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ADVOCATES UNIFORM CONTRACT. Its Adoption by Major and Minor Leagues Favored by National Baseball Commission—Announcement Follows Decision on Manning's Claim For Salary.

Cincinnati, Jan. 10.—In reversing a decision of the national board of minor leagues here today, the national baseball commission gave notice that at its meeting in Chicago next Thursday it would advocate the adoption of a uniform contract for both major and minor leagues.

The case today was an appeal by Player Manning from a decision of the national board. The latter had refused his claim for salary against the York, Pa., club of the Tri-State league from June 1 to the end of the Tri-State season.

Manning was injured in a championship game, and after coming from the hospital was suspended by the York club for disability. A stipulation in his contract held that the club was to pay him for one month following his release from the hospital. The commission held that in case the club did not release the player outright at the expiration of a month it would be forced to pay him the salary, as it was against the spirit of the national agreement to suspend a player for disability when that disability was sustained on the ball field. Player Manning was declared a free agent unless the York club pays the player the demands asked for within ten days.

The commission then stated that uniform contracts alone would eliminate this evil. Princeton's Athletic Officials Retained. Princeton, N. J., Jan. 10.—Announcement was made here today by the board of control of the University Athletic association that Keene Fitzpatrick, the varsity trainer, and William J. Clarke, the baseball coach, have both signed contracts to remain at Princeton. Clarke, whose three year contract expires at the close of the coming season, signed an agreement to remain

here for another five years, but the length of Fitzpatrick's term was not made public. Clarke was formerly a member of the New York National league team, while Fitzpatrick came here from the University of Michigan.

Dartmouth Has 25 Games. Hanover, N. H., Jan. 10.—The baseball nines of Fordham, Colby and University of Maine, will meet the Dartmouth college players on the diamond this year for the first time. The schedule, made public tonight, consists of 25 games, of which twelve will be played at Hanover. The spring training trip, April 11-16, will be in New York state, New Jersey and Pennsylvania. There will be a game with Princeton April 12, with the University of Pennsylvania on April 14, and with West Point April 16. The team will play Yale at New Haven May 14, Holy Cross at Worcester May 30, and Amherst at Amherst June 23.

Laurel Hills at New London. The Laurel Hills meet the Manual Training school basketball team at New London this evening. The Norwich lineup will probably include Coy and Robinson, four, in the center; Revell and Bellefleur, guards. The change from the regular lineup is due to the injury to Jackson, who will watch the game from the sidelines.

Bates vs. Young Glynn. Young Bates of Providence, who is camping in this city just at present, was in New London Friday, and as a result arranged a match with Young Glynn of that place, for next Thursday at Baltic. The bout is scheduled for ten rounds.

Bates has been in training for the past week, and says he will be in good condition for the bout.

OLD HAMPTON PAPERS. THE HAUNTED HOUSE.

(Written Specially For The Bulletin.) There is scarcely a town in New England but that at some time in its history has been the scene of a haunted house. There is no exception; seventy years ago it had a genuine one and there are people living today in Norwich as well as Hampton, who are terrified by the scenes in the Haunted House.

It stands today, an old tumble-down structure, in the southern part of the town, in Howard Valley, just east of the Three Bridges on the road leading to Canterbury. It has not been habitable for many years this little old gambrel-roofed house with its shingled sides and ghostly air, sunken doorsteps, sagging window frames and sagging roof.

Tradition says that a hundred years ago and more a peddler was wandering in the old house; anyway he disappeared mysteriously, after having lodged in the house, and when the un-canny sights and sounds were heard his memory was revived as being the uneasy ghost which was haunting the place. One story goes that a family living there moved out because of the weird noises heard at nights. One day, the woman, going into the cellar noticed a sword protruding out of the thick walls of the chimney. Wondering that she never noticed it before, she took hold of it and tried to pull it out, when an awful groaning and shuddering, sounded throughout the whole house. Terrified she fled up-stairs and told her husband who at once went into the cellar but failed to see the sword although he had heard the groans and shuddering sounds. They moved out as soon as possible. The next family had even a wretched experience. Sounds such as water drip-

ping from the ceiling of the rooms, drip, drip, drip, were often heard, in daytime as well as at night. The front door which opens into a small entry, would never stay fastened all night, no matter how much pains were taken to lock it securely. Nails driven over the latch would be removed, a knife placed into the latch to prevent its being lifted would also prove unavailing; the door was always found to be open when morning came.

In the night, all over the house the latches would rattle mysteriously. Going to the doors to investigate, the rattling would cease, only to commence again immediately. Up and down, up and down the latches would rattle as if impish hands were busy in keeping the family from sleep.

East of the entry opens a long room. Before the south window which was the front window the good woman of the house kept her spinning wheel. Her bed stood against the east wall and a small fire place was built on the west side into the big corner chimney. One evening some neighbors having come into the kitchen she opened the door from the kitchen into this bedroom to get a chair. Her little seven-year old daughter followed her, as did also a small white dog, the child's pet. They saw, what appeared to them to be a bowed figure of a man, outside the window, peering into the room. In a second it seemed to come into the window, right between the spokes of the wheel, and rolled over and over, a headless, hairy body as of a man, it vanished with a "whiff" and disappeared up the chimney. The child, remembers it perfectly and also her terrible fright at the strange sight. The dog

FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL.

FRACTIONAL LOSSES. Weakness of Copper Stocks, Depresses the Entire List.

New York, Jan. 10.—Weakness of the copper stocks had an unsettling influence on the general market today and there was a backward swing from yesterday's close. The heaviness of the list had its inception in the copper group, but spread to the trans-continental railroad issues, which responded to moderate pressure. The whole list gave way, although in a majority of cases the losses were only fractional. Among the copper stocks, with a decline of 1-2, 2-4, and 3-4, Chino sixes broke 13 1-2. There was no new development to account for a change in speculative sentiment and the movement appeared to be chiefly the result of manoeuvres by the professional element. Although the increase in the United States Steel corporation's unutilized tonnage fell short of some estimates it was not a disappointing showing and detected a large volume of forward business. Orders on hand are estimated as sufficient to keep the mills of the corporation busy for half of the year. Never before in the twelve years corporation's history, has it begun a new year with so large a carrying-over of business on its books. Production is now being carried on at the highest rate in the history of the company. The December report was not a factor in the stock market. The price of steel remained stationary for some time after publication of the figures.

Weakness of the copper stocks was associated with the further break of the metal abroad, and with reports that selling agencies here had been closing contracts under the official rate of 17 1/2 cents. Another large cash gain by the banks as a result of the week's operations was forecasted. Estimates suggested a gain of \$18,000,000 to \$20,000,000. The bond market was steady. Total sales, par value, \$2,295,000. United States bonds unchanged on call.

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MONEY. New York, Jan. 10.—Money on call steady; 2 3/4 a 3 per cent; ruling rate 2 3/4. Last loan 3, closing bid 2 7/8; offered at 3.

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Table with columns: Name, High, Low, Close. Includes items like New York, Jan. 10.—Cotton futures closed quiet. Closing prices: Jan. 10, 12.82; Feb. 12.89; March, 12.46; April, 12.47; May, 12.52; June, 12.43; July, 12.44; August, 12.51; September, 11.77; October, 11.66; December, 11.66.

bristled and barked furiously and the mother was as frightened as the child. The man of the house did not believe in ghosts; he poked at their story, but one night, some time later, he was awakened by engineering heavy falling on him from the ceiling. In horror he saw that it was the same headless, hairy thing which had frightened his wife and child and it vanished in the fire-lace with the same whishing sound. That frightened him and he moved his family out at once.

For many years the house, as tenacious. About thirty years ago a man committed suicide there, one of the younger generation who had not heard the stories and could not have been influenced by them.

Only a few of the old people know the story about the Haunted House. This tale is related by my father, Ebenezer Jewett, who says it was a matter of absolute credence, twenty years ago that that was a haunted house.

Perhaps, if the house is ever demolished a skeleton will be found in the food supply, it was found in another house not far from there several years ago. There are other Ghost stories of Hampton but this is probably the best known any.

SUSAN JEWETT HOWE.

Chemical Research.

In an address at Berlin at the opening of the Kaiser Wilhelm Institute for promoting and organizing chemical research, Dr. Emil Fischer read a list of the contributions that chemistry has made to the welfare of Germany, a country that has probably been benefited more by scientific research than any other. The most important of these benefits are those that have come by applying chemistry to the problems of nourishment, of agriculture and of the food supply. It is, he says, will help alluring and cement; to clothing, artificial silks and coloring dyes; to producing both natural and artificial indigo; to artificial violet, artificial rose and other artificial odors can now be made; to synthetic camphor, urea and materia medica, including the recent arsenic and selenium organic compounds; to radio activity to therapeutics; to the destruction of harmful microbes; to methods of disposing of sewage; to the preparation of efficient explosives, and to many other useful objects. "Tooths companion."

Actors and Audiences.

The crying need of the theater today is a night school. I do not hesitate to say that the stage today—not as it is conducted, but as it lies in the hope of actors, is far ahead of the public taste. I don't mean that the actors are superior to audiences, but all actors are superior in their entirety to the audience in its entirety. Art is a luxury, and the theater is the high cost of living, when the humble man has to pinch the cost of a moving picture, a play, a play, a play, that his daily potato, it belongs to those means whose opportunities permit to keep alive the flame of beauty in art. The drama, "poor Cinderella of the arts" is beset on one side by the so-called "high-brows" who want something so being lifted would not go to see able; and on the other by gapping masses of mere time-killers, who demand something so bad that the artist is a "precious" a daughter, but no mention is made of Lady Campbell. She does not seem even to have been asked to the daughters' wedding, which takes place shortly after.

The explanation suggested by Dr. Heller is that Scott, like every other author, was able to repeat himself and to run in a groove in regard to matters which were to him of secondary importance. Scott took the greatest pains over his historical and topographical details, and his special character studies were always fresh and new, but he spent little trouble over his nominal heroes and heroines. One can but hope concludes Dr. Heller, that all the heroines who were so happily married in the last chapters of their respective biographies were not destined to premature decease, but that some of them lived long enough to bring up their own daughters to maturity and give them that maternal care of which they themselves rather conspicuously stood in need.—New York Evening Post, in de-cy.

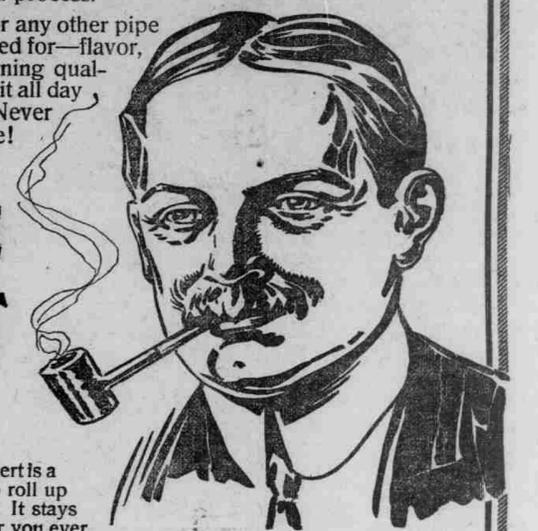
A Waverly Novel Discovery.

It seems late in the day for the discovery of a new point in connection with the characters in the Waverly Novels. But Dr. J. B. Heller, a professor in the Medical School of Leeds University, calls attention in the British Weekly to the fact that with one striking exception all Scott's heroines are motherless. A heroine may live with a widowed father, an uncle, a brother, a grandmother, or other female relative, but except in "The Bride of Lammermoor," there is found no grown-up daughter living with her own mother. In "The Legend of Montrose" a mother is introduced, only to be ignored. The four children of Sir Duncan and Lady Campbell are carried off by Highland

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