

THE KNOCKER'S COLUMN.

A FEW CRACKS AT THE SPORTS.

END OF THE CENTURY FINDS AMERICA IN FRONT OF FOREIGN NATIONS IN ALL BRANCHES OF SPORT.

Our Representatives Have Taught the World Many Things in a Competitive Sense—They've Surpassed Even at "Faking."



IN SOME INSTANCES WE HAVE "OUTFAKED" THE UNIVERSE.

I wonder who is on the level anyway. When I take a shy at anything that looks crooked, it's always the other fellow and the baby and equal. Here's a fine Pona, who assured me that he had never looked in the ring or on the mat with Olsen. "Never met him," was the Frenchman's assertion. If that's the case, photography has achieved more wonders than were ever dreamed of, for I have seen a picture wherein the lofty figure of Olsen and the burly frame of Olsen appear in the same ring at Copenhagen. Of course, it is just possible that one-half of the camera's beamer was trained on Paris and the other on Copenhagen, but I don't believe it. And the photo cranial assure me that the telephoto process isn't equal to the distance.

A man in Baltimore sends me a "pipe" which I can't pipe because my conscience isn't elastic enough to ask anybody to believe it. It is about Herford, and goes on to say that a man with a knife on his cheek is his hoodoo. In the course of the dream Herford is alleged to make the mole responsible for what happened in Chicago, together with a lot of other "hard luck" that came his way. Look and see if any of the Presidents pictured in greenbacks are drawn with marks on their cheeks. Herford didn't send me the story.

I know if Johnny Dunn will have all the trouble he is looking for trying to keep sobriety in the same show with Peep Beauty Matty Matthews. They'll get jealous in spite of Dunn's softness. The wgal complaint in the suit brought in the "soubrette" in the present case is about the situation that blond hair varied too much in its daily tint. "Mr. Coney's hair" should be run on a strictly brassy basis.

This isn't a press notice to make a bid for the favor of the patrons in Chinatown, but really they might stop knocking the Sangerfest project if they hear it. Billy Higgins bought a house in Drexler Heights recently. It's a pretty thing. While he was about it Billy thought he'd just ante up for a little option on a heavenly home, and staked the local dominion to a subscription, which he promised to make an annual habit. Bill didn't tell me this. It leaked out through the sky pilot.

What promises to be a startling exposure of the methods used to protect gamblers in Harlem may be revealed by friends of Miles McDonald, the gambler who shot George Price and wounded two others in the Onawa saloon, One Hundred and Twenty-fifth street and Park avenue, in 1898. These friends, it is understood, are bastioning from the West with unlimited money at their disposal and will engage the best legal talent to defend the accused man.

Much as they dislike to "peach" on their friends, they say that no stone will be left unturned to disclose the remarkable state of affairs which led to the Kennedy-McDonald feud and ended in the shooting last Friday.

The feud began with the disappearance of Dave Walsh, who is believed to belong to the faro bank operated by Kennedy and McDonald.

Walsh was persuaded to return to this city and taken to the rear of a saloon, where his car was out off. McDonald was not prosecuted.

Our Standards Unfused. We have marked the century with time standards and records that our forebears would have deemed incredible. It is a deplorable, scandalous and dishonorable shame that we have out-faked the universe.

There is no mining matters, and the close of the century is a fitting time to get together, throw a few bouquets at ourselves for what we have accomplished, and inflict upon our descendants the benediction that we need to fit us for a better showing on the coming stage of eternity.

We have amended, fostered, benefited and perfected branches of sport with the latter half of the hundred years now passing its expiration, and we have killed, mangled, tortured and avenged, slain, those same processes of physical advancement, pleasure and development. We have advanced, though at the cost of dollars that perished at the shrine of greed or desire.

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Our native love for horseflesh led us to expend our developing, improving energy upon the sport of kings. We developed the horse, improved him, and have recently taught our cousins what that development and improvement never had. Skill has been developed surpassing that of the knights who met in the lists to display arts of attack and defense. But not a created louder of the plumed adversaries was known to batter his honor or that of his adherents for a handful full of shillings.

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One of the greatest feats of armsmanship of the opening of this century was performed by the sturdy seaman who fought and scouled their way through battleships on Lake Erie. For "The" their honor and their sacred liberty.

Long before the last decade of the century, the word "honor" bore little in common with professional armsmanship, and the sport had become restricted to college crews and amateurs.

Thus it was with footracing and with wrestling with nearly everything that had been brought to the net of the 43-

honorably, greedily and unscrupulously by the faker to an extent that has cast general odium upon their use in competition.

What the new century will bring forth depends upon the man of sport. There will be development and there will be retrogression. There may be the revival of the fittest and there may be even the revival of the seeming "dead one."

But the first move of every honest man who is so possessed to be identified with sport should be to use the new broom to accelerate the permanent exit of the faker.

E. A. ROTH.

Business was brisk and the demand for stocks was large, especially Pennsylvania shares, which opened up 1-4 points under intense bid pressure, about 30,000 shares being absorbed. The whole market did not benefit to this degree by the bull sentiment, and although the number of active issues was fairly large, speculative interest was confined in rather narrow bounds.

There was absolutely no feature of interest in the Industrial list outside of list, with an advance of 1-4 points. Bacon, while Metropolitan Street Railroad was conspicuous in the Traction list, with an advance of 1-4 points.

There were some reactions from high-cut prices of first fifteen minutes, but the tone of speculation continued strong, with a general disposition to advance. All issues of Government bonds were 1-2 cent lower. Railroad bonds were strong.

The market gave way very generally after midday, the few minor stocks which continued to advance proving insufficient to sustain the market. Declines from the highest reached 2-14 in North Carolina, 2-14 in Pennsylvania, and 1-4 in Kansas and Texas, and about a point or more in the most prominent stocks all through the list.

A few in Sugar of 1-4 over Saturday's level and in Amalgamated Copper of 2 raised the market. Northern Pacific receded from 2-14 to 2-14, and the rest of the list was generally 1-4 to 2-4 off the previous day's closing prices.

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WALL STREET STILL BOOMING.

Stocks Advance and Trading is on a Large Scale.

PENNSYLVANIA A FEATURE.

In Opening Rush About 10,000 Shares Were Absorbed—The Quotations.

In sympathy with a renewal of confidence in London, the local stock market opened buoyant with many substantial gains.

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CAMBLERS TO SAVE McDONALD.

Threaten to Expose the Methods in Harlem District.

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TO KEEP RUM FROM SAVAGES

Methodist Episcopal Church Petitions Senate.

Bishop H. G. Andrews, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and many Methodist preachers to-day signed a message which will be sent to Senator Frye, President pro tem, of the United States Senate. The message is as follows:

HORSE BORNE ON PILOT.

Smoochier Hurdled Driver One Hundred Feet, Yet He Escaped.

Arthur Hesel had an extraordinary escape from death to-day. He was driving over the Rockville avenue crossing of the Lackawanna Railroad, at Newburgh, N. J., when his wagon was struck by a freight engine.

WINNERS AT NEW ORLEANS.

Two Jockeys Ruled Off on Charges of Faking.

(Special to The Evening World.) RACE TRACK, NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 31.—Jockey Willie Dean and Claude Jones and Ed. Lee have been ordered off the track for pernicious touting and being mixed in a conspiracy to get Jockey Lawler to pull the jumping mare.

Lee was ruled off at Harlem for offering to have the mare Allegretta pulled last Summer, but it was not known here that he was an outlaw until his name came out in a few days ago.

FRANK PLATT FORMS A CO.

Newburg Express Concern, with a Capital of \$500,000.

ALBANY, Dec. 31.—The Metropolitan Express Company, of Newburg, was incorporated to-day with a capital of \$500,000. The directors and stockholders are: Frank H. Platt, who subscribes for 1,500 shares of the company's stock, and George Sewell Bonner, Frank G. Kimball, Charles L. Kingsley and James J. Crane, all of New York City. The company is of Newburg.

NEW ORLEANS ENTRIES.

Skating at Olympia Field.

There will be a series of ice-skating races New Year's Day at Olympia Field. One Hundred and Thirty-fifth street and Lenox avenue. The events are: One mile, open; one-half mile, schoolboys under sixteen years, and challenge contest in high and broad jumping. Entries close Monday evening.

SHARKEY'S EAR WORTH \$5,000.

Pugilist Wants to Have "Cauliflower" Member Fixed Up.

Pugilist Tom Sharkey values a good, sound and shapely left ear at \$5,000. He will part with that amount of money if some physician or surgeon can make the big bunch of jumbled up flesh on the left side of his head look like what God intended it.

It was once a real ear, but innumerable contacts with the padded mitts of the other fellow have crumpled it up so that now it looks like a mashed tomato with the juice squeezed out.

CITIZENS FIGHT \$400,000 FIRE.

Women Guard Household Goods in the Deep Snow.

CHICAGO, Dec. 31.—Fire destroyed the Bellair Stamping Company's plant at Harvey, Ill., a manufacturing suburb, early to-day, causing a loss of \$400,000 and throwing 700 men, boys and girls out of employment. Insurance to the value of \$75,000 was carried on the plant.

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SHIPPING NEWS.

ALBANY, Dec. 31.—Articles of incorporation of the New York Society of Accountants and Bookkeepers were filed with the Secretary of State to-day.

YEAR'S BIKING CONTEST ENDS.

Cyclists Have Been Riding Centuries Daily Since January.

The Century Road Club's cycle mileage contest for this year ends to-night. Harvey, Ill., and H. Gilbrath are making a close race of it for first prize. Nobody but the Century Road Club officials and themselves know just how many miles they have ridden during the year. It is certain, however, such has centered in the neighborhood of 31,000 miles.

Mrs. E. R. Bayne, with about 12,000 miles to her credit, is believed to be third. In addition to several other men who will finish well up in the contest, is seventy-eight-year-old Gilbert C. Badeau, of Watervliet, N. Y., who, up to the end of November, had ridden 8,000 miles.

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ROE PRAISES STATE TROOPS.

National Guard Numbers 14,251 Men, He Says, in Report.

ALBANY, Dec. 31.—The annual report of Major-General Charles F. Roe, made public to-day, shows the aggregate strength of the National Guard to be 14,251, divided into commissioned officers, 855; enlisted men, 13,396.

"The result of the artillery practice was as follows: First battery, shell fire, on target, 31 hits; total, 41; second battery, shell fire, on target, 37 hits; total, 107; sixth battery, shell fire, on target, 115 hits; total, 185.

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DIED A MARTYR TO PINOCHE.

Kaiser, Begging "One More Game," was Fatally Hurt.

John Kaiser, seventy-two years old, a shoemaker, with a little shop at 354 West Fifty-fourth street, is dead to-day as the result of his passion for the game of pinocchle. He was known as the "Pinocchle King."

When Kaiser and his son-in-law, Joseph Lowrey, went to the house of a friend, Henry Bremner, on the third floor of 662 West Forty-ninth street, to indulge in a game, the three played for several hours, and contrary to the usual custom, the old man failed to win a game. When the others insisted on stopping the old man clamored for "just one more game," to show the younger men he could beat them. They played until about 2 o'clock this morning, and still the old man lost.

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MORE FAILURES IN LONDON.

But Stocks Are Stronger and Crash Had Little Effect.

LONDON, Dec. 31.—Another failure was recorded here this afternoon. It was that of Thomas S. Egan, a jobber in the West Australian market. He was not a large dealer, and the failure had little effect.

Subsequently two more failures were announced on the Stock Exchange, those of G. P. Barber and Fitzgerald and Company, both connected with the West Australian market.

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Advertisement for Old Dr. Grindle, a medical professional, with text about his services and location.

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