

GOSSIP OF THE WANING BASEBALL SEASON AND OTHER SPORTS

GREGGAINS PLANS BOXING CARNIVAL

MANAGER OF 'FRISCO ATHLETIC CLUB WOULD HAVE THREE BIG BATTLES IN ONE NIGHT.

If the plans of Alex Greggains, the genial manager of the 'Frisco Athletic club, do not fall to the ground the Golden Gate City is to have a rare treat in the pugilistic line.

Greggains is now planning an immense boxing carnival to take place in San Francisco. The contests he is figuring on are Corbett and McGovern, Tommy Ryan and Jack O'Brien and Fitzsimmons and McCoy.

That such a carnival would draw an immense crowd there is not the slightest shadow of a doubt. It would arouse the interest of the sporting world from ocean to ocean and would in all probability prove the greatest meeting ever recorded in pugilistic history.

GUS RUHLIN SAID TO BE DEAD BROKE

AKRON GIANT LOOKING FOR A FIGHT AND WANTS TO TAKE ON JEFF—WHY NOT BOB FITZ?

If the rumors that are going the rounds are to be believed Gus Ruhlín, who by the way has championship aspirations just at present, is almost as near broke as it is comfortable for a pugilist to be.

There are a heap worse fighters than Gus Ruhlín and he is probably as much in line for a battle with Champion Jim Jeffries as any of the heavyweights.

There are not a few sporting authorities who think that Ruhlín has improved sufficiently to give a stronger argument than when last they met. It might not be an altogether bad move for the energetic promoters of the fight to get together and arrange a match between the lanky Cornishman and the Akron Giant before the Jeffries-Corbett affair which is not scheduled until next May.

RELIGIOUS SOCIETIES TO PREVENT THE FIGHT

Christian Endeavor and Epworth League Organizations Take Action Against Proposed Corbett-Rice Bout.

Waterbury, Conn., Oct. 27.—At a mass meeting held here Saturday night by the Christian Endeavor societies and the Epworth League of this city measures were adopted to prevent the proposed "Young" Corbett-Rice fight, which is scheduled to take place on November 6.

It was decided to present a petition to Mayor Kilduff and Assistant State's Attorney Kellogg asking them to take definite action in the matter, and in case this does not have the desired effect the societies propose to seek an injunction in the superior court.

TROTTERS TO GO ABROAD

American Horses to Be Sent to Europe the Middle of Next Month.

Several American trotters purchased by a party of Austrians during the past fortnight will be sent to Europe for racing and breeding purposes about the middle of November. This party is now at Memphis and the first of next month will go to New York. The most recent purchase of these men was the bay mare Alice Russell by Gambetta Wilkes out of Sally Jones.

GOOD SHOOTING ON GUN CLUB RANGE

LIVE BIRD SHOOT LENDS ADDITIONAL INTEREST TO THE SPORT—COWAN TAKES THE HONORS.

Members of the gun club enjoyed a good shoot at the range on the flats yesterday and in addition to the clay pigeon shoot, there was a brief live bird contest. In the latter Cowan took first honors, shooting 15 straight. The sport at the range continues to grow more interesting each week and quite a number of new men are joining the club.

Table with 4 columns: Name, Score 1, Score 2, Score 3. Includes names like Gallagher, Irwin, Scott, Walker, Cowan, Smith, Morse, Spargo, Yancey, Owsley, Smyth.

In the live bird shoot the results were: Cowan, 15 straight; Yancey, 9 out of 10; Teague, 7 out of 10. Walker and Spargo shot at only one bird each, which they succeeded in bringing down.

AMERICAN LEAGUE PLAYERS SIGNED

BAN JOHNSON SAYS THAT CONTRACTS WILL BE LIVED UP TO—BALTIMORE TO BE DROPPED.

New York, Oct. 27.—Ban B. Johnson, president of the American Baseball league, who is in this city said, regarding the announcement just made of the list of players for the proposed new team here.

"Every man on the list has been signed by an American league club and moreover I know the contracts will be lived up to. Baltimore is to be dropped from our circuit to make way for New York and in this city, right in Manhattan Island, we have leased ground not only convenient but accessible.

"We have made known the names of the players who will compose the New York team and our next step will be to inform the public of the location of our park. The time is not yet ripe for us to divulge the locality, but I will do so shortly. I have been balked once or twice in my plans but this time everything is all right and there is nothing ahead but plain sailing."

FOOTBALL GAME ENDS IN A MOST DRAMATIC SCENE

Player Receives Fatal Injuries and the Home Team Burns Goal Posts and Announces Its Retirement.

Stanton, Ill., Oct. 27.—Edward Schmidt, right tackle in the local team, was injured in a game yesterday with a St. Louis team and died within 10 minutes. The first half was almost completed when Schmidt complained of a pain in his head. A physician was summoned hurriedly, but Schmidt died just as he arrived. The coroner will hold an inquest.

The Stanton team, led by their captain, marched to the ends of the goal posts and burned them. On changing their clothes they added their sweaters and football suits to the fire and announced that there would be no more football games in Stanton.

LOCAL BOWLERS READY FOR THE ALL-AMERICANS

Two More Practice Matches Arranged to Which the Public Is Invited—First Occurs This Evening.

In order that the local bowlers may be in the best of condition for their match games with the crack All-American trio the latter part of the week, it has been arranged to have two instead of one practice game before the Eastern experts arrive. One match will be played tonight at the Thornorton alleys and another on Wednesday night, and the public is invited to attend both.

Manager Ike Heilbronner has received word from Samuel Karp, manager of the All-Americans, to the effect that the trio is in good shape and that he expects his men to do some of their best work of the season in the Butte games.

ACEFUL TO GO TO ENGLAND

Great Colt Is to Be Entered in the English Derby and Other Stakes.

Aceful, considered by many expert horsemen to be the champion 2-year-old of the season, will be sent to England in a few weeks to keep his engagement in the Derby and other important stakes.

MONTANA WILL HAVE LEAGUE

State Organization to Be Formed Next Season With Best Baseball Towns in the Circuit--Local Gossip.

From information I have received within the last few days I can say with almost a certainty that there will be another baseball league in Montana next year. It is not likely that it will in any way rival the Pacific-Northwest, but if the plans arranged are carried out it will be a good strong league, and one in which good players will be engaged.

The success of the Butte team and the good showing made toward the end of the season by the Helena team has placed the other sporty towns of Montana on the ragged edge of envious emulation, and the movement for another league has become general.

There was a strong effort made during the latter part of the season to organize a state league, and one town even went so far as to try to buy one or two of the best Butte players. The deal failed to go through, however, as McCloskey's men were loyal to him and the matter dropped for the season, but only to be taken up again for next year.

The state league proposed is to be composed of the towns of Billings, Red Lodge, Livingston, Bozeman and one or two others nearby. These are to be organized into a minor league and good salaried clubs put in. Such a proposition will afford the towns mentioned a good game of ball, and if indications are correct it will be ball played by pennant winners in some instances, too.

I was talking to Dave Zearfoss Saturday night on his way home to Dover, Del., or thereabouts. Dave acknowledged having received several offers from Billings, and he is by no means certain of playing in the big league next year.

"They made me several offers to go to Billings during the season just closed," said Dave, "but I couldn't leave McCloskey at that time. Billings is a good town and I would like to live there next season."

"The Billings people have made me a good offer and one which I don't think I can afford to overlook next season. I think it is more than likely that I and, perhaps, others will be playing in a state league next year."

I was given to understand that the Billings people have offered Dave a good salary, and besides have offered to start him up with a cigar store and a guaranteed business. This kind of an offer for a steady fellow like Zearfoss, who wants to get into business, is likely to prove too strong an inducement, and there is danger of losing the champions' catcher for Butte. Zearfoss is under reserve, but it is easy under his contract for him to get away for the coming season.

Zearfoss left Saturday night for his home near Dover, Del. Dave will find a new place at the old home, etc., upon his arrival, there having been born there a baby girl during the time that the Butte catcher was holding down wild ones and winning the pennant.

Zearfoss is just about as well fixed as any man in the P. N. L. Besides the baby, he has a truck farm near Dover which yields him a good living, and it is there he spends his winters working on the Delaware peaches and other fruit trees which he has in abundance.

Charlie McIntyre, the Butte third baseman, is at Pipestone Springs in a serious, if not dangerous, condition. He was taken to the springs Saturday night by Knox and Schills to be treated for inflammatory rheumatism.

McIntyre was seized with the painful affliction suddenly, and when taken to the springs was unable to raise or lower his arms. He suffered intensely, and it required two men to convey him to the train and care for him properly.

Mose LaFontaine will go against Eddie Croak at Great Falls tonight, and those fortunate enough to be in the vicinity will no doubt witness a corking good go.

As soon as Mose gets back, which will be within the next two or three days, it is likely that something will be done in regard to another match for Jack Clifford. Clifford, who is attending Mose, will most likely answer some of the challenges sent to him, and is expected to pay his respects to Dayton, the "Marysville Kid," who has placed on deposit money with which to bind the match which he is trying to get on with the champion.

From information received from Havre one would judge that Jack Wade's bad luck is continuing to pursue him to the limit. Jack was fouled in his fight with the "Wisconsin Kid," but the latter got the decision just the same.

Wade was hit in the groin and went down suffering terribly. A claim of foul was made, but before the doctors who were called had given in their decision that Wade had been hit a foul blow in the groin, the referee awarded the fight to the "Kid."

I understand that up to the time the blow was struck it was an even break. The cleverness of Wade's opponent prevented the work of that famous right of the former champion. Havre isn't telling how many rounds there were, but the story goes forth that it was one of the best and longest fights ever witnessed in the state. Jack says that he will lay off on the fighting game from now on until he has fully recovered his strength.

Willie B. Goode

BENNINGS COURSE IN FINE CONDITION

RACING MEET OPENS THERE ON NOVEMBER 10 AND PROMISES TO BE AN INTERESTING ONE.

Dates for the autumn meeting of the Washington Jockey club are November 10 to 29, and already the pretty race course at Bennings is in perfect condition and is today as complete and attractive as any race course in America. The track, on which above \$25,000 has been expended the past summer, is now really fast and perfectly safe, the turns have been thrown up, underground drains put in, and a complete line of piping for sprinkling put all around, says a Washington dispatch.

The surface has been sub-soiled with from three to four inches of loam, and consequently the track is greatly improved. The racing season of 1902 has been the most successful ever known on the American turf, and the Washington Jockey club has followed the example of all the metropolitan tracks—purses having been raised which insures a better class of horses.

New and attractive stakes and handicaps have been added, and the autumn meeting will see the revival of many of the turf classics, such as the Dixie and the Vestal—possibly the most honored races run on an American turf.

The Grand Consolation for 2-year-olds will have a net value of between \$8,000 and \$10,000, and should prove one of the great 2-year-old races of the year.

The Limit of Speed.

"So you were a guest of the millionaire chauffeur?" said the friend. "Did his machine go fast?"

"Fast?" echoed Major Bourbon. "Why, by the time you could pull your flask you would be in a prohibition state and by the time you put it back you would be out again."

STEEPLECHASE IN WASHINGTON, D. C.

JOCKEY CLUB OF THE NATION'S CAPITAL ARRANGES FOR NOVEL AND INTERESTING EVENT.

The Washington Jockey club has always catered especially to the steeplechasers, and will this year have a Chevy Chase Steeplechase for horses owned and hunted by the Chevy Chase Hunt club of the District of Columbia, and the Hunter's Champion Steeplechase, with \$1,000 added, in addition to a handsome piece of plate.

The recent victory of the gentleman rider, Mr. Harry Page, on Self Protection should act as a stimulus to the many good sportsmen in Virginia, Maryland and the District of Columbia, and the Hunter's Champion should see many of them in the saddle at Bennings.

Again, the Washington Jockey club gives a number of long-distance races, events which tax the stamina and gameness of the horse and show what the real thoroughbred race horse is. The Washington Cup, the Maximum, the longest races run on the flat in America, are a sample of these races, and they invariably bring out a good field.

Cholly's Brief Promotion.

Cholly (proudly)—By Jove! I'm quite a professor of swimming, don't you know. I taught Mabel Galey how to swim in two lessons.

Jack—Gad! That was a quick throw-down.

Cholly (indignantly)—What do you mean?

Jack—Why, she let me give her ten lessons before she learned.

Stand From Under. [Chicago Record-Herald.] Tom Johnson and Mark Hanna are going to appear together on the same platform. It should be well braced.

BLACKSMITHS WIN FROM THE TYPOS

RIVAL TEAMS BOWL INTERESTING GAMES ON TOLAN'S ALLEYS—GOOD SCORES ARE MADE.

Anaconda, Oct. 27.—The blacksmiths and the printers' bowling teams played a series of match games yesterday at Tolán's alleys. The games were interesting to watch, and the blacksmiths took the victory by a majority of 59 pins.

Nugent of the printers' team rolled the high score of the series, making 214 in the second game. Mackay of the blacksmiths had the best average, reaching 172. The results were as follows:

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Total number of pins: Blacksmiths, 2,243; printers, 2,184.

Majority for blacksmiths, 59 pins. A return match is to be arranged at an early date, and as the printers are anxious to regain their lost laurels a good contest may be expected.

MOTOR CYCLIST IS HURLED TO DEATH

FRANK ELWELL, INTERNATIONAL AUTHORITY ON THE SPORT, MEETS FATAL ACCIDENT.

New York, Oct. 27.—Frank Elwell of Brooklyn, an international authority on motor cycling and a frequent contributor to the magazines devoted to this sport has been killed near Hicksville, L. I., while participating in a club run.

The head stem of his machine broke as he was speeding along at a fast clip and he was hurled to the ground with such force that his neck was broken. Elwell had travelled through Europe, Asia and Northern Africa on the machine that caused his death. There were seventy two cyclists in the party. Elwell was the last man in the string.

As the party neared Hicksville, he put on full power in order to catch up with the other and while crossing the railroad tracks his machine suddenly fell apart. When a physician reached him he was dead.

KID M'COY AND MARVIN HART TO MEET IN RING

Articles Have Been Signed for Bout to Take Place Before International Athletic Club Next Month.

Advices from New York state that arrangements have been completed for a mid-weight battle between Kid McCoy and Marvin Hart to take place in the arena of the International Athletic club of Buffalo on November 10.

The contest is to be a 20-round affair and for a purse of \$5,000, which will be divided among the fighters, McCoy presumably to get the lion's share, inasmuch as he is regarded as the drawing card.

McCoy has not yet given up hope that Fitzsimmons will agree to meet him in the ring and has authorized Herman to sign articles for December. It's evidently up to Fitz and it is by no means certain that he will agree to the arrangements.

CAPTAIN BROWN WILL FIGURE ON THE TURF

Pittsburg Owner Signs Jockey Odom for Next Season at Big Salary—Will Have a Fine String.

That Capt. S. S. Brown of Pittsburg will cut a big figure on the turf next season is certain. He has signed Jockey Odom as his stable jockey for next season at a salary said to be \$15,000. Odom has been riding with fair success this year, and is regarded as a promising boy.

It is reported that Captain Brown has secured a fine string of 2-year-olds and has several good older horses in his stables with which he expects to win more than one purse of gold.

IF YOU BOUGHT IT AT SHERMAN'S IT'S GOOD.

FREEDMAN HAS NOT REALLY DESERTED

TIM MURNANE, THE EMINENT BASEBALL CRITIC, THINKS ANDY IS PLAYING BIG GAME.

Tim Murnane, the well-known baseball critic, in speaking of Andy Freedman's apparent desertion of the National League in favor of John T. Brush has the following to say:

"Freedman out of baseball? Not much. Sir Andrew is still playing cards, and with John T. Brush has mapped out a way to become the president of the National League.

"The snap-shot artists lost a fine chance when they failed to get a picture of the parting of Freedman from the New York club. The reports said that large, juicy tears played tag down Sir Andrew's cheeks as he made his farewell speech to the New York reporters and turned over his tail-end ball club to the stage of Indianapolis. 'I shall still remain on the board of directors of the New York club,' said Freedman.

"Mr. Brush will now rig up a scheme and make it appear that Freedman must return and become the 'Moses' of the old league. Great business interests will be given an excuse for refusing the honor that friends of the game hoped A. G. Spalding might accept last season. I heard Freedman say not long ago that he wished he had the time to give to league matters, for he would take the presidency and give the rattle-brained magnates a business administration which they never had and were badly in need of.

"Freedman will be asked to become the executive head of the league, with John T. Brush still chairman of the executive committee. This will be a star play, and show to the world how strong is Freedman and how far he was in the game when he was flitting on the threshold but a few short months ago, while A. G. Spalding was after the scalp of the combination which had decided to make the league one big corporation.

"Freedman out of baseball? Far from it. He is simply trying to get full control of the old organization. That is the way it looks to me."

HAS OLD JOHN L. LOST POPULARITY?

DISMAL FAILURE OF HIS THEATRICAL ENTERPRISE WOULD SEEM TO POINT THAT WAY.

John L. Sullivan, once the most popular man in the prize ring, his name on the lips of every street gamin as well as the large coterie of followers of the fistie game, has to all intents and purposes lost the prestige that once made him famous. He is no longer the shining light before the public he was in the good old days when he held the heavyweight championship of the world. For many seasons after he lost the belt to James J. Corbett, Sullivan made good on the stage and the people flocked to the opera house to see the great John L. Now it is a different proposition and to speak in terms not particularly classic, he is compelled to retire to the extreme rear and there assume a position in a comfortable chair.

In short, John L.'s theatrical troupe has disbanded, disbanded because the disbanded because the disheartened managers have found that Sullivan is no longer a drawing card; disbanded because there were no bookings for his show. At first Sullivan threatened to leave the stage forever, but on second consideration decided that vaudeville would not be so bad, so he is not forever lost to histrionic fame.

Sad, indeed, was the final meeting between the old heavyweight star and his manager, Ben Lothrop.

"Nothing doing, John," stammered Lothrop, getting ready to dodge a swing. "We can't get bookings."

"Go to!" thundered Sullivan. Now, truthfully, "Go to" is not exactly the language used by the ex-pugilist, but it is what he meant and sounds better on children's ears.

"It grieves me, John," continued Lothrop, executing a neat side step, "but here are letters from managers all over the country declaring that there is no open time for 'An American Earl.'"

"And me with all the swell rags of a real nobleman on my hands," replied Sullivan. "What do managers know about art? In spite, I have a mind to quit the stage."

As intimated above, Sullivan afterward retracted this cruel determination. He explained that a sketch had been written for him and that he had a substantial offer to appear at the head of a vaudeville combination.

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