

## THE NEW BASE-BALL PARK.

### Important Improvements in the Sulphur Spring Bottom.

#### New Bath and Spring-house to Be Erected—An Amphitheater and Base-ball Grounds.

An American reporter was yesterday shown the plans and specifications prepared by Mr. William R. Gunn, the architect, for the general improvement of the sulphur spring bottom. The plan is very comprehensive and contemplates the building of a dyke along the Lick Branch from Cherry to Summer street. This dyke is to have two walls of masonry, cemented and water-tight, and the backing or filling is to be of dirt or sand and gravel. This dyke is to be provided with a series of traps or trunks that will permit the water that collects in the bottom on the north side of the dyke to run off without letting the backwater run in. The bottom or low land between the dyke and the brick house on the sulphur spring property is to be filled in and made level with Summer and Cherry streets. The specifications provide for the building of a new bath-house and spring-house on the top of this fill, and the sulphur water is to be raised to a level with Cherry street by a steam pump, the waste from the spring well being pumped into the tanks in the bath-house.

The new spring-house and bath-house are to be buildings of a handsome, substantial and creditable character, every convenience being adopted for the comfort of the public in their interior construction. The bottom to the north of the bath-house is to be converted into a base-ball park. The diamond is to be laid out just where the circus ring is usually made, and a handsome and commodious amphitheater is to be built along Jackson and Cherry streets facing the diamond. The amphitheater will be nearly as large as the one at the fair grounds, and will be provided with a dancing-hall and refreshment booths. There will be only one entrance to the amphitheater and eight exits. The plans evidence a great deal of skill on Mr. Gunn's part in turning to good use all the natural advantages found on the Sulphur Springs Company's property. The company is about to let the contract for the work, and the building of the dyke to keep out the backwater is to be commenced at once.

The effect of these improvements in the sulphur spring bottom, which has so long been a public eye-sore, can well be imagined. There is little doubt that the spring house grounds and base ball park will become the most popular summer resort in the city, if the plans and specifications prepared by Mr. Gunn are carried out, and the company will realize handsomely upon their investment.

All of the property of the company will be fenced in. The fence and the base ball park will be fifteen feet high.

The managers of the American Base-ball Club, of this city, have leased the new base-ball park for a term of five years from the first of next March.

#### DIAMOND NOTES.

The prospects of the new Southern League are very flattering.

The Metropolitan Base-ball Company sunk \$30,000 in the establishment of their new Ball Park, built last summer.

It is more than likely that the Union Association will adopt another make of ball than the Wright & Ditson. It did not seem to be satisfied last year.

Lew Brown, the well known catcher, has come to disgrace. He was arrested last week in Boston charged with stealing a gold watch and chain worth \$125.

There are many good players of last season who have not yet signed contracts for the coming season. Why do they not let their names be known to managers of Southern League teams?

The regular annual meeting of the

of last year's Cleveland Club, center field, and Kid Block, right field.

George Bradley, the curly haired short stop of the Cincinnati Unions, is a recent convert to religion, and a few weeks ago joined the Grace Methodist Church at Newport, Ky. Nobody who has seen George Bradley play in a championship game, and noted the zeal and earnestness he displays at all times to have his side win, can doubt for a moment his sincerity.

From a local item in another column it will be seen that Nashville base ball stockholders are going thoroughly to work to make next season one of the special attractions. If other cities in the Southern league only exhibit their interest in as substantial a manner, the organization will undoubtedly be a great success. The great thing is to get an early start and not delay matters in any way.

Notwithstanding all the buncombe about the Union Association being a "goner," started by jealous parties, the ball-players have not weakened on the younger organization a whit. Not long ago than Friday the Cincinnati Union Club officials received notice that they could secure the services of a pitcher on the reserve list of a League Club by simply stating their willingness to engage him. This does not look like they were afraid to cast their fortunes with the Unions.

The Enquirer has this to say of the Cincinnati Unions of next season: "They will have but eight of their last year team. The batteries and out-field will be about the same, but three new faces will be seen on the bases. A new grand stand, with cushioned chairs and all the modern conveniences, will take the place of the present building. The other buildings will be materially improved, and with the field, which is considered the finest in the country, the Union Park will be a very inviting place. McCormick, Bradley and Burns will be the three pitchers, Briody one of the catchers, and Harbridge, Hawes and Burns will play in the out field, while Old Reliable Jack Glasscock will hold down the short-field. Three basemen and another catcher are yet to be engaged. It is very likely that an American Association man will hold down the initial bag next season, while two League players will play as second and third. There are several catchers under consideration, but the directory has not as yet decided definitely who they will select. One thing is assured the Cincinnati patrons, and that is that the local Union Club will cut a wide scratch in the race and be in the vicinity of the top of the list, if not the champions, when the season closes."

#### THE LAST SLEEP.

Funeral of the Late R. Pitts Brown—the Remains at Rest in Mount Olivet.

The funeral of the late Conductor R. Pitts Brown was very largely attended yesterday afternoon. The Knights of Pythias, of which order he was an honored member, and a large number of friends gathered at the residence to escort his remains to the Elm-street Church, and thence to the grave at Mt. Olivet Cemetery. The cortege passed through Summer street. The Knights in uniforms were led by Commander W. P. Rankin.

The following acted as pall bearers: Banner Lodge, W. W. Sweeney and L. Jones; Caruthers Lodge, Miles Sanders and J. Bailey Brown; Reynolds Lodge, W. D. Sadler and George Wise; Ivie Lodge, J. P. W. Ewen and Thomas Ellis; Myrtle Lodge, H. W. Morgan.

On entering the church the remains were escorted to the altar, around which the Knights took seats. The church was filled with a large concourse of people, its seating capacity having been tested to its utmost limit, while many had to stand in the aisles. The beautiful casket was covered with a magnificent array of the choicest and richest floral designs.

After a dirge from the choir Rev. J. P. McFerrin, pastor of the church, offered a prayer. In speaking of the deceased the minister made an allusion to the fact that during the last days of his