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MC'GRATH WINS IN GREAT FORM

Lebarre Gets First Fall—Local Champion Put Up Good Go—McGrath Matched with Indian—French Team Leads Racers—Other Sports.

In T. A. B. hall Thursday night a crowd of about 200 of the Norwich sports saw the best of any of the wrestling matches put on in this city, when Jack McGrath, the Irish Giant, met and defeated Ed Lebaorre, the Montreal heavyweight, in the main bout of the evening. Two good preliminaries with local men in the limelight put the crowd on edge for the big go.

The first bout put on was Harry Brann and Joe Burns of Pittsfield, two lightweights, in a 15 minutes catch as catch can go. Both boys proved willing workers and possessed of plenty of science, but neither was able to secure a fall, and the referee, Kid Wilson, declared the bout a draw.

Barber and Bartender Go to a Draw.

Enthusiasm ran riot when Jerry Ravenell, the iron jawed barber, and Shimmucks McGarry, the Bowery Kid, and the bartenders' champion, appeared for the next bout, which was also to be for 15 minutes, catch as catch can. Both were making their first public appearance on the mat, and were stripped in regulation form for the fray. Ravenell had about six pounds on McGarry, 129 to 123. Both men got to business in a jiffy, McGarry forcing the match and slipping in under Jerry's guard, dumped the barber to the mat. Everybody at once started to tell McGarry what to do with his opponent, directions about toe holds, half-Nelsons and crotch holds showering upon him. Shimmucks warmed to his work, and accepted all the advice he could sort out of the din, but Jerry was too husky and couldn't be kept on the mat, forcing his way to his feet in spite of all that McGarry could do.

Again McGarry down his opponent, after tossing him around the stage, and tried to put on a head hold, but Jerry's bull neck tossed it apart like a piece of tissue paper. Right here Ravenell had a fine chance to gain a fall, McGarry slipping and going to the mat, but Jerry's speed was missing and his man got away. In the last few minutes McGarry stoood the barber on his head with a couple of crotch holds, but the match closed without a fall and was announced a draw. It will take another meeting to decide which is the better of the two.

After the match was over, Philo Barnes stated that he would challenge McGarry for a similar match, to be put on as a preliminary at some future time.

Big Match a Bruiser.

For the big match, McGrath vs. Lebarre, which was their second meeting, McGrath having a previous decision over Lebarre, Kid Wilson was announced as referee and Harry Jennings timer. The conditions were best two out of three to a finish, catch as catch can, pin falls to count, strangle hold barred.

Prominent wrestlers at the ringside were Jim Barnes of Springfield, middleweight champion, his protege, Chief Fighting Bear, the Wisconsin Indian, and Bill Collins, the pride of Central Village.

Both wrestlers stripped in fine condition, Lebarre showing in much better form than on his previous appearance and McGrath was trained to the minute. From the start the go was a fierce one, the two powerful wrestlers resorting to every trick of the trade, roughing it up with vigor at different times and trying to obliterate each other's countenances at different stages of the game.

Clever work and herculean strength were called for in every bout and both were there with the goods at all time, one after the other breaking out of seemingly-sure holds. Lebarre secured the advantage at the opening by getting the first fall in 14 minutes on a wrist hold.

The next came to McGrath, but only after a fierce struggle and the sentiment of the crowd more than once showed that they were thinking McGrath was up against his equal. The Giant finally flopped Lebarre in 31 minutes, with a cleverly put on scissors, which tied up the Frenchman's head and one arm.

The same kind of hold gave him the third and winning fall in 22 minutes, but only after another hard struggle.

McGrath to Meet the Indian.

Before the third fall, Jim Barnes appeared on the stage and challenged McGrath to meet Chief Fighting Bear, the Indian agreeing to throw McGrath twice in an hour. The wrestlers later met at The Bulletin office and agreed to the match for next Tuesday evening, the winner to take all the gate receipts.

ACADEMY BASEBALL.

Eight Leagues and Six Exhibition Games in the Schedule.

Manager Leavenworth of the Academy baseball team has announced the schedule for the season, filling all Wednesday and Saturday dates except two. It will make a full season for the team, which Harrison Noyes is to captain and Principal Tirrell coach.

The schedule looks like one of the best arranged in recent years, having eight league game sand six exhibition games, wit htwo dates left which can be filled with exhibition contests. Besides their two league games, Bulkeley is down for two exhibition engagements. Bacon Academy of Colchester is signed for an exhibition game, and Killingly High of Danielson for two, one early and one late in the season. All the other games in the list are league games. The following are the dates:

The Schedule.

April 24, Saturday—N. F. A. vs. the Windham High, at Willimantic.
April 28, Wednesday—N. F. A. vs. Bacon Academy, at Norwich.
May 1, Saturday—Killingly High, at Norwich.
May 5, Wednesday—Westerly High, at Westerly.
May 8, Saturday—Morgan school, at Norwich.
May 12, Wednesday—Bulkely, at New London. Exhibition.
May 15, Saturday—Black Hall, at Black Hall.
May 19, Wednesday—Bulkeley, at Norwich. Exhibition.
May 22, Saturday—Bulkeley, at New London.
May 26, Wednesday—Open date.
May 29, Saturday—Morgan school, at Clinton.
May 31, Monday—Windham High, at Norwich.
June 4, Friday—Westerly High, at Westerly.
June 5, Saturday—Open date.
June 9, Wednesday—Killingly High, at Killingly.
June 12, Saturday—Bulkely school, at Norwich.

N. F. A. Independents Have a Game.

Captain Donohue has matched his N. F. A. Independent basketball team for a game in New London on Saturday night. They will play the Mohawks and expect to give them a tight rub.

AMATEUR LEAGUE.

Meeting Tonight in C. A. C. Rooms to Talk Over the Formation of a City League.

The amateur baseballists of the city who are interested in talking over the formation of a city league will all be on hand tonight in the rooms of the Central Athletic club to give their advice. The Central Athletics have been the moving spirit in the plan and have extended a general invitation to the baseball teams to send in their representatives.

In the different baseball centers of the city meetings have been held during the past week and delegates instructed. The plan proposed is to have the teams in the league play two games a week. It is the best move taken in amateur baseball in this city in a number of years, and deserves to succeed.

GAME WITH THE LEADERS.

Norwich Warriors Out to Down Westerly Duckpin Team Tonight.

The Norwich Warriors, under Captain Julian Harris, get after the leaders tonight in the duckpin tourney, meeting the Westerly Team No. 1 on the Rose alleys. The game will be called promptly at 6.30 o'clock to let the visitors from Westerly catch their car back. The Norwich rollers expect to send them home a defeated team, and are looking to have a big bunch of shouters out to cheer them on in the fray.

Frank Gleason is sick and will be missing from the lineup of the Warriors, but a fast man by the name of Peters will be on in his place and keep the score up to the standard. A win for the Warriors by three straight will tie them for first place with Westerly No. 1.

Strong Jewett City Soccer Team.

Jewett City will come down here with a strong team of Association football players on Saturday after the scalp of the Norwich Soccers in the opening game of the season. The Norwich men beat them twice and lico them once last year, and they are after revenge, having dug up some strong players over the winter and added them to the lineup. Manager McIntyre's men, however, are not frightened out by the reports which have come from the borough, and promise to be there with the goods when the game is called at 3 o'clock at Sachem park.

PERFECT SCORES FOR 14.

Auto Endurance Run, New York to Boston—One Fatal Accident.

Boston, March 11.—Fourteen of the twefnty automobiles which left New York at 6.30 o'clock this morning on the endurance run to Boston for the Chester I. Campbell trophy, finished on schedule time, 12 hours later, tonight, with perfect scores. The tie will not be run off, but the holders of the trophy for the coming year will be decided by lot tomorrow night.

One serious accident marred the run, A. W. Wallace was killed at Fairfield, Conn., by attempting to jump from his carriage, his horse becoming frightened at the automobiles and running away. Driver Lacroix of car No. 2 was detained at New Haven on a technical charge to await developments, it being claimed his car was nearest the scene of the accident at the time.

A car following the competing automobile sturned turtle in Marlboro. G. B. Blake of Boston was painfully bruised. E. R. Richards and F. E. Spooner, both of New York, were slightly hurt.

French Team Leads.

New York, March 11.—Averaging a fraction over five miles an hour, Cibot and Orphee, the French competitors, who are leading in the six day go as you please race at Madison Square Garden, are gradually increasing the distance between themselves and their nearest rivals. Late tonight the Frecnman had almost a 19 mile lead, and, as they are running in good form, the trainers picked them as likely to win the race, barring accidents. There is little likelihood now that the record of 770 miles 1 lap, made in 1902, will be beaten.

Oxygen was administered to one of the contestants today with good results. Dineen, whose game struggle has attracted attention, showed signs of weakening today, but after oxygen was administered to him he seemed as sprightly as at the beginning of the race.

Corey and Hegelman did some fast work late today and displaced Feegan and Curtis from fifth place.

Sprints between fresh men somewhat relieved the monotnoy of the grind today and tonight. Pat White, the Irish long distance runear, made an exhibition run this afternoon of ten mile in 58.40 1-5.

The score at midnight, end of the 96th hour, was:

Cibot-Oprhee, 535.3; Davis-Metkus, 516.4; Dineen-Prouty, 496.8; Loeslein-Klubertanz, 485.2; Corey-Hegelman, 474.1; Feegan-Curtis, 468.1; Shelton-Frazer, 460.2; Guignard-Rovere, 434.2; Navez-Kellar, 420; Edelson-Pallanti, 390.7.

Round the World for Comiskey.

Chicatgo, March 11.—A despatch to The Record-Herald from San Francisco says:

President Charles A. Comiskey of the Chicago American league team has announced that he will take his baseball team around the world after the season of 1911 is finished. The start will be made from San Francisco around October 15, 1911.

Arrests to Follow Fight.

Chester, Pa., March 11.—The fight between Abe Attell and Young Pierce last night at the Olympic A. C. at Essington resulted in warrants being issued today for the arrest of the officials of the club by the Delaware county authorities.

Favorites Reward Their Backers.

Oakland, Cal., March 11.—Well played horses rewarded their followers at Emeryville today. Milford won the two mile race from Nadzu and Logistilla. Semperonium, the heavily supported favorite, was clearly the best in the seven furlonge event.

Dartmouth 25, Syracuse 22.

Syracuse, N. Y., March 11.—In a fast basketball game here tonight, Dartmouth defeated Syracuse university by the score of 25 to 22. The teams alternated in the lead throughout the game.

Midshipmen's Football.

Annapolis, Md., March 11.—The practically completed schedule of football games for the Midshipmen next season was announced today. The season opens on Wednesday, Oct. 6.

Baseball Results Thursday.

At Atlanta—Cincinnati Nationals 1, Atlanta Southern 1.

OLD-TIME DISTANCE RUNNERS.

Milwaukee Man Says Present-Day Stars Fall Short in Comparison.

The numerous Marathon races which are being run all over the United States has started some of the old-timers digging up records and comparing walkers and runners of 25 years ago with those of today. There are few men better qualified to compare these athletes than Henry O. Messler, one of the old-time pedestrians, now making Milwaukee his home and getting out dope on such events. Messler who has walked and run in six-day races in all parts of the United States and Canada during the past 25 years, who says he has covered a distance of over 2,000 miles on the tanbark track during that time, defeating most of the best men in the world, says that in his opinion the present day runners and walkers do not class with the sprinters of the old school.

Hurst Could Beat Them All.

"I consider Len Hurst, the Englishman, who is now in New York, in a class by himself, and at 15 to 26 miles, or even a Marathon distance, Hurst can defeat such men at Longboat, Dorando, Hayes, Sidney Hatch and others easy. At the present time I do not believe that any of the above men, who are looked upon as present day champions, could have defeated such men as George Cartwright of England, the world's champion, at 50 miles, Peter Hegalman, Peter Golden of New York, Tom Howarth of Philadelphia, Gus Guerrere, the Mexican, John Hughes of New York, John Hanrahan of Boston, J. J. Engleman of South Bend, Ind., or Dave Bennett of Canada. I have run against these men in many races and with the exception of Hanrahan I have defeated most of them, and also have met defeat at their hands. I have seen these men run 25 or 50 miles without stopping, not only for one evening, but to keep it up for six days in races of four to eight or 12 hours daily.

"Thirty years ago Norman Taylor, the veteran of the Civil war, when 50 years old, ran 20 miles in Madison Square Garden, New York, in one hour and 58 minutes. Taylor held the world's record at that time. He now lives in Minneapolis. While in Chicago recently I witnessed the Marathon race between Dorando and Albert Corey, and while Dorando ran a splendid race and deserves all the credit that goes to the winner, he was pretty nearly all in at the finish, and if called upon to run the same distance for six nights in succession, as the old-time pedestrians used to do, Dorando could not have done it. While he has the speed for a sprint race, he has not the build for a long endurance race, such as was in vogue a score of years ago. As for this man Corey, he is a very poor type of runner, in fact he had no endurance and he seemed to lack the courage that an athlete must have when called upon to test his ability against a trained runner like Dorando. Corey has claimed several records, but I doubt very much whether he would be able to hold his own against several men I could mention. Corey must have known that he could not run the Marathon distance without stopping, and his excuse about a sprained ankle was a joke.

"In the old days the runners were always willing to take a chance, but now the runners want to be guaranteed everything in sight, and have it paid to them before the race, the same as many of the champion boxers. If they have another international Marathon race I hope the stars and stripes will be represented by men who have the courage, even if they have not the ability. I remember that during a six day race of eight hours daily at Manchester, N. H., the week of Feb. 3, 1890, 16 of the best runners of this country took part. Cartwright and myself ran 50 miles without a stop the first day. Cartwright ran 56 miles in eight hours, and by so doing won first place.

Rowell's Great Record.

"We must look back to Charley Rowell, the Englishman, who ran 100 miles in 13 hours, 26 minutes and 30 seconds, and 150 miles in 24 hours on Feb. 27, 1882, at Madison Square Garden, New York. This remarkable feat was performed on the first day of the six day go as you please race against such men as Johnny Hughes and others. Hughes made 158 miles in the first 24 hours, but Rowell managed to lead by a few yards, and therefore holds the record. Both men ran themselves off their feet in that time and neither won the race, as at the end of the third day they were forced to retire. George Littlewood of England, who holds the 142 hour record of 623 miles, and James Alberts of Philadelphia, who holds the American record of 631 miles, have never been touched at such distances. The old-timers used to train from three to six months, while the present-day athletes train two or three weeks for a contest. The records show for this as to the best two runners and it is all in favor of the old-timers."

Baron Wilkes a Great Sire.

Baron Wilkes, 2.18, one of the last of the living sons of George Wilkes and one of the greatest as a sire, will this season be in the stud in Illinois. Few of the stallions which attained greatness while still young have been jogged around in their old age as Baron Wilkes has. Foaled in Kentucky this son of George Wilkes raced to a fast record early and then with good opportunties in the stud jumped almost at once into front rank of great sires. Later on he was bought for a big price by a New England breeder, who after giving him a harem of high-class mares for a few years lost enthusiasm and then for a long period the horse had nothing like the opportunities his greatness justified. Finally a Missouri breeder bought Baron Wilkes and took him west. The change seemed to do the horse good, and he made a big season for a horse so advanced in age. Last year he was sold to a Kansas breeder, who kept him in the Sunflower state, and recently he changed hands again, his new owner sending him to Illinois. He is now 27 years old, but rugged and vigorous and bids fair to sire at least another crop of foals to swell his already notable family.

NORWICH FAMILY MARKET

Vegetables and Fruit.

Potatoes—		Flo., head,	15
New Ber., pk.,	80	Boston,	10
Maine, bu.,	31	Curly,	07
Native, bu.,	35	Onions—	
Scotch, bu.,	30	White, qt.,	10
Sweet, lb.,	05	Red,	07
Beets, old, qt.,	10	Yellow,	08
Carrots, old, lb.,	02	Okra, doz.,	50
Cucumbers—		Shallots, bunch,	05
Florida, each,	08	Sweet Peppers, doz.,	40
Hothouse,	15	Parsnips, lb.,	03
Cabbage—		Romaine, head,	15
New, lb.,	03	Radishes, bchs,	08
Old, lb.,	04	Green Beans, qt.,	15
Cauliflower—		Wax Beans, qt.,	15
Long Island,	15	Spinach, pk.,	35
California,	25	Hubbard Squash, lb.,	04
Celery—		Turnips—	
Boston, head,	25	Yellow, pk.,	25
Roch'ter, 3 for	25	White, pk.,	20
Cal., 2 for	25	Tomatoes, lb.,	15
Chickory, head,	12	Mushrooms, lb.,	75-90
Escarol, head,	12	Green Mint, bch,	10
Egg Plant, each,	15-25	Cranberries, qt.,	12-20
Kale, peck,	20	Strawberries,	75
Kohlabi, bch.,	10		
Lettuce—			

Fresh and Salt Meats.

Pork—Native—		Stew,	5-8
Loins,	14-15	Veal—Native—	
Hams,	12-13	Cutlets,	23-25
Shoulders,	10-11	Loins,	18-20
Sausage,	10-11	Shoulder,	15-17
Pork—Western—		Breast,	10-12
Loins,	12-12½	Veal—Western—	
Hams,	11-12	Legs,	12-14
Shoulders,	8-9	Loins,	12-14
Sausage,	9-10	Shoulder,	8-10
Tenderloin,	25	Breasts,	7-9
—Lamb—Native—		Beef—	
Hindqu'ter,	22-23	Tenderloin,	50
Forequ'ter,	14-15	Porterhouse Steak,	25-28
Loins,	22	Sirloin Steak,	22-25
Ribs,	22	Inside Round,	18-20
Legs,	22	Shoulder Steak,	3-12
Breasts,	08	Rib Roast,	20-22
Lamb—Western—		Blade Roast,	14-15
Hindq'ters,	16-18	Rumps—	
Foreq'rters,	9-10	Fresh,	10-14
Loin or Ribs,	18	Corned,	10-14
Legs,	14		
Mutton—			
Legs,	12-14		
Chops,	16-18		

Poultry and Game.

Goslings,	18-23	Broilers, pr,	$1.50
Ducks,	25-28	Phil. Turkeys,	35
Roasters,	22-25	Phil. Capons,	25-28
Fryers,	20-25	Western Turkeys,	25-28
Fowl,	20-22	Pigeons, pr.,	25
Guineas—Roasters, pr,	$1.50		

Groceries.

Butter—		Granulated, 18 lbs.	$1
Tub, new,	34	Brown, 19 lbs.	$1
Creamery,	40	Cutloaf, 14 lb.	$1
Cheese—		Powdered, 15 lb.	$1
New,	20	Molasses—	
Eng. Dairy,	25	Porto Rico, gal.	50
Sage,	20	N. Orleans, gal.	60
Edam, each	95	Maple Syrup, bottle,	42
Eggs, local, doz.	30	Kerosene oil,	13@15
Pickles, gallon,	75		
Honey, comb,	22		
Vinegar, gal.	25		
Sugar—			

Fish.

Halibut,	18@20	Brand, box,	60
Market Cod,	8	R. Clams, pk.	60
Off S. Haddock,	10	Round Clams, op. qt	35
Steak Pollock,	8	Canned Salmon,	15
Mackerel,	20	2 for	25
Am. Sardines,	5@15	Lobsters—	
Impt. Sardines,	25	Live,	28
Oysters, qt.	40@50	Boiled,	30
Boneless Cod,	10@15	Steak Cod,	15
Shore Haddock,	10	Sheepshead,	15
Sea trout,	18	Carp,	15
Red Snappers,	15	Smelts,	15
Red Snapper Steak,	18	Smelts, extra	22
Smoked Salmon,	35	Perch,	15
Roe Shad,	25	Striped Bass,	20
Diamond Wedge		Spanish Mackerel,	22

Hay, Grain and Feed.

No. 1 Wheat,	$2.10	Oats, bushel,	65
Bran	$1.50	Cornmeal, cwt.,	$1.50
Middlings,	$1.50	Hay, baled, top,	$1.00
Straw, cwt.,	$1.30	Provender, cwt.,	$1.70
Bread Flour,	$7.25@$7.75	Cottonseed Meal, cwt.,	$1.60
St. Louis,	$6.25	Lin. Oil Meal,	$1.55
Rye,	$5		
Corn, bushel,	82½		

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HOLYOKE HOLDOUTS.

New Men on Roster Want More Money—Best of Stars Have Signed.

For the past six years that Holyoke has had a baseball club, there has been a holdout club among the players about this time each year and this year has proved to be no exception. It is purely a business matter for the players to write on, asking for more money, and when this not given to them, they report the same as ever, completely forgetting their complaints. All of the best of the old players have sent back their signed contracts, but there are still a few more of the "second raters" who, instead of sending their contracts sent pathetic notes telling how much they need the money.

The players have all been notified that they will have to report for April 7, and for the first few days the new comers will be drifting in, while the old timers are sure to be at least two days late. To date about 15 signed contracts have been returned, and about nine more are expected.

Owner Winkler has been having a great deal of difficulty in procuring exhibition games. The opening game will be against the Brooklyn Royal Giants on April 10. Montreal was slated for the 12th and 14th, but as the Eastern league opening has been set for the 15th it is hardly possible that Manager Casey will bring his men here. Pop Anson, the Chicago veteran, was to give the Holyoke club two dates, but changed his mind and gave Springfield and Worcester the dates. The management is accordingly busy trying to fill in for these dates.

TRAINING CAMP NOTES.

Connie Mack's Many Candidates—All Look Fit.

Connie Mack has so many new candidates for the Philadelphia Athletics that Topsy Hartsel suggested the fifty-seven varieties should be tagged for a while.

Plank, Murphy and Vickers appear to be lighter than they were last fall, and as if they had been trained to the hour for a prize fight.

Hartsel, Nicholls and Strunk are the only ones who appear to be overweight. Each has taken on some flesh since last fall, but at that neither has more than perhaps ten pounds to take off.

Bender looks more robust and better than he has looked in five years. Unless his looks belie him, this ought to be a great year for Chief.

Thomas has the appearance of a man who has taken extra good care to keep himself in perfect shape physically this winter.

With the Phillies.

Kid Gleason's Colts are making the regulars go some to beat them.

In a game between the Yannigans and the regulars, Hansford led with a homer and two singles. Gleason and Jacklitsch led for the Yanigans in swinging the big stick, each getting two clean singles. Buster Brown began pitching for the Yanigans, and after he had twirled three innings and had eight hits scored against him he was relieved by Coveleski, who did not fare any better during his stay of four innings, he having seven runs scored against him. Van Dyke pitched the last inning and retired the side without a score.

ART NICHOLS A HEADLINER.

Is Limbering Up for the Opening of the Season.

Willimantic's famous quartette of ball tossers, Art Nichols, Mike Sullivan, Mon Peloquin and Jamesie Nichols, are booked solid for the coming season, and it is a pipe that they will all be headliners by the time the first payday arrives, if self confidence amounts to anything.

Art Nichols, the dean of the Thread City tossers, has been in professional harness for the past sixteen year and in his time has played all of the big towns. He will hook up again with the Naugatuck valley romancer's Waterbury team. A bit of money is due Art for his work last season and when Waterburys' new angel puts up his spondulix Art expects a check for the amount due. Nichols has had a chemistry position in the dyehouse of the thread company all winter and he says that if Harry Durant wants any local color he can come to him, as it won't be necessary to take a trip to Spain. Art chaperoned several rod and gun parties this winter and the exercise put him in prime condition.

WRESTLING.

Chic Lawson Has Practically Accepted the Terms of Hendek.

Chic Lawson of Naugatuck, champion featherweight wrestler of the United States, has accepted the challenge of Young Hendek of Willimantic for a wrestling match, but he wants the match to take place before the club making the best offer, and he makes several other conditions. The officers of the Windham athletic club, who are backing Hendek, are agreeable to all the conditions named by Lawson's manager, except that they want the match to take place in Willimantic and they have suggested Monday evening, March 22, as the best time for the contest. If Lawson and his manager agree to this there will be a wrestling match; if not, all negotiations will probably be called off.—Waterbury Democrat.

Klobedanz Signs With Waterbury.

Fred Klobedanz, well known as one of the best southpaw pitchers the game ever produced, has signed with Waterbury of the Connecticut league. It was in Waterbury that Kloby began his baseball experiences and there he hopes to remain until his baseball days are over. With Kloby when he broke into the professional game, was George LaChance, afterwards famous as first sacker of the world's champion Boston Americans. Kloby played with Boston for a while last season.

Hoffman Goes South.

Izzy Hoffman will not miss his annual training trip to the sunny southland, even if he is not on the roster of any big league club. Connie Mack has taken the former Holyoker with him to New Orleans, where the Athletics will spend a month in training. Hoffman has accompanied Mack's men south for several seasons.

FANS WANT TIGHT GAMES.

Batting Bees Get Wearisome—Everybody Stays When the Score is Close.

Just why this hullabaloo about the falling off in batting should be made so much of is a mystery. The cry has been taken up all over the country for an increase in stick work. We are told that pitchers hold the whip hand and the poor batters are compelled to eat out of their hands, says a Cleveland writer. While it is true that the "spit" ball and foul strike rule have helped the pitchers, still they have had that most commendable result of shortening the games, greatly to the delight of the players and fans alike.

The players soon tire of a merry go round baseball game, one in which there is an abundance of hitting. If a team piles up 17 or 18 hits and some 10 or 11 runs in seven innings the men are so near dead from running that in the remaining two innings they make no effort to get on bases, being well satisfied to be retired in order. What is true of the players is also true of the fans. They become disgusted when one teams makes a runaway race of a game. They would much prefer to have hits and runs about evenly divided so that it would be a real contest. In a one-sided game when one team has the bulge on the other by some seven or eight runs and is doing all the batting it is safe to say that between 40 and 50 per cent. of the fans will depart for home before the sixth inning has started.

In a closely contested game, one of the kind where the home team has the other fellows on the hip by a 1 to 0 score, or vice versa, the chances are that not 1 per cent. of the fans will even leave their seats until the last man has been retired. Of course if both teams are batting and the game is close, the attention of the fans will be held, but in this instance more of the baseball patrons will leave the stands before the game is over than if a nerve-racking 1 to 0 or 2 to 1 contest was on the boards. All of which brings us to the point of whether or not the baseball public really wants more batting or if it is only the hue and cry of the sporting writers. It looks as if the latter is the case, as seldom indeed does one hear a real fan yell for more batting. He is satisfied if there is a little batting on both sides. He wants to see a real contest, no matter which team may be the victor.

CHAMPION EATERS.

Three Fat Men Get Away with 675 Oysters and 22 Pounds of Steak.

Three members of the Manhattan Fat Men's club who are in training for the forthcoming annual championship eating contest met Sunday at 244 East Third street to settle a private wager of $50 as to which of the trio could get outside of the most food. Here is what they consumed:

Ex-Alderman Frank J. Dotzler, who weighs 380 pounds: 275 oysters, 8 1-8 pounds of stea, 12 rolls, 11 cups of coffee, three large pies.

Jack Gossman, who weighs 315 pounds: 210 oysters, 6 pounds of steak, 9 rolls, 10 cups of coffee, 3 large pies.

Jack Probst, who weighs 320 pounis: 190 oyster, 12 pounds of steak, 10 rolls, 6 cups of coffee, 4 large pies.

Peter Balvado, the referee, awarded the $50 to Dotzler, who had hard work pushing the money into his vest pocket.

A dozen other members of the club, who were present as watchers, got so interested in the contest that their mouths opened and shut automatically as the trio ate. Finally they all began to howl for some food themselves.

"It's all gone," said Balvado. With loud cries the twelve rushed out to a restaurant.—New York World.

SPORTING NOTES.

Red Waller is a favorite new comer with the New York Nationals.

Gardner and Wilson will leave New York with the Americans at once.

Manager Fred Winkler of Holyoke talks a trade of Kid McAndrew, the Holyoke captain and third baseman, for Kid Sherwood of New Haven.

Tom Fleming, once with Hartford in the Eastern league, and a few years ago manager of the Holyoke team, will manage the Lowell club of the New England league this season.

Umpire Rorty says that he has not made any definite plants for the season. He has not fully recovered from his injury, but thinks he will be all right when the season opens.

Howard Earl, scout for Pittsburg, saw Wadleigh work down south last season and he says there is no catcher in the Connecticut league that has anything on him. Wadleigh will be behind the bat for Hartford this season.

Jack Hess says he will quit baseball rather than go to Nashville. Hess was covered up so many times by Dan O'Neil that he thinks something is wrong if he cannot play in Springfield. Tom Stankard declares he will not go to Denver.

Paddy O'Connor left Windsor Locks yesterday to join the Pittsburgs on their trip to their training camp at Hot Springs, Ark. His salary has been increased $300, and he will be the first assistant to Gibson, the main catcher for the Pirates.

Gotch Will Meet Hackenschmidt.

Frank Gotch, the champion heavyweight wrestler, and George Hackenschmidt, the Russian wrestler, have accepted the terms of a Melbourne syndicate to wrestle for the world's championship in Melbourne, Australia, November 4, ne

FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL.

EXTREME DULLNESS.

Market a Neglected and Inert Mass in the Afternoon.

New York, March 11.—The perplexities of the room traders today were added to by the want of responsiveness in the stock market to any news developments. The room traders themselves gave over their efforts as the day progressed and left the market a neglected and inert mass late in the day. Such a spectacle of dullness is rarely witnessed on the New York stock exchange. It was supposed that the ending of the government's suit against the Standard Oil company would revive some animation in the market. Traders bought a few stocks late yesterday, expecting to sell at higher prices to the buyers which which might be attracted today by the Standard Oil decision. There was no such demand and the realizing sales consequently forced prices downwards. Acute weakness developed in the Erie issues, accompanied by rumors of a coming receivership. Serious as might be considered such a contingency, there was no pressure of selling in the general list of securities, any more than there had been buying on account of the Standard Oil decision. The measure projected for the "rescue" of the Erie from a threatened receivership by advances from E. H. Harriman was one of the earliest factors in starting the revival of speculative confidence following the financial panic. A failure now to take permanent the provision then temporarily arranged would present many suggestions of unfavorable purport. The failure to support the Erie today suggested the motive of demonstrating to recalcitrant bondholders the possible consequence of a refusal to assent to the financial plan, such assent on the part of 90 per cent. of the bondholders being enjoined by the public service commission as a condition of their permission of the plan. The assembling of the conference over anthracite mining wages presented an issue of which the solution is awaited. Further reductions in prices of some steel products today and another decline in refined copper represented the unsettlement still prevalent in these great industries. A few stocks moved under the impulse of special causes; the sugar industrials on the hope that import duties would be undisturbed; the Interborough-Metropolitan stock on the new subway proposals; American Tobacco preferred because of the record earnings reported for last year, and so on in a few other cases. Bonds were steady. Total sales, par value, $3,040,000. United States bonds were unchanged on call.

STOCKS.

Sales.		High.	Low.	Close.
18700	Amalgamated Copper	68½	67¾	68⅝
1400	Am. Car & Foundry	48⅞	48¼	48
100	Do. pfd	110	110	109¾
—	Am. Cotton Oil	—	—	41⅝
800	Am. Hide & L. pfd	58	58	57¾
1900	Am. Ice Securities	37⅝	37	37½
—	Am. Linseed Oil	—	—	17
700	American Locomotive	51	50	50¾
—	Do. pfd	—	—	112
4800	Am. Smelting & R.	83¼	82¼	82⅞
400	Do. pfd	104	103⅞	103⅞
1600	Am. Sugar Refining	131¼	129⅞	130⅝
5600	Am. Tobacco pfd	95⅞	95	94¼
—	American Woolen	—	—	28¼
200	Anaconda Mining Co.	41	40⅞	40⅞
9700	Atchison	104¼	103⅝	103⅞
500	Do. pfd	102⅞	102¼	102⅞
—	Atlantic Coast Line	—	—	117
3100	Baltimore & Ohio	107⅞	107¼	107¼
100	Do. pfd	93⅞	93⅞	93⅞
1800	Brooklyn Rapid Transit	71	70⅝	70⅞
100	Canadian Pacific	166⅞	166½	166½
300	Central Leather	28⅞	28¼	28¼
800	Do. pfd	102	101⅞	101⅞
200	Central of New Jersey	225	225	225
8700	Chesapeake & Ohio	67⅞	66⅞	66⅞
300	Chicago Great Western	6⅞	6¼	6⅞
100	Chicago & N. W.	178	178	177
3500	Chicago, M. & St. P.	142⅞	141⅞	141⅞
200	C. C. C. & St. Louis	72	72	72
1200	Colorado Fuel & Iron	32¼	31⅞	31