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It Would Be Hard to Draw Up a Bill More Unfavorable to Boxing Than That of Jim Frawley Which Comes Up Before the Albany Legislature To-Day.

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SENATOR FRAWLEY'S boxing bill is before the Legislature to-day. Of course, Senator Jim's intentions are of the best, and he is interested in the game because he thinks it is a good sport—

BUT

It would be hard to draw up a bill more unfavorable to honest sport than this one of Frawley's.

In the first place if the bill were to become a law it would be one of the finest invitations to graft ever devised. It provides for a boxing commission of three, to be appointed by the Governor, to serve without salary, and to have absolutely autocratic powers.

The powers and duties of the unsalaried boxing commissioners would be somewhat extensive. They would have entire control of boxing clubs, boxers and all contests held in the State. They would issue licenses to the clubs, and would have power to revoke the license of any club. They would license the boxers and would have power to take away any boxer's license at pleasure. The bill provides that "faking" is to be punished by taking away the boxer's license and barring him from the ring.

Now, is it possible to imagine a plum like this escaping the grasp of the hungry politician?

It is not.

Before long the unsalaried committee of three would consist of just the sort of political grafters that do get the soft political jobs in this community.

Imagine a grafting politician holding down the position of boxing commissioner. He doesn't get a salary from the State, but he has something better.

In the past boxing clubs have been rich picking for the powers that prey. The boxing commissioner would be in a position to do all of the gathering himself. The law provides that the commissioners count the gate receipts. They are pretty close to the money.

NOTHING could be easier and simpler than for the boxing commissioner to "declare himself in" for a percentage of the receipts at any boxing club. If he didn't get it he could use his autocratic powers, revoke the license and put the club out of existence. Every club would be forced to give up whatever was demanded or close its doors. It would be the easiest and safest graft in the world. No club owner would dare to "squeal," because even if he did succeed in exposing one grafter the others that followed would put him out of business for their own protection. Also there would be fighting among the big clubs, and the strongest would make it worth the commissioner's while to exercise his autocratic powers and kill off competition. Very soft!

Again, the boxers themselves could be held up just as easily and safely. The broad provision for the revoking of a boxer's license for "faking" would put the boxers at the mercy of any commissioner. It is easy to accuse a boxer of faking. At every close contest many spectators are ready to cry "fake." The commissioner would only need to accuse a boxer of "faking" and disqualify him. He could get away with the accusation in almost any case. Suppose a boxer was to get $5,000 for a contest and a gentleman with autocratic power over his professional future suggested that a few hundred would help pay off a grocer's bill or two. Would the boxer refuse? Not unless he was all wood from the neck up.

IT might be said that the Governor would have power to remove dishonest boxing commissioners. Certainly. He has power to remove any dishonest State official. But this office of boxing commissioner would be peculiarly adapted to safe graft. The club promoters would be much in the position of a well-known promoter of sporting events here in New York. Some time ago a policeman approached this gentleman in a cafe, and without the slightest provocation knocked him down and gave him a beating. Charges were brought against the policeman because of prominence given to the affair by the newspapers, and subpoenas were sent out for the promoter to bring him to the police trial. He dodged service and stayed away, and the charges were dismissed. I asked him why he didn't prosecute, and he said:

"Why, that cop would have been thrown out, and I would have been put on the police black list as a man who had prosecuted an officer. They'd drive me out of New York, and if I tried to run a bike race or anything else here twenty-five years from now they'd use every technicality to put me out of business. They'd do it, too. They never forget."

Another thing against the Frawley bill is the fact that it discriminates directly against such genuine clubs as the N. Y. A. C. and the Irish-American A. C., which would be barred from holding boxing shows if the bill became a law, because of a provision that boxing bouts cannot be held in a building where there is a bar. This is apparently designed to bar the real athletic clubs from competing against professional promoters of boxing shows.

HERE AND THERE IN THE WORLD OF SPORT

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WHAT THE BOX SCORES SHOW.

The Pirates only made two errors against the Cardinals, and you can't guess who it was that made them. It was our old friend, Hans Wagner, who also had an off day at the bat.

The Clevelands will probably have a new shortstop on the job today. Olson, who has been covering the position for them, made three errors and came near causing the loss of the game to the White Sox.

Ownie Bush is playing a grand game for the Tigers. He got three hits in four trips to the plate and stole three bases on Catcher Stevens of the Browns. Besides he accepted four chances without an error.

Charley Street, the crack Washington catcher, may be out of the game for some time, as he had to retire in the contest against the Red Sox because of an injury from a foul tip.

There were eight two-baggers and a home run made in the battle between the Pirates and the Cardinals. Roger Bresnahan made two doubles.

Manager Fred Tenney of the Boston Nationals was the best sticker of the day. In five times at the bat he got five hits, two of them doubles.

Although "Three-Fingered" Brown was batted hard, it was she generosity of Pitcher Suggs of the Reds that caused the latter's defeat. He issued passes to six Cubs.

How the luck of the game breaks is shown by these figures: The Rustlers got six doubles, a triple and a home run, yet scored only four runs, while the Phillies got three and only had one hit for extra bases—a double.

Joe McGinnity's friends were around early to-day offering him sympathy. There's a reason. The Torontos made 22 runs against his team's 2, while they gathered in twenty-five hits against the Indians' six.

BOSTON SPEED BOYS HERE FOR FIRST TIME

Highlanders in Good Condition for This Series, Thanks to the Athletics.

BY BOZEMAN BULGER.

THE Boston speed boys are in our midst for the first time this season, and before they drop their bathrobes and put their feet in the resin Manager Chase wants them to clearly understand that the new bleachers in deep centre field were built as an accommodation to the fans and are not to be used as a target for visiting hitters that may straggle in here from time to time. Have a care, Patsy Donovan!

Unfortunately, the champion Athletics could not get that idea into their heads, and they bounced three-base wallops off that stand just as freely and familiar like as if they owned the whole grounds. Harry Davis even went so far as to soak one drive right in the middle of the seats.

There have been some occasions when the ball was smitten rather freely on the Hilltop, but the limit of abandon was shown when these young bridegrooms, even if they are the holders, mussed up the outfield with eighteen clean smashes for a total of twenty-seven bases. In a way it was a good thing, Edward Everett Bell to the contrary notwithstanding. It convinced us thoroughly that the Highlanders are in good condition. Otherwise they could never have finished the game.

For a fielder to turn his back to the stand and chase a dozen and a half wallops is no laughing matter. It not only offends the dignity, but it requires great powers of endurance.

"That's where we fooled them," said Manager Chase, with a sly wink last night. "You see, we took off enough weight in that one game to put us in shape for the entire series with Boston. All those things, you know, must be figured."

It might be surprising for the fans to know that the Athletics knocked from twenty to twenty-five pounds off our heroes in that game. No joke, either!

The outfielders lost on an average five pounds each and the infielders dropped weight in proportion. If you don't believe, ask Bert Daniels.

The Athletics established the hitting record of the 1911 season yesterday, when they batted Ray Fisher and Jack Quinn for thirteen singles, three two-baggers and two home runs.

That catching is the pivotal point of a ball game was demonstrated thoroughly when Sweeney's bad throwing arm gave the Athletics their chance to begin the slaughter. As a rule, the opposing players have a deep and lasting respect for Sweeney's whip, but when Jack Coombs, a pitcher who is built more for comfort than speed, discovered that he could steal a base on the star Hilltop catcher, the whole Philadelphia club began running wild on the bases, and the game went up Salt River without a paddle. Coombs and Chief Meyers of the Giants exchanged congratulations by telephone last night. Sweeney's arm was very bad and the Champs stole six bases on him before the day was done. The first evidence that the wing was wobbling bobbed up in the second inning. The score was tied and Coombs was on third and Strunk on first. They started a double steal and the throw to second was so wide that both of them were as safe as the Bank of England. In the fourth inning they repeated the same stunt, and then it looked so easy that Coombs took his partner's best and actually tried to steal second alone. He was nailed by less than six inches at that.

If hitting counts as one of the qualifications, it looks as if Shortstop McInnes had Barry's job all sewed up in a sack. During the recent series against the Highlanders McInnes went to bat twelve times and made nine clean hits, three of them being for extra bases. Some going, eh?

At this time of the year, on the Hilltop, the sunfield in right is a terrible nightmare to the athletes who have to earn their money in that Garden. Wolter lost an easy fly in the second inning that went for two bases, and when Bailey took his place he was completely blinded on the first one hit. The sun comes over the stand in a blinding glare, and it is remarkable that a ball is ever caught in that field at all. This afternoon Chase says he is going to give his new outfielder, Lynch, a chance to see what he can do with it. Lynch is a red-headed youth from St. Mary's College, California, and, according to reports, is a bear.

Harry Wolter was severely spiked in the groin when he slid into second in the first inning and had to retire from the game. He may be out for several days.

If Jack Coombs is suffering from malaria, Chase says he is going to get some of the germs and feed them to his whole staff. Coombs was very rocky at the start, but after the Highlanders had shot their bolt in the third inning he settled down like dust after a rain. Not another hit was made off him for the rest of the game. The best the Hilltoppers could get from his stingy delivery was two bases on balls and a rap in the slats for Sweeney.

Jack Quinn got the warmest reception of his young life when he offered himself up for a sacrifice in the last two innings. Eleven men faced him, and of that number six hit safely and one walked, the net result being five runs.

Birdie Cree continues as the star hitter of the Highland clan. Out of three times up yesterday he got a single, a two-bagger and a stolen base. Harry Ables, one of the new pitchers, made a bet last night that Cree would be one of the six leading hitters of the American League at the close of the season.

Dillon and Moha Draw.

INDIANAPOLIS, May 4.—Jack Dillon of Indianapolis and Bob Moha of Milwaukee, aspirants for the middleweight title, fought ten rounds here with no decision given. The contest was supposed to be for the purpose of eliminating either Dillon or Moha, but honors were even. Jimmy Cooley of Indianapolis, welterweight, had a shade over Morris Bloom of Chicago in ten rounds.

Baseball To-Day. 4 P.M. N. Y. Americans vs. Boston. Ama. League Park. Adm. 50c. *

STANDING OF THE CLUBS.

AMERICAN LEAGUE.

Club.	W.	L.	PC.	Club.	W.	L.	PC.
Detroit	10	2	.833	Chicago	7	8	.467
New York	8	6	.571	Philadelphia	7	8	.467
Boston	8	6	.571	Cleveland	7	11	.389
Washton	7	8	.467	St. Louis	4	10	.286

NATIONAL LEAGUE.

Club.	W.	L.	PC.	Club.	W.	L.	PC.
Philadelphia	13	4	.765	Cincinnati	4	7	.364
New York	10	5	.667	Boston	6	12	.333
Pittsburg	9	5	.643	St. Louis	3	12	.200
Chicago	10	6	.625	Brooklyn	4	12	.250

RESULTS OF YESTERDAY'S GAMES.

Philadelphia, 13; New York, 4.
Boston, 8; Washington, 6.
Detroit, 5; St. Louis, 2.
Cleveland, 8; Chicago, 7.

New York, 8; Brooklyn, 0.
Boston, 4; Philadelphia, 3.
Chicago, 6; Cincinnati, 5.
Pittsburg, 8; St. Louis, 4.

GAMES SCHEDULED FOR TO-DAY.

Boston at New York.
Philadelphia at Washington.
Detroit at St. Louis.
Chicago at Cleveland.

New York at Boston.
Brooklyn at Philadelphia.
St. Louis at Pittsburg.
Cincinnati at Chicago.

ZBYSZKO DEFEATED BY AMERICUS ON MAT

Huge Pole Fails to Throw Opponent Once in Hour as Per Agreement.

THE only thing that will satisfy the wrestling fans in this city now is a finish match between Stanislaus Zbyszko and Gus Schoenlein (Americus) of Baltimore. In their bout at the Twentieth Century Club they tussled away for an hour and at the end of this period neither man had gained a fall, but Referee John Dunn awarded the Oriole the decision on points.

The big Pole agreed before the match to throw his lighter opponent—yes, lighter by sixty pounds—in sixty minutes. The fact is that the man with the sneeze name was lucky that he wasn't pinned to the mat in that time, as he had several close calls.

Americus was the aggressor throughout, and when he picked Zbyszko up in his arms and spun him around and hurled him to the floor the big houseful of fans was surprised beyond belief.

The Pole seemed content to remain on the defensive. It seemed to be his object to tire out his smaller adversary by grappling his huge bulk and then when he had him weak throw him. But, they say in the classics, "The best aid plans," &c.

Wild Bill Donovan, the Detroit pitcher, and Fielder Jones, former White Sox manager, are being talked of as successors to Jim McGuire, who has resigned as manager of the Clevelands. In the meantime George Stovall, captain and first baseman, is directing the team.

Lehigh defeated the Haverford College team in their dual track meet by a score of 62 to 50. Last year and the year before their meets resulted in ties.

The Middies closed their lacrosse season at Annapolis by defeating the Swarthmore team by a score of 7 to 1.

Amos Rusie, who was at one time a pitcher of the Giants and the greatest twirler in the game, and who has been a gatekeeper at the local ball park at Seattle, has signed to umpire in the Northwestern League.

Haverford has sent word to Harvard that she can't play off the tie that exists between the two teams for the Intercollegiate Soccer League championship, as most of her players are now playing cricket.

Dickinson scored a victory over the Gettysburg track team by a score of 60 to 52, and Central High School's track team defeated the Princeton freshmen, 66 1-3 to 50 2-3.

Zeus, the crack three-year-old colt, won from Dr. Durnner by a neck and established a new track record at Pimlico for the mile and seventy-yards course by covering the distance in 1.26.

On the field at Georgian Court, Lakewood, the English polo team went down to defeat before a four made up of second-rate American players by a score of 6½ goals to 6.

Capt. Davis Shaw of Cleveland will have to pay a fine of $100 for scandalizing the trotting turf before he can start his trotting mare, Joan (2.04¾), this year, according to a ruling made by the Board of Review of the National Trotting Association.

McGrawites Anxiously Await Decoration Day

There's a Reason, for Then They'll Meet Dodgers Again for Two Games.

IT was with the deepest secret imaginable that the Giants packed their grips and started for the Grand Central station to take the train for Boston, where they open their first series of the season there this afternoon. And you can't blame John McGraw and his henchmen for hating to leave Brooklyn, can you? Any bunch of players that are good fellows enough to hand you seven games without wanting any in return are some guys and a nice gang to stick to, aren't they?

But the Dodgers weren't sorry to part from the Giants. Somehow or other the McGrawites got their number and won't give it back. The two teams played four games on the Hilltop and the Brooklyns lost every one of them. Three battles were waged on Brooklyn soil, and the home team dropped all of these too.

The two clubs won't meet again until May 30, when they play twice at the Hilltop. The Giants anxiously await this date. There's a reason.

The Dodgers are up against easier game to-day—that is, easier game for them—although the Giants wouldn't consider them so if they were meet ng them instead of the Dodgers. The boys under the guidance of Bill Dahlen will open a series at Philadelphia this afternoon, the first of the season in Quakertown, and they are hopeful of doing as well against them there as they did in Brooklyn, where they broke even in four games.

Both the New Yorks and the Brooklyns will return to their respective home grounds for a long session with the Western clubs as soon as they wind up in Boston and Philadelphia, respectively.

It was "Bugs" Raymond, the man with the ex-third, that caused the Dodgers' downfall in the farewell game. He held the losers to four hits. Nap Rucker only allowed the Giants one more hit than that, but his support wasn't so good as Raymond received.

Kelly Hurt His Hand.

CHICAGO, May 4.—Hugo Kelly, believed by many to be the logical middleweight champion, has been advised to cease boxing for at least a month because of a badly sprained hand sustained in his bout with "Cyclone" Johnny Thompson.

Eastern League Standing.

Club.	W.	L.	PC.	Club.	W.	L.	PC.
Providence	8	2	.800	Montreal	4	6	.400
Rochester	8	2	.800	Buffalo	3	6	.333
Newark	5	3	.625	Toronto	2	6	.250
Baltimore	4	3	.571	Jersey City	1	8	.111

McGraw Sends Five New Pitchers Back to Minors.

Manager McGraw of the Giants reduced his number of players to the requirements of the roster limit that goes into effect on May 10. Only twenty-five uniformed athletes may be retained. Five pitchers were let out. These were Rudolph, Tesreau, Jenkins, Shontz and Hendricks.

Rudolph reverts to Toronto, from which club he was secured last season and with him goes Tesreau. Jenkins and Shontz have been given to Newark for the time being. Hendricks, from an independent team in Michigan, was given his unconditional release. He did not wish to be turned back into minor league company. Hendricks left last night for Chicago, where he hopes to catch on with a semi-pro club.

Goodman and Maloney To Swap Blows at Last

West Side Boys Clash in Battle at Twentieth Century Club To-Night.

BY JOHN POLLOCK.

LOCAL boxing enthusiasts will finally get an opportunity to-night of judging for themselves which is the better fighter, Jack Goodman or Tommy Maloney. They will clash in a ten-round bout at the stag of the Twentieth Century A. C. at the St. Nicholas Rink, in West Sixty-sixth street, and as each man has a big following on the west side the indications are that the clubhouse will be packed to the doors. Both are in the best of shape for the contest, as each realizes he must win in order to get on any important bouts in the future.

Mike Gloves, the welterweight of Boston, who is doing such great fighting in Philadelphia, was matched to-day by Philadelphia Jack O'Brien to meet Freddie Welsh, the English lightweight, in a six-round bout at a show of the American A. C. of Philadelphia on the night of May 17. They will meet at 138 pounds, weigh in at the ringside. Welsh will simply make Glover fight faster than he ever did before in a bout.

Hank Griffin, the colored heavyweight, is dead. He expired at his home, at Ann Arbor, Mich., after an attack of typhoid fever, which lasted for nearly a month. Griffin was forty-one years old and was one of the best big colored fighters ever produced in this country. He fought battles with Jack Johnson and Jim Jeffries, having fought Johnson three times, getting the decision over him once and also fighting him two draws.

The twenty-round fight between Bill Lang, the Australian heavyweight champion, and Jack Lester, of Seattle, Wash., which was to have taken place at Sydney, N. S. W., two weeks ago, has been postponed until May 13 to enable Lester to recover from the severe attack of seasickness he underwent on the way to Australia from San Francisco.

The chances of the lid being taken off the boxing game in Chicago again looks very promising indeed. Mayor Harrison, who has been opposed to the sport, now comes forward with a statement in which he says he is in favor of the sport, providing the promoters conduct it in an honest way. As the Chief of Police of Chicago is also in favor of boxing it is almost certain the game will be allowed to go on again.

Harry Forbes, of Chicago, and Patsy Brannigan, of Pittsburg, have been secured to battle for ten rounds at a stag to be held at Terre Haute, Ind., on the night of May 12. Both lads are fast little fighters as Forbes has managed to "come back," having stood off Champion Coulon in a ten-round bout and besides has won two other bouts by knockouts.

Yale Stadium Begins to Take Tangible Form

NEW HAVEN, Conn., May 4.—The Yale stadium project advanced through one more preliminary step to-day. The special committee of the alumnis advisory board executive committee which considered the proposition here last month reported to the executive committee itself to-day. The conferences are behind closed doors and will continue to-morrow. Out of the numerous committees and conferences is expected to come a plan for the erection of one of the finest athletic grounds in the world.

"BEARCAT" M'MAHON MEETS BILL M'KINNON.

Tom McMahon, the Pittsburg "bearcat" who made such a sensational showing in his recent match with Sailor Burke, arrived in New York to-day to meet Bill McKinnon of Boston, at the National Sporting Club, in a ten-round contest to-morrow night. McKinnon claims the championship of New England and promises to give the "bearcat" the fight of his career.

SCOUTS HURRY TO SEE THIS NEW "PHENOM."

CHICAGO, May 4.—Big League scouts are rushing to Lake Forest to-day to observe future work of pitcher Smith of Lake Forest who pitched a ten-inning, no-hit game against Monmouth yesterday, winning his own game, 1 to 0, with a long hit in the tenth.

Near-Championship When Frankie Burns Meets Young Wagner.

Young Wagner, the local bantamweight boxer, who is to meet Frankie Burns in the star bout at the Whirlwind A. C. to-night, yesterday finished training for the battle. Jimmy De Forest, the veteran conditioner of boxers, is authority for the statement that Burns was never in better condition in his life.

Wagner has been training at New Dorp, S. I., where he has a flock of trainers and sparring partners. He weighs 118 pounds, at which weight he will enter the ring to-night.

Besides this contest Manager Curley will stage several preliminary bouts.

Paddy Lavin Beats Nelson.

BUFFALO, May 4.—Paddy Lavin, the local fighter, had a big shade on Fighting Dick Nelson in every one of the ten rounds here. Lavin shaped up like a middleweight and had the advantage of weight, height and reach. Nelson fought an aggressive fight, but Paddy was too clever. In the tenth round Lavin dropped Nelson cleanly, but couldn't improve on his advantage.

AMUSEMENTS.

NEW YORK'S LEADING THEATRES.

LYCEUM 45th St., nr. B'way. Evgs. 8.30. Matinees Thurs. & Sat. at 2.30. MRS. FISKE in HOUSE OF MIRTH.

FOLIES BERGERE 46th Street near B'way. Phone 8400 Bryant. Mats. Tues., Thurs. & Sat. Today, 2.15 to 5—Revues and Ballet. Tea de Luxe during 4 o'clock Intermission. Nightly 6 to 8.15 Dinner. Then until 11 P. M. 2 Revues & Ballet. Ethel Levey & Co. of 200. 11.15 to 1 A.M. Supper & Cabaret—10 Acts.

KNICKERBOCKER. B'way & 38th st. Evenings 8.15. Mats. Wed. & Sat. at 2.15. RALPH HERZ in DR. DE LUXE.

HUDSON West 44th St. Evgs. at 8.30. Matinees Wed. & Sat. 2.30. BLANCHE BATES in NOBODY'S WIDOW.

CRITERION B'way & 44th St. Evs. at 8.15. Last Matinee Sat. at 2.15. LAST WEEK. The Spectacular Dramatic Triumph. Nat ve Francis Wilson in The Bachelor's Baby.

Charles Dillingham's GLOBE B'way 46 St. E. 8.30. Mats. Wed. & Sat. A Laugh or a Song Hit Every Minute. BAYES AND NORWORTH in LONG LONG TRUSH. Miss FIX-It.

NEW AMSTERDAM 42d St. East of B'way. Evs. at 8. Mats. Wed. & Sat. 2.15. Klaw & Erlanger's Musical Comedy De Luxe. THE PINK LADY.

LIBERTY Last 6 weeks this season. "Will outlive all other operas." —World. CHRISTIE MACDONALD in the SPRING MAID.

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LYRIC 42d, W. of B'way. Evs. at 8. 4 Weeks. All-star cast in The Lights o' London. Mats. Wed. & Sat., 2.15. Only.

39th Street 39th st. near B'way. Evs. 8.15. JOHN MASON in AS A MAN THINKS. Mats. Wed. & Sat., 2.15.

DALY'S B'way & 60th St. MR. WU TELL. Tonight, 8.15 King Lear. Tomorrow night, Othello. Sat. Mat., Merchant of Venice.

The Playhouse 48th St. East of B'way. Evs. 8.30. Mats. Wed. & Sat., 2.30. OVER NIGHT 5th Month in New York.

Maxine Elliott's 39th St. East of B'way. Evs. 8.30. Mats. Wed. & Sat., 2.30. THE DEEP PURPLE By Armstrong and Manner.

William Collier Comedy. Evs. at 8.15. Mats. Tues. & Sat. 2.30. WILLIAM COLLIER in THE DICTATOR.

BROADWAY Mats. Wed. & Sat., 2.15. LEW FIELDS in THE EN-GAGE.

CASINO B'way & 39th St. Evs. 8.15. Mats. Wed. & Sat., 2.15. Louise Gunning in THE BALKAN PRINCESS.

Lew Fields' HERALD SQ. Mats. Wed. & Sat., 2.30. EVERYWOMAN. (Her Pilgrimage in Quest of Love.) "Firmly established as one of the season's substantial successes."—Eve. Sun.

Majestic. B'way & 50 St. Pop. Prices 25c. to $1.50. ITALIAN COMIC OPERA CO. (PALERMO.) To-night, 8.15. AMORE DE PRINCIPE.

HIPPODROME 6th st. East 44th. Dly Mats. 2. Best Seats $1. Evgs. LAST WEEKS Marching Through Georgia—The International Cup—Ballet of Singers. 12 Big Circus Acts.

POLO GROUNDS STADIUM AT ONCE, SAYS MR. BRUSH

Owner of Giants Signs Long Lease and Will Build New Stands.

President John T. Brush of the New York Baseball Club gave out a statement to the effect that he yesterday signed a long lease for the Polo Grounds, equal to the present life of the National League. This means for an indefinite period, as the constitution of the league does not provide for the dissolution of the league at any given time.

The statement also disposes of the report that the Giants and the Highlanders will get together and have the same home.

Following is Mr. Brush's statement:

"I wish to announce that I have this day leased from Mrs. Harriet G. Coogan for a term of years equal to the present life of the National League the old, historic Polo Grounds. While Mrs. Coogan has not been known as a baseball devotee, the fact remains that both she and Col. Coogan are enthusiasts and she has, in the interest of the sport, made it possible, by virtue of an extraordinarily long lease, to construct a stadium that will accommodate future crowds and be creditable to the city which the Giants represent. The followers of the Giants are much indebted to Mrs. Coogan for what the future will develop. Plans for future reconstruction are being formulated, and I will soon be able to give them to the public. I can now, however, advance the proposition that benefits to the baseball public will accrue from the Polo Grounds disaster."

If the New York Giants play baseball at the Polo Grounds for the full term of the thirty-five years' lease, which President Brush has announced, they will have occupied that site for fifty-five years. The team began using these grounds in 1891. Considering the expansion of New York and the fact that there are miles of city beyond the park, its retention for baseball purposes for such a long term is viewed as remarkable.

Mr. Brush has confirmed the report that iron and concrete stands, to cost about $500,000, will be erected at once.

COLLINS NOW LOOKS LIKE NEW BILLIARD CHAMPION.

CHICAGO, May 4.—Percy Collins, who cut down the lead of Fred Conklin in the third block of the 18.2 billiard match here last night, is to-day thought to have a chance to win the international amateur championship. Collins is now 46 points behind his handicap.

AMUSEMENTS.

MANHATTAN Opera House, 34th st. 8th av. 25c. to $1. Wed. Mat. 25c. & 50c. DE WOLF HOPPER—A Matinee Idol. Next Week—MADAME X—ORIGINAL CO.

HAMMERSTEIN'S B'way, 53d st. 8 sharp. 17 BIG STAR ACTS 17. Evs. 25c. to $1. Daily Mat. 25c. Sat. Mat. 25c. McIntyre & Heath, Sam Mann & Co., Montgomery & Moore, Rice & Cohen, Frank Morrell, Feltz & Cairo, Hoey & Lee, 6 Kirksmith Sisters, Bingham & Hall, Will Rogers, Dr. Fagg Bros., Bertie Lawrence, Marvellous Donna, Howard Bros., Morris & Kolb and others.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT. THE PUBLIC AUCTION SALE of seats and boxes will take place at THE HUDSON THEATRE, W. 44th St., TO-MORROW at 4 P. M. for the LAMBS PUBLIC GAMBOL TO BE GIVEN AT THE NEW THEATRE, Friday Afternoon, May 12.

COLONIAL B'way & 62d St. Mat. Daily 25c. Paul Armstrong's "Romance of the Underworld." Blair & Richfield, Cole & Fords, Haines & Vidocq.

ALHAMBRA 7th Av. & 126th St. Mat. Daily 25c. Elsie Janis. Mme. Vera Beeson & Co., Rose & Dolly, Others.

BRONX 149th St. & 3d Av. Mat. Daily 25c. GUS EDWARDS Song Revue, Rooney & Bent, McMahon & Chase, Belle Ben Levy & others.

Loew's Lohan's Evgs. 8.15. Mats. Wed. & Sat., 2.15. Ge.-Rich-Quick Wallingford.

GRAND Opera House, 23d St. & 8th Av. 25c. to $1. Mats. Wed. & Sat. ALMA, Where Do You Live?

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