

**CINCINNATI CHIPS.**

**THE CRUEL LOCAL WAR OVER AT LAST.**

**President Brush Pours Oil Upon the Troubled Waters and Brings Zuber Into Camp, Leaving But One Paper Outside the Breastworks.**

Cincinnati, O., Dec. 28.—Editor "Sporting Life":—Peace has been at last declared, a resolution passed declaring for the independence of Buckville, and hostilities have ceased. That is the secessionists have been pacified. Those who have been in open rebellion for a year will still show fight, but that is to be expected.

The capitulation came the first of the week when President Brush came over from his Hooster home and had a talk with Secretary Lloyd and his two managers. Of course, the defiant attitude of the "Times-Star" was brought up and thoroughly discussed. Then the newspaper men were summoned. Charley Zuber was, of course, asked what kind of a grievance his paper had against the club. He probably told, for then at the president's room in the St. Nicholas Hotel, and under a flag of truce, a treaty was drawn up, signed, sealed and delivered, and the "Times-Star" is no longer "agin" the club.

**TERMS OF PEACE.**

I am loth to believe that unconditional surrender was the keynote of the treaty. In fact it looks likely that both Brush and the "T-S" made concessions. The club could not well lose the patronage of the paper; and on the other hand the "Times-Star" would do itself no good by fighting the team. It is a matter of joy that the parties have made up, and now only the "Commercial" is outside the breastworks.

Just what the terms of peace are the public is not likely to know. I think that Ewing will not visit the "Enquirer" as much as heretofore, for the next day after the conference notice was served on the public that after Jan. 1 Business Manager Bancroft would re-establish quarters at Hawley's and attend to the dissemination of news. All opposition to Ewing's management is withdrawn, but it is pretty sure that he will not play first base.

**THE ONE OUTSIDER.**

The "Commercial," in speaking of the ending of the war, says that Weldon is not to be appointed official scorer again this year. I doubt very much if this demand was made by the "Times-Star." Nevertheless, it would not surprise me at all that, for sake of harmony, the fat contributor would refuse another appointment and that the position will this year go to Ren Mulford, of the "Post," and really this is a plum that should be passed around.

In making this arrangement for peace there was no attempt to conciliate the "Commercial-Tribune" people. President Brush discovered last year that his team could play good ball and make money without the support of Ban Johnson's paper, and is willing to go it another year without a peace offering. The public, too, are to be congratulated upon the amicable adjustment of the "Times-Star" war, for there has been altogether too much washing of dirty linen for the good of the game.

**NEW YEAR RESOLUTIONS.**

This will be the last letter in 1896. The New Year will be ushered in before this is read. As I write a few resolutions that might be made (and kept) come to my mind. How would it seem to have

Manager Ewing swear off on ball playing and manage the team from the bench? Albert Mott refrain from using bad poetry and take to writing good English?

Andrew Freedman resolve to come to some kind of terms with Amos Rusie? Anson not to bet on where his Colts will land?

Elmer Bates to give up the idea that Cleveland will win the pennant or that Cincinnati will finish in the second division?

John J. Saunders sign his name to a resolution that he no longer believes that Louisville will beat Cincinnati out in the race?

Von der Ahe hold on to his star players, give his manager carte blanche to do as he sees fit, and not change managers for six whole months?

Business Manager Bancroft resolve to bring a roller polo team to the Queen City next winter?

Pat Tebeau make up his mind to be a gentleman on the field and stick to it. John B. Day see that umpires enforce the rules and report them for actual infractions?

"Scrappy" Joyce resolve that he will conduct himself so that he will not be removed from the game once during 1897? "Circle" get a new pair of spectacles that

he may see some other team in the League except Pittsburg.

The League adopt a schedule that will give the West a fair share of plums.

As for the undersigned I solemnly promise not to say another word against Ewing during the year unless he falls miserably as a manager.

**TEAM NEWS.**

There is not much chance now for radical changes to be made in the ranks of the local team for '97. A couple of trades which were outlined last week are still on the tapis. But that is all. The infield will be Vaughn, McPhee, Corcoran; outfield, Miller, Hoy and Burke; catchers, Peltz, Kehoe and Schriver; pitchers, Dwyer, Ehret, Rhines, Breitenstein and Dammann; utility man, Canavan or Stewart.

That Smith-Fisher-\$1000-Corcoran deal will continue to bob up occasionally, and here is the latest in that trade. It took something like 24 hours to come to terms for the deal. The night before the trade was made Harry Weldon, of the "Enquirer," got the facts that a trade was under advisement from the Brooklyn paper, and like a good newspaper man that he is telegraphed his story to his paper.

Meeting Ewing afterward the big manager asked Weldon, in the interests of the trade, to say nothing about it. Buck explained that if it was ascertained that Corcoran was on the market others would bid for him and the trade might be killed. Weldon promised, kept faith and the story was killed through a telegram from Harry. Not every newspaper man would have even considered the welfare of base ball sufficiently to act as did Weldon. He was magnanimous, to say the least, and as such should be honored.

May the New Year bring renewed prosperity to "Sporting Life," its correspondents and base ball in general is the earnest wish of

F. E. GOODWIN.

**LUSTY LANCASTER.**

**Base Ball on the Boom in the Old Dutch Town.**

Lancaster, Pa., Dec. 29.—Editor "Sporting Life":—Base ball in this old town is now on the boom. The Lancaster management during the past few days have succeeded in securing the names of James Graham and Frank Ward to Lancaster contracts. They have lines out for several other good men, who will no doubt be landed in a short time. Manager Rinn is daily receiving letters from ball players who would like to play in this city during the coming season. While some of the men are desirable there are a few better whom the management are after with every prospect to landing them. Should these men be secured Lancaster would have one of the strongest teams in the Atlantic League. The management have done nothing as yet in regard to signing the old players who are reserved. They will begin signing the men after the new year begins. From the amount of letters received by Manager Rinn and President Hensel there are many ball players who are in love with this city. No player who has ever remained here any length of time is averse to again coming back.

During the past week Andy Roth has had very bad luck. Just a few days before Christmas he received word that his brother Lewis had been killed in Philadelphia. Andy immediately went to the city, remaining there until after the funeral. Andy, by the way, is keeping himself in good condition here, as he is working every day in Houser's pool room.

George Leidy is still here, and taking excellent care of himself. Hamburg, who last season covered first base for Lancaster, has been released. Charles was a good man, but the management think they have a better man in view.

Your Paterson correspondent this week places Lancaster fifth in the race. The people up this way are making no predictions until the season opens, and then we will see where we are at. The cranks in this burg have lots of faith in the management. We expect to have a cracker-jack team here the coming season.

**LEWISTON LINES**

**Will be Laid at an Approaching Meeting.**

Lewiston, Me., Dec. 28.—The Lewiston Base Ball Association will hold a meeting Jan. 5. The opinion here is that Lewiston should have a representation in the New England League. The people here understand that the other New England cities wish to make up a circuit without including Portland and Lewiston. Nevertheless, it is believed that if Portland and Lewiston send representatives to the annual meeting in Boston they will be admitted. One thing will be insisted upon, and that is that there shall be a salary limit put upon the League, and one that means something.

**OPEN FOR ENGAGEMENTS.**

Shortstop Bob Rothermel, late of New Orleans, is fully recovered from his illness of last summer, and can be engaged by addressing him at Fleetwood, Berks County, Pa.

Third baseman Pat Flaherty is not reserved, and can be addressed at 304 South Fifteenth street, Omaha, Neb.

Outfielder Frank Lebarrow, late of the Binghamton Club, a hard left-handed batter, is open for engagement. Address 80 Chapin street, Binghamton, N. Y.

The well-known short stop, William L. Deveney is open for engagement, and can be addressed at Thurlow, Pa.

J. Ira Davis, of last season's Norfolk Club, can be engaged for '97. Address 53 Bank street, Norfolk, Va.

H. S. Jeffery, a fast young infielder and outfielder, together with A. B. Tisdale, a fast infielder, are open for engagement. References furnished if desired. Address 721 Fourth street, Portsmouth, Va.

William O'Brien, third baseman, is open for engagement for season of 1897, or as captain. Record: Batting, .872; fielding, .921; age, 26; weight, 168; height 5ft. 11in. Address William O'Brien, 174 E. 91st st., New York City.

Pitcher Toole is a rising young twirler who is highly indorsed by the noted catcher, Mike Trost, of the Detroit Club. Toole is anxious to receive a trial in some Atlantic League, Interstate League or New England League Club. His address is 1120 Collar street, Eighteenth ward, Philadelphia, Pa.

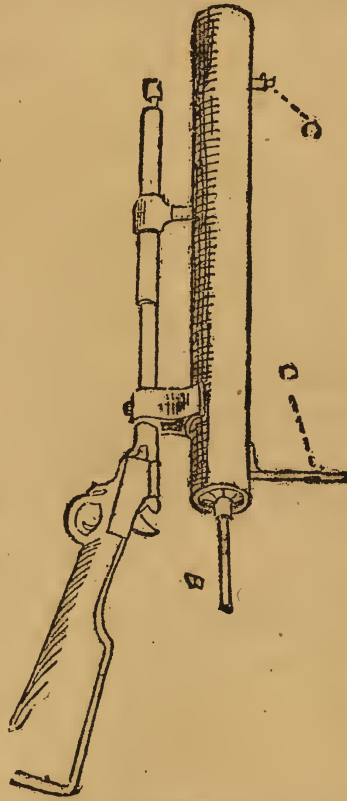
Any club in need of a general player capable of playing the infield or outfield should address William Kelly, Chambersburg, Pa.

**THE PITCHING GUN.**

**SOME FACTS ABOUT PROFESSOR HINTON'S INVENTION.**

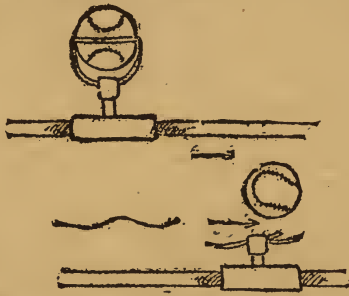
**What the Machine Looks Like and How the Mechanism Works—Some of the Advantages Claimed For the Instrument by the Inventor.**

The several trials of the new pitching gun at Princeton indicate that it grows more efficient with use. Prof. Hinton, instructor in mathematics at Princeton University, who invented it, says it will shortly be placed on the market throughout the country. It is intended, however, solely to provide pitching for the winter exercise of ball players, and not to supply the pitcher on the diamond during the regular season. Some of the advantages claimed for the pitching cannon invented by the inventor are that it will throw any kind of a curve and can show a change of speed as well. But the inventor modestly refrains from warranting the curve projector from kicking for advance money and higher



**THE PERFECTED GUN.**

1—Screw rod governing false breech. CC—Wind sights. (Note—The method of shooting this gun is to hold the stock of the rifle firmly under the right arm. This will bring the sights on a level with the eye. The fingers of this gun are concealed within the muzzle.)



**THE ORIGINAL CATAPULT, SHOWING BALL AT REST AND IN MOTION.**

wages, staying out late at nights and drinking beer enough to kill a horse, trying to collect damages from a ball club by law or starting a rumpus among the players by accusing them of trying to throw it down. A day or two after the cannon was tried in public one of the Princeton catchers donned his mitts, protector and mask, and in spite of the warning of the inventor, told him to "shoot in a few" for practice. The first ball almost killed the backstop. As it slid through his hands like a greased pig, going through a garden patch, and struck him in the stomach with tremendous speed. To use "Dan" Daly's expression: "The blow almost killed father," and the catcher will not try it again.

**HERE'S A CORKER.**

**Cincinnati Furnishes Boston With a Great Home Run Hitter.**

From Cincinnati "Enquirer." There is a Cincinnati ball player who is very likely to create something of a sensation in major League circles next season, about whom very little has yet been said or written. George Yeager, who lives on Hatmaker street, right under the shadow of Prince Hill, will next year be one of the catchers of the Boston League team. Yeager was with the Pawtucket, of the New England League, last season. He was purchased by the Bostonians and put in three

weeks with the Beaneaters at the close of last season. Yeager is a handsome player, built on the lines of Malschi Killbridge, of the Chicago. He is a good backstop and a strong thrower, but if he holds up to his minor league form his hitting and base running will be his strong forte next season. Last year he was a terror to Klobedanz and the rest of the New England pitchers. Last season he led the New Englanders in home runs. No less than 26 times in the season did Yeager swat the ball over the fence, under the fence and through the fence for hits that netted four bases. He had no less than 26 home runs to his credit. He made a batting average of .355, and, what is remarkable for a catcher, had 30 stolen bases to his credit. Yeager is confident that he will hold up his end in the big League. He has grit and confidence in himself, and that is half the battle. He has a host of friends in the West End, who will turn out en masse the first game he takes part in on the Cincinnati lot.

**A PITCHER OUT OF WORK.**

**A Western League Magnate Gives a Youth a Piece of Advice.**

While President Killilea, of the Milwaukee Club was sitting in his office yesterday afternoon poring over some League problems he was disturbed by a knock on the door that threatened to dislocate the plate glass panel.

"Come in," shouted the base ball magnate, "and don't kick the door down while you are about it."

The next instant the door was opened vigorously and a gigantic specimen of manhood stalked into the sanctum.

"Is this Mister Killelay?" was the inquiry, as he slid his hat backward from his forehead.

"It is," was the reply. "What is it you want?"

"Well," said the giant, whose shoulders were so wide that he barely squeezed through the door, "I read in the papers the other day that you was looking for a pitcher, a top-notch-er, so I came to see you about it."

"Are you a pitcher?" was the base ball magnate's query, as he looked his visitor over carefully. "You don't act like a ball pitcher."

"What do I look like?"

"You look like a back driver," was the reply.

"But we need not any more pitchers at present," he continued, "and if you will go to Detroit you can probably get a job from Vanderbeck, as I understand he is signing all the ball players he can get who are over 7 feet tall. And when you see Vanderbeck just tell him that you want to play centre field in place of the man he had Philadelphia draft from Milwaukee."—Milwaukee "Sentinel."

**INTER-STATE LEAGUE.**

**A Meeting to be Held at Youngstown to Reorganize It.**

Youngstown, Dec. 28.—Word comes from Pittsburg that a meeting of the Interstate Base Ball League will be held in that city in January. At this meeting Youngstown, Toledo, Dayton, New Castle and Wheeling will be represented. The applications from a number of cities will be considered and the other three members of the League selected. For some reason Bradford, Pa., seems to be a favorite, although it is feared by many that city will find the pace too hot. Erie would be favorably considered, but for one reason—it wants to be coaxed. Erie has the population, but somehow hasn't grown very enthusiastic over the matter.

The Michigan cities, Bay City, Saginaw and Jackson, will only be considered as a last resort, as the question of railway fares is no small matter. It is also said that Terre Haute, Ind., will have a representative at the meeting. The strongest combination, on paper, appears to be a league composed of the following cities: Toledo, Dayton, Terre Haute and Jackson in the West, and Youngstown, Wheeling, Erie and New Castle in the East.

President Powers will probably be re-elected, although Toledo will make a strenuous kick. Locally, the base ball fever promises to be more pronounced than ever next season.

**TORONTO TOPICS.**

**The Forces Working Against a Local Eastern League Club.**

Toronto, Ont., Dec. 29.—President Powers, of the Eastern League, writes to Mr. Ed Mack that he will probably visit Toronto next week to get a closer acquaintance with the local base ball situation. The gentlemen who have been interesting themselves in the sale of season books have met with fair success. A little more encouragement in this direction will probably mean that Toronto will have an Eastern League club next season. Mr. Powers is anxious for some definite settlement of the local situation, and is surprised that no person in Toronto would take a half interest in the club with Arthur Irwin.

The officials of the Canadian League are hard at work arranging for a new circuit, and the latter hope that Toronto's plans for membership in the Eastern League may miscarry, so that the Queen City shall be forced to look to the Canadian Association for its base ball next season. If Toronto fails for the Eastern League another club will be admitted to the Canadian League to make six competitors for the pennant. The Canadian League will adopt a limit to its salary list, which is not to exceed \$500 per month. Every effort is being made by the promoters of the Canadian League to bring in Toronto, for Toronto in the League would add largely to its strength.

**THE PITCHER'S BOX.**

**One More Opinion in Favor of Putting the Pitcher Into It.**

Catcher Charlie Dexter, of the Louisville, says: "I am of the opinion that the Committee on Rules should seriously consider Father Chadwick's suggestion to abolish the pitcher's rubber and substitute a box. An umpire cannot see the rubber from behind the bat, and there are pitchers in the National League who are aware of that fact. Frank Killen, in the games we played in Pittsburg, was three or four feet in front of the rubber every time he delivered a ball. Doggie Miller and myself stood on the lines and yelled ourselves hoarse calling Umpire Emslie's attention to it, and the only satisfaction we received was a hoarse laugh from Killen. With the old box back in the game a pitcher can't very well steal a couple of feet, because the umpire can plainly see the white-washed ends and sides of the square."

**A Call For Players.**

Fred W. Meselach, secretary of the San Antonio Base Ball Association, would like to hear from good men desirous of playing on the San Antonio team of the Texas Association next year. He can be addressed in care of the "Daily Light," San Antonio, Tex. The salary limit is \$900. Players wanting the earth need not apply.