NO BAN ON GOLF PUTTER

National Governing Body Takes Action After Long Fight.

APAWAMIS GETS AMATEUR

Blue Ribbon Fixture Awarded to Club at Rye—Strawn Elected President.

Chicago, Jan. 14.—Golf players of the United States may go right on playing with such clubs as they see fit. The United States Golf Association at its annual meeting here to-night adopted a resolution which received the approval of a large number of the delegates, failing to uphold the ban of the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews, Scotland, against the centre shafted putter known as the Schenectady.

The resolution, which was drafted during the meeting of the association, held that the form and make of a golf club should not be a matter of rules in this country, and that no club except real mallets should be barred from American greens.

The resolution as finally adopted was as follows:

"The United States Golf Association will not sanction any substantial departure from the traditional and accepted form and make of golf clubs which, in its opinion, consists of play shaft and a head which does not contain any mechanical contrivance such as springs; it also regards as illegal the use of such clubs as those of the Malted headed type, or such clubs as have the neck so bent as to produce a similar defect."

The question of approving or disagreeing with the St. Andrews ruling was the chief question considered by the association. A sentiment frequently expressed prior to the meeting was that numerous members, notably several Eastern clubs, would withdraw from the association should the body vote to uphold the St. Andrews rule.

Despite this feeling, the meeting was conducted with harmony. Active support of the St. Andrews ruling was limited largely to John M. Ward, of the Garden City Golf Club, of New York, who urged that the governing body stand by the rules as adopted abroad. The determination of the Garden City club to indorse St. Andrews's ruling had been reached by a decided vote in the New York organization, and Mr. Ward urged that the vote of his club be upheld.

Leighton Calkins, of the Plainfield Country Club, was the leader of the move to oppose concurrence in the Scottish ruling.

The award of the championships for 1911 proved of little less interest than the decision over the putter. The national amateur championship, the tourney for which the greatest contest waged, was awarded to the Apawamis Club, of Rye, N. Y., the Deal Golf and Country Cluband the Philadelphia Cricket Club being its chief opponents.

The national open championship went to the Chicago Golf Club and the national woman's championship to the Baltusrol Club, at Short Hills, N. J.

No opposition was raised to the findings of the nominating committee, so that the ticket headed by Silas H. Strawn, of Chicago, was unanimously elected. This makes the first time in the history of the association that a Western man has had the honor. The officers elected for the ensuing year were as follows:

President, Silas H. Strawn, Midlothian Country Club; vice-presidents, William A. Alexander, Exmoor Country Club, and Milton Dargan, Atlanta Athletic Club; secretary, Robert C. Watson, Garden City Golf Club; treasurer, William Fellowes Morgan, Baltusrol Golf Club; executive committee, Joseph S. Clark, Philadelphia Cricket Club; Albert B. Dick, Onwentsia Club; James L. Taylor, Garden City Golf Club, and Harry L. Ayer, Brae Burn Country Club.

The report of the executive committee as read by Robert C. Watson, the secretary, was in part as follows:

On December 1, 1909, we had a total membership of 281, of which 45 were associate (now active) and 236 allied members. On December 1, 1910, we had a total membership of 291, of which 52 were active and 239 allied, or a total gain of 10 clubs for the year.

During the year 22 clubs were elected to allied membership, as follows:

Maplewood Country Club, Maplewood, N. H.; Belmont Springs Country Club, Waverly, Mass.; New Castle Country Club, New Castle, Penn.; Newton Golf Club, Newton, Mass.; Thornburg Country Club, Pittsburg; Manhattan Golf Club, Pelham Manor, N. Y.; Fairview Country Club, Elmsford, N. Y.; Long Meadow Golf Club, Lowell, Mass.; Rumson Country Club, Rumson, N. J.; Erie Golf Club, Erie, Penn.; Washington Country Club; Washington; Upper Montclair Country Club, Upper Montclair, N. J.; Country Club of Virginia, Richmond, Va.; Louisville Country Club, Louisville; Northampton Country Club, Northampton, Mass.; Johnstown Country Club, Johnstown, Penn.; Thorny-Lea Golf Club, Brockton, Mass.; Norfolk Country Club, Elizabeth River Beach, Norfolk, Va.; Monoosnock Country Club, Leominster, Mass.; Nashville Golf and Country Club, Nashville, Tenn.; Roanoke Country Club, Roanoke, Va.; Williamsport Country Club, Williamsport, Penn.

Six allied clubs resigned, as follows:

Town and Golf Club, Colorado Springs, Col.; Trenton Country Club, Trenton, N. J.; Louisville Golf Club, Louisville; Seabright Golf Club, Seabright, N. J.; Kenilworth Country Club, Newell, W. Va.; Harbor Point Country Club, Harbor Springs, Mich.

Seven allied clubs were dropped for nonpayment of dues, as follows:

Hyannisport Club, Hyannisport, Mass.; Beaver Valley Country Club, Beaver Falls, Penn.; Point Judith Country Club Narragansett Pier, R. I.; Arsdale Country Club, East Orange, N. J.; Country Club of Mobile, Mobile; Waveland Park Golf Club, Des Moines, Iowa; Manhansett Manor Country Club, Manhansett Manor, N. Y.

Six clubs were transferred from allied to active membership, as follows:

Denver Country Club, Denver; Mohawk Golf Club, Schenectady; Wilmington Country Club, Wilmington, Del.; Hollywood Golf Club, West End, N. J.; Evanston Golf Club, Evanston, Ill.; Skokie Country Club, Glencoe, Ill.

The Mayfield Country Club, of Cleveland, was elected to active membership.

As suggested at the last annual meeting and as formally voted at a meeting of the executive committee held on May 2, a copy of the new constitution of the United States Golf Association has been sent to every club in the United States which is not a member of this association, together with a letter inviting them to become members. While the results of this campaign for new members have not been as satisfactory as might have been expected or desired, so far as securing new members is concerned, yet it has done a great deal toward making the association and its work better known throughout the country. Paper covered copies of the 1910 year book have also been sent to several of the more important clubs which are not members of the United States Golf Association.

As the membership certificates of all the associated clubs had to be changed when the new constitution was adopted, on account of the change in name from "associate" to "active," your secretary called in all the old certificates and issued new "active" certificates in their place.

On November 14 the secretary's attention was called to a circular letter issued by one Fred Keller, of New York, and addressed to the caddies and caddie masters of the different clubs, urging them to secure all the golf balls they possibly could and to sell them to him.

Action was taken immediately on this matter and a letter was sent to the press and to each club in the association, warning them against Keller's circular and urging them to do everything in their power to prevent the success of the plan. This action evidently has had great effect, as a representative of Messrs. A. G. Spalding & Bros. tried to locate Mr. Keller at the address mentioned in the circular and found that he had closed up his shop and moved away.

The treasurer's report, as read by W. Fellowes Morgan, showed the usual substantial balance. Following is the report:

Balance on hand November 30, 1909, $1,202 18. Receipts—Dues of 52 active clubs, $1,560; dues of 219 allied clubs, $2,190; dues of 6 allied clubs (1909), $60; total receipts from dues, $3,810; 75 entries to open championship at Philadelphia Cricket Club, June 17 and 18, $374 80; 217 entries to amateur championship at the Country Club, September 12 to 17, $1,084 69; 59 entries to women's championship at Homewood Country Club, October 10 to 15, $279 72; interest on investment, $450; interest on deposit to November 30, 1910, $112 47; sales of "Rules of Golf," $30 60. Total receipts, $6,142 28. Available for 1910, $7,344 46.

Expenditures for stationery and printing, including Year Book and "Rules of Golf," $841 50; appropriations, $750; secretary's expenses, $851 21; appropriations, $1,200; treasurer's expenses, $50; appropriations, $50; prizes and medals, $1,319 13; appropriations, $1,300; tournament expenses, $1,505; appropriations, $1,500; sundries, $339 20; appropriations, $500. Total expenses, $5,011 70; appropriations, $5,550, showing balance on hand November 30, 1910, $2,332 76. Investment, New York City bond, $10,468 75, making total cash and investment, November 30, 1910, $12,801 51.

THE MALLET HEADED PUTTER AT THE BAR

BASEBALL A SPECULATION

Impossible to Tell How Players Will Turn Out.

BENDER ONCE ON MARKET

Frank Navin Refused to Trade McIntyre or Jones for the Indian Pitcher.

Of all forms of speculation, dealing in baseball players is the most precarious. There seems to be no way of accurately judging a player and selecting the "live ones" from the "dead ones." Chance, not Frank Chance, of the Cubs, has played an important part in the development of a great many of the brilliant men of the diamond, and many a manager who carefully guards his stars is given credit for shrewdness and perspicacity by retaining the services of these players, only because he could not get rid of them when they had bad years.

Connie Mack, of the Philadelphia Athletics, is one upon whom fortune has smiled. Two of his best pitchers, who went a long way toward winning the world's championship for him last year, were once on the market but could not be traded or sold. They were no other than "Chief" Bender and Jack Coombs.

Detroit might have had Bender once, but a doctor said he had Bright's disease and could not live. Frank Navin, president of the Tigers, knew this, and passed up the Indian when the opportunity was offered to sign him. Bender last fall pitched one of the best games of the world's series, is a hero in Philadelphia, and Detroit could not get him now at any price.

A few years ago Bender pitched great ball for Mack. He was suddenly taken ill and hung around Detroit for several weeks. One wise specialist declared that he had Bright's disease and would never be worth anything again. About the time that the physician rendered this decision the Athletics came to Detroit and Connie Mack sought out Frank Navin.

"Say, Frank," began Mack, "I need an outfielder. You have both Davy Jones and McIntyre. Now I might be able to do a little business with you."

"Not much you will," replied Navin. "Anybody that isn't good enough for you isn't going to benefit the Tigers."

It is one of Navin's pet theories that any time Connie Mack lets go it is wise to step aside before the lemon crop is fully ripened. Therefore he was a bit chary at this particular meeting.

"Tell you what I'll do," said Mack. "I'll trade Bender for McIntyre or Jones."

"You will not," replied Navin, who had heard the verdict of the eminent specialist.

Thereupon all negotiations were called off. Bender remained with the Athletics, while McIntyre stuck to the Tigers until sold last week to the Chicago White Sox. Bender is one of the pitching stars of the American League. Connie Mack, in recent years, has received much credit in certain quarters for his farsightedness in picking the Indian to "come back." As a matter of fact, he attempted to shake Bender, but no one would have him.

Bender, before his illness, used to pitch sterling ball until about the middle of August each year. Then he flattened out and showed little or nothing. Since he was ill and recovered he seems to possess even greater strength, and last fall ended the season better than he began it.

Jack Coombs was another case of this kind. He did little work one season because his arm was in poor condition. Mack at that time was willing to listen to trades, but who wanted a pitcher with a "broken arm"? Yet Coombs "came back," and is to-day rated as an "iron man."

These cases are only two of dozens in baseball. Somehow or other the professional athlete is swayed by some circumstance or other, and the man picked up as a "dub" often develops into a brilliant player for no apparent reason at all.

TRACK DATES FOR MICHIGAN

Syracuse and Cornell on Schedule for Indoor Meetings.

Ann Arbor, Mich., Jan. 14.—Athletic Director Bartelme, of the University of Michigan, last night gave out the 1911 schedules for the Michigan track team. The indoor schedule includes Syracuse in Syracuse on March 10 and Cornell in Ann Arbor on March 25. The outdoor schedule follows:

April 25, Pennsylvania relay games on Franklin field; May 13, Syracuse, in Ann Arbor; May 19 and 20, Interscholastic meet in Ann Arbor; May 27, Eastern intercollegiate meet.

WALLACE GETS THE CALL

Shortstop Named as Manager of the St. Louis Browns.

St. Louis, Jan. 14.—Roderick Wallace, shortstop of the St. Louis club of the American League, was named as manager of the club by President R. L. Hedges to-night. Wallace will succeed John O'Connor, who was released by Hedges soon after the close of the last season.

Wallace is considered one of the best shortstops in the American League, and has shown that he has many of the qualifications needed by a good manager.

He made a brilliant record as a fielder last year, maintaining an average of .948 and ranking third among the shortstops of the league. His batting average was .258.

START FUND FOR OLYMPICS

Amateur Athletic Union Sets Pace with Big Donation.

The team that will represent the United States at the fifth Olympic games, at Stockholm, Sweden, in 1912, will, of course, have its expenses paid by the Olympic committee as usual, and this committee will ask for contributions for the fund.

The first organization to go on record as favoring the project and contributing is the Amateur Athletic Union. President Everett C. Brown, of Chicago, advised James E. Sullivan to take a mail vote of the board of governors authorizing the sum of $1,000 to be contributed by the union to start the fund that is to be raised to send the team abroad.

DANIELS LOSES A RECORD

Longworth Swims to Fame on Other Side of the World.

Sydney, N. S. W., Jan. 14.—Longworth, the New South Wales swimmer, clipped 3 4-5 seconds off the record of C. M. Daniels for 1,320 yards to-day, covering the distance in 17 minutes 42 seconds. Daniels's record of 17 minutes 45 4-5 seconds was made in New York City on February 25, 1907, making sixty-five turns of a tank.

Longworth finished twenty-five yards in front of Cecil Healy, the Australian holder of the amateur record for 100 yards in open water, who, in turn, was one yard ahead of F. E. Beaurepaire, of Victoria, holder of the amateur record for 1,000 yards in open water.

"RUBE" WADDELL A WIZARD

Strikes Out All but Two Men in Nine Innings of Baseball.

Rochester, Jan. 14.—"Rube" Waddell, sent from the major leagues to the Eastern, back to the big show, into the American Association, and then to the St. Louis Americans, struck out twenty-five men here last night in nine innings of indoor baseball.

He pitched for McGrath's stars, including George Wiltse, of the Giants; Magee, Zimmerman and others, against a team of local and big league players handled by John Ganzel, a former manager of the Cincinnati Reds. The stars won by a score of 9 to 0.

FOUR TIED FOR FIRST PLACE

Results of Eastern Interclub Rifle Shooting Announced.

Washington, Jan. 14.—The result of the fourth week's contest in the Eastern Interclub Rifle Shooting League was announced to-day by the National Rifle Association of America. New Haven defeated Washington, 978 to 889; Portland, Me., defeated Pittsburg, 963 to 931; Butler, Penn., won from Atlantic City, 878 to 810; Bridgeport, Conn., won from Bangor, Me., 957 to 954; Warren, Penn., defeated Birmingham, Ala., 970 to 933, and South Providence, R. I., won from New York City, 911 to 0.

New Haven, Butler, Penn.; Bridgeport, Conn., and Warren, Penn., are tied for first place in the club standing, with four victories and no defeats.

AMATEUR BOXERS READY

About Two Hundred in Irish-American Bouts.

With nearly two hundred rugged youngsters entered in the seven different classes, the amateur boxing bouts which will be held in the Irish-American Athletic Club next Tuesday and Thursday nights promise to furnish excellent sport. Boys ranging in weight from the bantam upward have entered and in preparation for the bouts are training hard.

Among those who will compete in the tournament are several well known amateurs. Bill Adams, who defeated all the lightweights in the metropolitan championships, is in fine condition and says he will be returned the winner in his class.

MILITARY TOURNEY FOR BOYS.

Company M, 3d Battalion of the Corps of Engineers, will hold a military tournament on Wednesday evening in the 22d Regiment Armory.

The following institutions have entered the competition: College of St. Francis Xavier, Berkeley School, New York Institution for the Deaf and Dumb, Hebrew Orphan Asylum, St. Raphael's Cadets, of Brooklyn, and three companies of the American Boy Scouts.

Boxing "Doctors" Disagree

Critics Jump From One Extreme to the Other Over the Attell-Kline Bout.

"Who shall decide when doctors disagree?" might well be asked after reading the morning and evening papers of this city yesterday anent the ten-round bout between Abe Attell, the featherweight champion of the world, and Patsy Kline, of Newark.

The boxing critics were as wide apart as the two poles, the majority giving the decision to Attell, some easily, some by a shade. Then came a draw, and to cap the climax two or three proclaimed Kline the victor. The rather interesting symposium follows:

New-York Tribune—Attell, still a master boxer, easily outpointed Patsy Kline.

Herald—Attell has little trouble with Kline.

Times—Attell cleverly outpoints Kline in ten-round bout.

Telegram—Attell defeats Kline, showing absolute mastery.

American—Kline's wallop fails to find the wiley Attell.

Press—Attell wins by a shade from Patsy Kline.

Sun—Only a draw for Abe Attell with Newark boxer.

World—Kline too sturdy for Abe Attell in fast bout.

Evening Telegram—Attell too clever for Patsy Kline in a ten-round bout.

Globe—Attell far from his old self, but wins easily.

Mail—Attell, on down grade, defeats Kline, but generalship saves him.

Evening Sun—Attell shows old form in bout with Kline.

Evening World—Attell outpoints Kline, but Kline does all the fighting.

Evening Journal—Attell, under a pull, loses bout to Kline.

DE ORO PLANS TO RETIRE

His Match with Clearwater for Pool Title May Be His Last.

If Alfred De Oro, eleven-time pool champion and twice holder of the world's three-cushion billiard title, follows the plan he has outlined to his friends his title match this week with William Clearwater, of Pittsburg, will be his last appearance as a world's champion. Win or lose, De Oro intends to retire from the game as champion or challenger in order to devote his time and talent exclusively to three-cushion billiards.

De Oro is convinced that no man can successfully defend both titles, on account of the time limits for practice. A year ago he was of the opinion that the dual championship would be easy to hold. He prefers triple cushioning to pool, and states that he would not have challenged and played Keogh for the pool title if only his wishes had been consulted. Therefore, unless he convinces himself by unusual excellence in the Clearwater match that he is as clever at that game as ever, he will forfeit the title when challenged by Thomas Hueston, or, if he loses to Clearwater, will not again become a challenger.

So strong is De Oro's dislike for Hueston that he avoids matches with the lad, who has beaten him at pool but who appears to be his inferior as a triple cushioner. De Oro is anxious to arrange a return match with John Daly for the three-cushion title and a large side bet. Should he defeat Clearwater at pool and then challenge Daly without resigning the pool title he would be compelled to play for both titles about the same time and against different men, as Hueston will challenge for the pool championship immediately.

There are few who do not believe that De Oro would be invincible as a three-cushion expert if he gave all of his time to that game, and if he plays poorly against Clearwater he is almost sure to "swear off" on pool.

Clearwater and De Oro begin their title match to-morrow night at Doyle's academy, playing two hundred balls a night for three nights. Even if Clearwater obtains a good lead De Oro's friends will count on him making a great finish, as he did against Keogh last November, when he broke the world's record by making a continuous run of eighty-one balls. Albert Cutler will referee the match.

IOWA MAKES BEST SCORE

Columbia and Princeton Victors in Rifle Matches.

Washington, Jan. 14.—The University of Iowa rifle team made the best score in the first week's contest for the collegiate rifle championship of the United States, according to the results announced to-day. Under the auspices of the National Rifle Association of America the Intercollegiate Indoor Rifle Shooting League this week began a series of fifteen matches, with sixteen colleges represented. The matches will continue weekly until April 22.

The scores of the first week follow:

Columbia University defeated Cornell University, 1,809 to 1,695.

Dartmouth College defeated the University of Minnesota, 1,621 to 0. Minnesota having made no report.

Princeton University defeated the University of California, 1,413 to 0, California having made no report.

Louisiana State University defeated the University of Arizona, 1,462 to 1,346.

Massachusetts Agricultural College defeated Rhode Island State College, 1,761 to 1,430.

The University of Iowa defeated Missouri State Military School, 1,879 to 1,621.

Purdue University defeated New Hampshire College, 1,642 to 1,353.

In the North Georgia Agricultural College match against Washington State College neither team made reports.

A trophy to the club and silver medals to individual members will be given for the greatest number of victories. A bronze figure has been offered as a special prize by J. A. Baker, jr., and P. St. G. Bissell, jr., two members of the Columbia University rifle team, and will be given to the non-military college making the best record in the matches. It will remain in competition for ten years, and become the property of the college winning it the greatest number of times in that period.

AHLGREN TO JOIN MOHAWKS.

Alexis Ahlgren, the prominent Swede, who is now running unattached, will shortly join the Mohawk Athletic Club. Ahlgren will be a strong acquisition to the Bronx club.

BOXING BOUTS OF WEEK

McFarland-Goodman Match on Tuesday Eagerly Awaited.

What promises to be one of the best bouts held in New York in many months will be contested at the Fairmont Athletic Club, of The Bronx, next Tuesday night, when "Packey" McFarland, the Chicago lightweight, meets Jack Goodman, the New York favorite, in the main bout of ten rounds. Both boxers are hard at work perfecting their condition, for many good bouts are in store for the boy who gains the popular decision. The outcome of the match is of particular importance to McFarland, as the Chicagoan is matched to meet Ad Wolgast for ten rounds in Milwaukee on February 22 in a no-decision contest, the match to be cancelled if "Packey" is defeated by Goodman.

Goodman looks upon the bout in the same way, for he realizes that the opportunity which he has sought for the last two years has arrived, and that in order to win over the clever Western boy he must work as he has seldom worked before in his career. With this point in view Jack has gone to the country to train, in order to be in top condition.

Experts in the boxing game have long held to the opinion that, while Goodman is one of the shiftiest boxers in the ring to-day, he is not a fighter. The friends of the West Side lad, however, point to the fact that in his bouts with Hurley at the Fairmont club and with Smith and Powell at the National club Jack waded into his opponents, and not only outboxed them at long range, but outfought them in the clinches and in the rallies at close range.

In addition to the entertainment at the Fairmont club, the usual programme of bouts will be contested at the various clubs in Manhattan and Brooklyn, making a total of thirteen. The most important of these will be staged at the Vanderbilt Athletic Club, of Brooklyn, to-morrow night, when Leach Cross, the popular lightweight of the lower East Side, will meet the Australian featherweight, Charley Griffin, in the main bout of ten rounds. This match should be a hummer from start to finish. Griffin, although he has seen the best days of his career, ought to make Leach fight from gong to gong in order to win, for Charley is one of the gamest boys that ever came to this country. Cross is preparing for the bout down at Allenhurst and, according to all reports, is in excellent condition.

One of the best bouts which the Olympic Athletic Club management has arranged in several weeks will be contested at the Harlem club on Monday night, when Joe Wagner and "Packey" Hommey meet in the main bout of ten rounds. This will mark the second meeting of the pair, Wagner making a furious rally and earning the popular decision after having a narrow escape from being knocked out by Hommey in the first bout, which was contested at the Metropolitan Athletic Club, of The Bronx, several weeks ago.

"Kid" Murphy and Jack Ladbury, the Australian bantam weight, will meet in the main bout of ten rounds at the Sharkey Athletic Club on Wednesday night. Murphy is the former bantam weight champion of the world, and even to-day is fast and clever. Ladbury is a husky lad, and is fairly clever himself. The bout should be fast.

Frank Kenny, the Irish lightweight, and one of the most furious fighters in the ring to-day, will box ten rounds in the main bout at Brown's Gymnasium Tuesday night with Johnny Waltz, the Jersey City boxer. Waltz and Kenny met at the Sharkey club several months ago, Waltz being disqualified for hitting Kenny after the bell and knocking him out.

Three ten-round bouts will be held at the National Sporting Club of America on Thursday night. Tommy Maloney, the rising youngster of the West Side, will box Harry Stone, of the lower East Side, in the main bout, and Jeff Smith, the Jersey welterweight, whose opponents have seldom lasted the limit in his recent bouts, will be put to the acid test in the semi-final contest, when he faces the Hoboken boy, "Iron Man" Sieger. Sieger is undoubtedly one of the toughest boys in the ring, and he should give Smith a hard battle. Jimmy Ambrose and "Young" Salsburg will meet in another ten-round bout.

TIMELY BITS OF SPORT

Arthur Devlin Says Watch New York and Cincinnati.

CUBS NOT NOW DANGEROUS

"Rube" Marquard Buys a Farm to Fall Back On in Time of Need.

Arthur Devlin, the man who plays third base for the Giants in such approved fashion, has expressed the opinion that the stock of the Chicago Cubs will not soar to its accustomed height in the fight for the National League pennant this year. He thinks that the sound walloping administered by the Philadelphia Athletics last fall in the world's championship series will shake the confidence of the Cubs and slow up the hitherto smooth running baseball machine.

Devlin, be it known, has been camping out in Chicago since the season ended last October adding to his store of pennies by working for the Chicago Street Railway Company in the law branch of the claim department. He is called on to investigate and look up those making claims against the company, and the job calls for so much walking and running about in the open air that he is even now in good training for the opening of the season. In talking of the pennant fight in the National League Devlin is quoted as saying:

"Experience will tell the tale next season. New York had one or two promising young pitchers last season and they'll be 50 per cent better this year. The same applies to the other newcomers. The Giants will be a vastly improved lot of boys in this race.

"The Cubs have reached the critical stage of their greatness. To my way of thinking the defeats sustained in the world's championship games will sap the oldtime dashing spirit and confidence for which the Chicago club has long been noted. No, they won't be so formidable this year. Watch New York and Cincinnati."

Devlin is planning to resign his winter position early next month and rest up a few days before reporting at Marlin Springs, Tex., the training camp of the Giants.

A postal card from Hal Chase was received at the headquarters of the New York Yankees yesterday. Hal says he is feeling fine and is spending the idle hours hunting and riding horseback in the California forests.

"Rube" Marquard, the $11,000 beauty of the New York Giants, has joined the ranks of the baseball farmers, having recently bought several acres of cultivated land near Cleveland. Otis Crandall is spending the winter on his farm at Wadena, Ind., and the two New York pitchers will have crops as well as baseball to think about next summer. The receipts of the post-season series last fall have been spent to good purpose by these two players.

Josh Devore has written William F. Gray, secretary of the Giants, that he will take the water route to the spring training camp, New York being just about as near Cleveland, where Josh is spending the winter, as St. Louis.

"Niblick," in commenting on the death of Reginald Doherty, the brilliant lawn tennis player, in "The Illustrated Sporting and Dramatic News," says:

The lamented death of Reggy Doherty has come, I am sure, as a great shock to golfers as well as to lawn tennis players. It was only in quite recent years that Mr. Doherty turned his attention seriously to golf, but once he did so his natural and great aptitude for games enabled him to make almost abnormal progress, and at the time of his death I think he had got down to one or scratch. It would indeed have been strange if a man so accustomed from his quite early days to make hand and eye act in unison, had not made rapid progress at golf. I stayed once or twice last summer in the same country house with Mr. Doherty, and saw quite enough of him to know that his love for golf was, to some extent, at any rate, killing his love for the game which has made his name famous the world over. Mr. Doherty, too, was just the man for the game. His serene courage and wonderful equability of temperament made him a most difficult man to beat. In his own quiet way—for in spite of his world-wide reputation at the "other game" no man was more free from ostentation—Mr. Doherty had a firm belief in himself, which many a time and oft in matches when something was at stake stood him in marvellous stead. At billiards Mr. Doherty was far above the average, and I have seen him in some very exciting struggles. In a motor, too, he was very much at home, and few branches of sport came amiss to him.

It appears that Doherty's loss will be felt in other sports than lawn tennis.

August Herrmann, owner of the Cincinnati Reds and chairman of the National Commission, has declared himself in favor of a four trip baseball schedule, as adopted by the American Association last year. The usual schedules in the major leagues provide for three trips away from home. Mr. Herrmann says:

"After considering the question from every point of view, I cannot see a single objection to the scheme. The four additional Sunday games which would result would be a big thing for the Chicago and Cincinnati clubs. All the Eastern teams would be pleased, for they will get at least three extra Saturdays at home each season.

"We can't afford to let the 'fans' forget about our ball players, as they are prone to do under three trip schedules when the boys are away from home from seventeen to twenty-two games on a stretch.

Zybszko is counting on getting a match with Hackenschmidt if he defeats Pilakoff at Prospect Hall, Brooklyn, to-morrow night. Three other bouts are on the card.

RACING AT JACKSONVILLE

Mary Davis Wins Dixie Handicap with Butwell Up.

Jacksonville, Fla., Jan. 14.—Weather and track conditions at Moncrief Park to-day were almost perfect and more than five thousand persons witnessed the races.

Mary Davis, played from 8 to 5 to even money, captured the Dixie Handicap, worth $1,500. Butwell took the favorite to the front at the start and never relinquished the lead, finishing a length in front of Milton D., with Ragman a length away.

The summaries follow:

First race (purse: $400; for three-year-olds; two furlongs straightaway)—*Rose of Jeddah, 115 (McTaggart), 6 to 5, 3 to 5 and 1 to 4, won; Tommie Thompson, 118 (Butwell), 6 to 1, 5 to 2 and even, second; Star Jasmine, 109 (Burns), 10 to 1, 4 to 1 and 2 to 1, third. Time, 0:22⅘. Little Marian, Minco Jimmie, Goldtime, Prince Villa, Silas Grump, *Monsieur X., *Moralight, Colonel Cook, †Eastman, †Eaton, Lillian E., Froglegs and Kitty K. also ran.

*Chinn entry. †Williams entry.

Second race (selling; purse, $400; for three-year-olds; one mile)—Trustee, 113 (Loftus), 6 to 1, 9 to 5 and 7 to 10, won; Scrimmage, 103 (Musgrave), even, 1 to 2 and 1 to 4, second; Gold Oak, 105 (Goose), 6 to 1, 3 to 2 and 3 to 5, third. Time, 1:40⅘. I'm There, Fort Carroll, Mollie S. and Eastern Star also ran. Aldivia left at the post.

Third race (selling; purse, $400; for three-year-olds and up; six furlongs)—T. M. Green, 115 (Goose), 11 to 5, 3 to 5 and out, won; Besom, 115 (McCabe), 8 to 1, 3 to 5 and 1 to 3, second; Hoffman, 110 (Walsh), 10 to 1, 4 to 1 and 8 to 5, third. Time, 1:12. Alfred the Great, Ta Nun Da, Orbicular and Royal Report also ran.

Fourth race (purse, $1,500; for three-year-olds and up; one and one-sixteenth miles)—Mary Davis, 107 (Butwell), even, 2 to 5 and out, won; Milton B., 99 (Ross), 6 to 1, 8 to 5 and 1 to 2, second; Ragman, 108 (Loftus), 12 to 1, 3 to 1 and even, third. Time, 1:45⅘. Guy Fisher and Carlton G. also ran.

Fifth race (selling; purse, $400; four-year-olds and up; six furlongs)—Claque, 106 (Butwell), 9 to 2, 8 to 5 and 4 to 5, won; Stafford, 108 (Goose), 25 to 1, 10 to 1 and 5 to 1, second; Eye White, 106 (Musgrave), 4 to 1, 7 to 5 and 7 to 10, third. Time, 1:13⅘. Peep Over, King Avondale, Fulford, Salvolatile and Danfield also ran.

Sixth race (selling; purse, $400; for four-year-olds and upwards; one and one-eighth miles)—Edwin L., 105 (Goose), 9 to 5, 4 to 5 and 2 to 5, won; Princelike, 103 (McTaggart), 7 to 1, 7 to 2 and 6 to 5, second; My Gal, 106 (Sweeney), 16 to 5, even and 1 to 2, third. Time, 1:54⅘. Merman, Third Rail, Critic, Husky and Queen Marguerite also ran.

GIANTS THE FAVORITES

Lead League as a Drawing Card While on the Road.

DETROIT TIGERS POPULAR

Chicago Cubs Establish Three Records in Five Consecutive Years.

The New York Giants and the Detroit Tigers were the biggest drawing cards in the two major leagues, according to the official attendance records which are found in Spalding's new baseball annual, issued last week. Many other interesting figures and facts are contained in the little book.

The Giants led all other teams in bringing out the "fans" when visiting in Boston, Brooklyn, Chicago and Philadelphia. The Cubs led in New York, Cincinnati, Pittsburg and St. Louis. The New York team was third in each of these cities, being beaten by St. Louis in Cincinnati, Cincinnati in Pittsburg and Brooklyn in St. Louis. New York returned the favor to Boston, Brooklyn, Chicago and Philadelphia, as they drew out a bigger attendance at the Polo Grounds than they did in any other city on the circuit. Cincinnati and Pittsburg got their biggest crowds while abroad at Chicago, and St. Louis found the most favor in the eyes of the Cincinnati "fans."

This situation as a result gave the Giants a big lead in attendance over all other teams while on the road, the figures being 616,565, with the Cubs second, at 547,095. On their home grounds the Chicago club drew out a record breaking number, with 738,168. The Giants were second on their home grounds, with 680,500, St. Louis was third and Cincinnati fourth. The Pittsburg "fans" deserted the Pirates in their adversity and Fred Clarke's nine was fifth.

The Giants led all teams in either league in drawing out the "fans" for one city while on the road, when 193,000 paid to see them play in Chicago. The New York nine attempted to return the favor, but only 135,000 saw the Cubs play at the Polo Grounds, which was more than turned out for any other team. Brooklyn was the second best drawing card for the Giants on their home grounds, with 130,000. Philadelphia was third and Cincinnati fourth. Pittsburg, hampered by bad weather, was fifth.

In the American League the Tigers were the favorites, in spite of the brilliant playing of the Athletics. Detroit was the best drawing card in Boston, Cleveland, Philadelphia and St. Louis. Cleveland led in Chicago, New York in Detroit and Washington and the Athletics in New York. The total attendance abroad for the Tigers was 660,939, with Cleveland second, at 463,738. The Athletics were third, with 452,502, and the Yankees fourth at 444,799.

Detroit drew its biggest crowds in Boston, as did the Athletics and the Yankees. The Red Sox on their home grounds consequently led all the other teams, at 721,680; the Athletics were second at home, with 598,700, and the White Sox third, with 551,559. The Yankees were fourth, with 501,500, 79,000 less than the Giants drew to the Polo Grounds.

At American League Park the Athletics were the favorites, with Detroit second and Chicago third. The Red Sox, surprising as it may seem, were next to the St. Louis Browns, who wound up in the rear.

The total baseball attendance was 3,766,574 in the National League and 3,550,931 in the American.

The formation of the Chicago "Five Hundred" Club is duly recorded in the annual. In addition to winning the championship of the National League last year, the Cubs established a record which has never been made before in baseball and one which may remain for many years to come—that is, winning five hundred games in five consecutive years. Their total victories of last season put them far above the five hundred mark, but the mere fact of winning five hundred games, which was accomplished by September 1, makes the record authoritative.

Perhaps the most interesting feature of this achievement is the fact that practically the same players made up the team in those five years. The mainstays of the pitching staff were the same. Perhaps the most striking change of all was the release of Slagle, but Hofman, who has taken his place, has been with the Chicago club the five years in question. While many of the players have been released, the bulk of the work has fallen on the real bone and sinew of the Chicago organization.

The members of this club include the following: Chance, Evers, Tinker, Steinfeldt, Sheckard, Hofman and Schulte; pitchers, Brown, Overall, Pfiester and Reulbach, and Johnny Kling.

Of the score or more players who have come and gone, many of them doing their share in winning one or more of the pennants, none has been a member of the team for the full five seasons. Johnny Kling did not play during the season of 1909. He was technically and legally a member of the team, however, and was therefore eligible.

In making their record the Cubs established two others. In 1906 they set 116 as the highest mark in games won, and in 1909 they set 104 as the largest number of games any team ever won without capturing the pennant. The nearest to the 500 mark any other team has reached was 457 victories, which the Giants won in the five seasons of 1904 to 1908, inclusive, during which they won two pennants.

Only in the last seven or eight years have the major leagues played their present extended schedules of 154 games a year; consequently the oldtime aggregations were not able to reach this mark, although frequently winning as high a percentage of games as the Cubs have done. But the long seasons seem assured in the future, and the Cubs have given posterity something to shoot at.

In these five years the batting average of the club has been .253, being the highest in 1906, at .262, and the fielding average .966. Frank Chance led the twelve in batting during this period, maintaining an average of .290, with Johnny Kling second, at .284, and Hofman third, at .277. Pittsburg has given the Cubs the stiffest fight during that time, winning more games than any other team playing Chicago, with 49 victories, and losing less, with 55 defeats. The Giants are second in place of honor, winning 40 and losing 65. The Doves in that time have won only 29 games from the Cubs and lost 86, while Brooklyn has won 24 and lost 78.

The statistics in the newest annual show no-hit games for Joss and Bender, of the American League, and one-hit games for Moore, Mathewson, Overall, Bell, Burns and Cole, of the National League, and in the American League, Johnson (2), Smith, Warhop, Walsh, Walker, Ford, Summers, Hall, Collins, Olmstead, Mitchell and Morgan. The twenty-three hits which the Giants secured off Reulbach, Richie, Foxen and Pfeffer, of the Cubs, in the game on August 27 are also duly recorded.

MEETING FOR HORSE OWNERS.

A meeting in the interest of business and draft horse owners will be held at the West Shore Hotel, Eleventh avenue and 63d street, on Thursday afternoon, at 4 o'clock sharp. An apportionment plan for the proper paving of streets according to local requirements and conditions will be taken up as well as other questions of vital interest to horse owners.