs played here to-day: Innings—1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9; Cincinnati—2 3 1 0 0 3 0 0 0—9; Mutual—0 0 1 0 0 0 2 3 0—6.

THE CHICAGOS OF '77.

The management of the Chicago Club should have the thanks of all its stockholders for the "strenuous" which it guards the doings of the directors. Mr. President Hulbert, while affable, is unsatisfactory, and any attempt to get an answer to a question from him about the future policy of the organization, of which he is the only visible head, is as fruitless as it would be to attempt to perceive a prominent bone in his well-fed body. For instance, when he was yesterday asked about next year's engagements, he was politely oblivious of the query, and it remains unanswered. No doubt he had some good reason for his silence; but nevertheless THE TRIBUNE claims that it is right in saying that the club has made several contracts for next year, and that the official announcement will be made within a few days. The men assumed to have signed are a sufficient guarantee of the character of the Chicago Club for 1877, and whether their engagements are supplemented by those of the remainder of the champion nine of 1876 or not, enough is known and now announced to give good promise of the same success for 1877 that has attended the White Stockings of 1876.

Taking its information as true, THE TRIBUNE announces with great pleasure the re-engagement of A. G. Spalding for 1877. To be sure, there never was much doubt that he would remain with the champions, but it is satisfactory to know that he has contracted to do so. When the end of the season's play is made up he will be found to have been the most successful pitcher in the country in the matter of runs earned off his delivery. Hoscoe C. Barnes has also signed to play with Chicago for 1877. He is the best known ball-player in the country, and the stand head and shoulders above any other batsman living. His average up to last night was 2.20 hits to a game, and in his games with the Mutual Club he stands credited with 24 hits in eight games, an average of three, which is believed to be the best ever made for that number of games off so good a pitcher as Mathews. John P. Peters has also affixed his name to a document binding him to play here next year. His record for this year is better all around than that of any other short-stop, and his batting is up to 1.61 to a game. He is so great a favorite in the city that his loss would be at once noted and felt by the patrons of the game. Calvin A. McVey comes under the list of re-engaged men, though, as a matter of fact, he signed for two years when he came here. He is the only player living who can fill all the positions in good shape. He is as effective a pitcher as DeVin, as sure and steady a catcher as White; as few errors on first as Start, as played second with acceptance; was short stop and third in the Lord Baltimore nine, and showed that he was a leader in Cincinnati and Boston. Add to

this that he stands next to Barnes in batting, and you can see what he is made of.

The only new man whose contract has been taken in wait, now playing with the New Havens has evidently been engaged for what promise there is, "a big man," fair batter, and needs nothing so much as a year's practice under Spalding to make him a player.

The remainder of the nine remains a question of the future. THE CHAMPIONSHIP. The contest for the championship pennant is narrowing down so far that every score and game are watched with the greatest interest in this city. Matters have now reached such a stage that it is clear that Chicago must win unless thrown out by the interposition of some extraordinary accident. The standing of the clubs up to last evening was as follows:

Table showing Championship Standings with columns: Clubs, Played, Won, Lost, To play, and Games won.

A summary of the above shows the clubs occupying the following relative positions in the race: Clubs, Played, Won, Lost, To play, Games won.

This shows the St. Louis Club for the first time this season fairly and undoubtedly in second place. They have hitherto been behind in games lost, but are now even with their opponents in that regard and ahead on games won.

The League laws provide that all the games of any club which fails to carry out its engagements shall be thrown out at the end of the season. The Athletics have formally announced that they intend to fail to make a Western trip, and their games will, of course, be cast out in deciding the championship. It is therefore, deemed proper to present a revised championship table with the Athletics left out throughout. It is as follows:

Table showing Championship Standings (revised) with columns: Clubs, Played, Won, Lost, To play, and Games won.

The summary of this table is as follows: Clubs, Played, Won, Lost, To play, Games won.

The championship matter now stands as follows: The Chicago Club has two games each to play with the Hartford, Mutual, and Boston Clubs, or six in all. If it wins any one of these the St. Louis cannot catch up, even if it should win all the eight games it has to play.

WEST VS. EAST.

Yesterday, the last day of the last Eastern trip of the Western clubs was made memorable by the fact that for the first time this season the Westerners won every one of the four games played. This helps to make the showing of the West throughout the trip a most excellent one, as follows:

Table showing West vs. East results with columns: West, Won, Lost, East, Won, Lost, Total.

THE FUTURE OF THE CAMPAIGN.

The announcements for the future of the Louisville Club are: Sept. 18, Harrisburg; Sept. 19, Atlanta; Sept. 20 and 21, Pittsburg; Sept. 22 and 23, Welling; Sept. 30 and Oct. 2, Boston at Louisville; Oct. 4 and 5, Hartford at Louisville.

A dispatch from Boston, dated Friday, says that the ball season there will close, as far as the Western clubs are concerned, by a game Monday between the Chicago and Boston of 1875. This will be very difficult, because, while all the Boston clubs of that year are in the present Chicago and Boston Clubs, the Chicago of 1875 are scattered throughout the Chicago, Athletic, Louisville, Hartford, Indianapolis, Franklin, and other clubs, and the Treasury Department. The game, if played, will be merely the Boston against a picked nine.

The Chicago-St. Louis game on the Union Grounds, Brooklyn, is off in consequence of a protest entered by another League Club against its being played. If either of the managements of the Western clubs had taken the pains to look at Sec. 2 of Art. V. of the League Constitution, they would have found it provided that no League club shall be permitted to play a game with any other club than the one occupying the grounds within five miles of the city, not even with the consent of the local League Club. This cuts off the Chicago-St. Louis game very clearly, and although there is no penalty announced for a violation of the rule, yet the Western members of the League have too much judgment to break down the code made by their representatives. This will serve to explain to inquirers why the Brooklyn game for to-morrow is off, and the Boston game substituted for it.

The White Stockings, closing their Eastern championship engagements yesterday, are expected to play in Boston Monday as elsewhere noted. They will then start for home, stopping in Syracuse Wednesday to play the Stars, and reaching New York Thursday evening or Friday morning. The first Thursday evening or Friday morning, the first Chicago games that can be announced with certainty for a Chicago audience are with Boston, on the Twenty-third street grounds, Friday and Saturday of this week. They will be well attended, both as a welcome to the champions of this and last year, and because it has been some time since a game was played here. Only six more games will be played in Chicago this season, and the dates for the Hartford and Mutuals have not yet been fixed with certainty. The disintegration of the Athletics has deprived the Chicago people of two games of the eight which they expected to close the season with.

ATHLETIC CLUB MATTERS.

The formal announcement by the management of the Athletic Club that that organization is unable to complete its engagements has set people who "keep track of things" to figuring out the result of the withdrawal of the team from the championship. The apparent failure of the League code to provide for the exigency—or, rather, the fact that the constitution and rules—adds to the doubt. The intention of the Athletic Club management can easily be learned from the following paragraph from the Item, the organ of the Club: "The Athletics have given up the idea of going West to play their games. They are negotiating for the remainder to be played here, otherwise they will forfeit them." The same idea was set forth in Mr. Thompson's letter to President Hulbert, printed in the columns Thursday. The infinite cheekiness of the request is worthy the Athletic management. The effect of the proposition would be to take out of the Chicago Club some hundreds of dollars, for it seems clear enough that no club has more than made expenses in Philadelphia this year. It would appear from Mr. Thompson's letter that this was an exceptional case, and that in other years the audiences of Philadelphia have been large enough. In the light of the facts, this seems untrue. Last year, before the Centennial and other hindrances to which Mr. Thompson alludes were begun, the average receipts of the Chicago were \$70 for each of five games. The year before the Chicago received \$125 per game. These figures, coupled with those which might be given for 1876, seem to indicate that no club can succeed in Philadelphia unless differently managed from those of the last three years. THE TRIBUNE does not wish to be understood to inveigh against a club in that city, which helped to foster the game in its early day, but it don't want to see any more failures there. Let us have a healthy member of the League or none for Philadelphia.

As to the effect of the break-up, there can be no doubt that the Club will cease to be a member of the League by its action, and that it can only be readmitted by a unanimous vote. But, in point of fact, it will not ask to be readmitted; it will simply die, and a new organization will take its place. The Philadelphia City Item, forgetting the necessity for the admixture of truth in some small proportion in its ball news, gives the following as the Athletic nine for next year: "Bradley, p.; Snyder, c.; Anson, 3b.; Hall, i. f.; Egger, c. f.; Meyer, s. r. f. Anson will be Captain, and Hicks Nayhurst Manager. If the championship cannot be brought here by this time, we had better give up." This causes the Courier-Journal man to climb up and shout out to the effect that Snyder and Fulmer have signed for Louisville. To which THE TRIBUNE will add that, as matters now look, only three of the nine named will play in Philadelphia in 1876.

PERSONAL.

It is believed that Nichols was released some time since from his engagement with St. Louis for next year.

Cassidy of the New Havens will play with the Hartfords the balance of the season as fielder and change pitcher.

Whitney, whose release from the Boston nine was chronicled in these columns last week, is said to be engaged with the semi-professional Crickets of Binghamton, N. Y. Whitney is a clever, sure fielder, but hardly strong enough with the stick for first-class clubs.

Schafer has at last signed with the Bostons, and hosts of people in Boston breathe easier. All of

the present team have been re-engaged except Bradley, and time will be needed to determine whether he will remain with the Reds another season.

Chadwick in the New York World says: "The Hartford team for 1877 has been fixed upon. It will consist of Allison, Cummings, Start, Burdock, Ferguson, Carey, York, Holdsworth, Higham, Cassidy, and Harbidge. The Chelsea Club will probably represent Brooklyn in the League Association next season."

People who read the ball scores have been puzzled over the Holbert in the Louisville scores. The following explanation is furnished by the Hartford Times: "The way the Louisvilles happened to play Holbert in their nine is singular. He was umpiring for them at Harrisburg, Pa., and when Snyder was injured in the first inning Holbert offered to catch, and did so quite acceptably. He is a good player, and catches Devlin quite well."

It is curious how differently people look at things. The St. Louis papers announce with fervor that Graffen—S. Mason Graffen—has resigned the management of the St. Louis Club, when as a matter of record he never did anything of the kind; but received what rude boys on the street call the "G. B." On the other hand, the Courier-Journal, noticing the discharge, adds: "S. Mason was emphatically n. g."

There is a feeling of satisfaction among newspaper men over one thing connected with the release of Bond by the Hartford, and that is that his going away will in a manner constrain the Hartford to keep Cummings, and thus prevent the latter's name from floating about the paragraph columns of newspapers. As a vigorous attempt to keep up with the times, THE TRIBUNE has chronicled the assertion at different times that Cummings was said to be engaged in Philadelphia, Providence, Pittsburg, and Hartford. Now that he is settled down, let us have peace.

The St. Louis Republic says that there is very little doubt that Harry Wright will manage the Browns next season. It has long been known that Harry would like to come West again, but it is by no means sure that he will select St. Louis. The town named Cincinnati wants a manager, and Mr. Keck, owner of the club, has money galore. It is pretty well known that he, too, is bidding for Harry, and he may win. It would be a great thing for base-ball if Harry could get back to Cincinnati. By buying off some of the stock which Mr. Keck has engaged, and filling up with good men, there would be a hope for Cincinnati next year.

The crop of paragraphs about Chaplain White, of the Chicago, is not so large this week as usual. Following are a few selections: "It is definitely settled that White will play in Boston next year." —St. Louis Republic. "Jim White, the Chicago catcher, will probably play with Boston next season. At any rate, it is not probable that he will remain with Chicago. It is given out by the know-ones that Anson will catch Spalding, Addy going to left field, and Waitt to right." —St. Louis Globe-Democrat. "The St. Louis Republic says that it is definitely settled that Jim White goes to the Boston next year. We hardly believe it. White has caught behind Spalding for a good many years, and will very likely stay where his fellow-associates do." —Cincinnati Enquirer. Again does THE TRIBUNE offer to publish a card from the Chaplain if he will only write one.

One of the most extraordinary developments of the Chicago nine for the last part of the season has been Addy,—the Hon. Bob. He played in the nine during the early part of the season, but seemed out of luck, and consequently alternated with Bleasli and occasionally Andrus at right field. His batting record for the first 20 games of the season was inferior, and only 15 hits resulted, or 0.75 per game. But things changed, beginning with the last game played here with St. Louis. Addy opened his fall budget that day with four hits, and in each of the eight games on the trip he has made at least two hits. This brings his average for the 29 games which he has so far played up from 0.75 per game to 1.20 per game, or something very respectable.

ALL AROUND THE BASES.

The New Haven people have raised money necessary to start another base-ball club.

The Chicago have only missed 10 days' work since April 25, and most of those were spent in travel.

P. F. M. asks for the dates of THE TRIBUNE containing the reviews of the series already closed, and if the papers containing them can be had. He had better call at THE TRIBUNE office.

The Franklins and Dreadnaughts will play a game on the White Stocking grounds Monday afternoon at 3:30 sharp. As these clubs are pretty nearly matched, an interesting game is anticipated. Admission free.

The Chinese students of Hartford have formed a base-ball club which they have named the Oriental Base-Ball Club. It is pleasant for the scorer to call such names as these to the bat: Sy Chang, Kwai Pau, Kee Jung, Shen Chi, and Tun Ven.

A patient artist in figures has added up the performances of the Chicago Club, and finds that in the 49 games which they have won they have scored 525 tallies to their opponents' 143. The Chicago's defeats have yielded them 40 runs and their opponents 76.

A correspondent writes to say that he made a bet early in the season that the Cincinnati Club would "finish better than eighth," and he wants to know if he would win if the Athletics backed out and left the Cincinnati seventh, though last. If the bet was made in the exact words quoted above, he would.

The Courier-Journal mysteriously winks its eye and drops little hints like these: "The Louisville directors are negotiating with two big guns in the ball arena for next year's nine. We are not at liberty to state their names until all arrangements have been completed with them." Maybe they are Bechtel and Fred Treacy. Let us wait and see.

Much curiosity is manifested among ball men to know what Cammeyer, of the Mutes, proposes to do for a nine next year, but the gentleman himself expresses no intention as yet. In the humble opinion of a Western man, Cammeyer has done an excellent thing in letting his present nine disband; there is such a thing as keeping a nine until it is moss-grown. It is not necessary to say to Cammeyer that at least 20 of the best players in the League were playing on vacant lots in Brooklyn less than 10 years ago; there are probably more of the same kind there.

After the breakup of the Athletics, some ball men became convinced that the Mutual would go the same road, and began to figure up the effect of the disbandment of the latter Club. This is, however, uncalled for; Mr. Cammeyer isn't that sort of a man; he will fulfill his engagements without doubt, and will make his way out here some time in October. He has a fancy for playing amateurs, and will put in some time with them on his way. He expects to get to Rochester Sept. 22, and will take his time for the rest of his journey.

The Boston Club has been fortunate in securing the aid of a genius to write their bills. Before the recent visit of the Chicago he caused the dead-ends to be covered with the following legend, made more startling by profuse use of great big type: "Two Tremendous Games with the Western Kings. The Chicago, headed by the famous quartette of Boston graduates, whose great proficiency on the diamond field reflects no less credit upon themselves than upon their former instructors, will receive a cordial welcome in these final games: from their hosts of friends, who will doubtless throng the grounds to witness these Desperate Champion Struggles!" It is an even bet that the man who wrote that graduated from the New York Sun editorial staff.

THE TRIBUNE noted some weeks ago that the Chicago and St. Louis Clubs would play a short series of games for the championship of the West. This is bitterly denied by the St. Louis Republic man who spends some space in asserting that the series is only for gate money, and not for any championship. Thus is an effort to do a charitable action thrown away. The championship of the country is settled by games won, and it is a fair inference that the championship of the West should be settled in the same way. The Chicago have won 23 games in the West and the St. Louis have won 19. It was the intention of the Chicago Club to afford their chief antagonists another shy at the Western championship, but, if they refuse it, well and good; Chicago will carry the name of "Western Champions" as well as float the pennant which indicates the championship of the country.

A few days ago, Mr. Jack Chapman, manager of the Louisville Club, said to a Boston reporter that seven of this year's nine had been signed for next year. THE TRIBUNE thereupon asked, "What object have the management in withholding the other names, if contracts have been made?" The answer is as follows from the Courier-Journal: "It is none of your blasted business. Keep your breeches on, for goodness' sake. Can't the Louisville management pledge any of their players without notifying the all-powerful sport of THE TRIBUNE of their private affairs?" THE TRIBUNE suggests to the writer of the paragraph above quoted that he read Sec. 2, of Art. II., of the League Constitution, and he will see that the Louisville management are breaking the rules, or else Chapman says what is not true. The section referred to explains that "It shall be the duty of a club, as soon as it shall have entered into a contract with a player, to file a notification," etc. THE TRIBUNE did not ask the question for itself, but for the other clubs.