CURRENT SPORTING GOSSIP

BUYING MINOR LEAGUE PLAYERS IS JUST A GAMBLE.

Dreyfuss Takes a Chance in Paying a Record Price for O'Toole—Public's Patronage Makes Competition—Joe Jeannette vs. Al. Kubiak To-night.

Buying minor league ball players is merely a gamble. In paying $22,500 for the release of Pitcher O'Toole of the St. Paul club Barney Dreyfuss, the Pittsburg magnate, has hung up a record price that may not be equalled for many years. Assuming that Dreyfuss actually paid this amount, O'Toole has earned the distinction of being twice as valuable as any ball player whose services have been secured for cash.

The New York club paid $11,000 for Rube Marquard several years ago, which was said to be the top notch until the Athletics bought Letty Russell from the Baltimore club for $12,000.

President Brush was believed to have paid $10,000 to St. Louis for Spike Shannon, and a similar amount to Cincinnati for Cy Seymour, prices that were made possible by the wonderful prosperity of the national game brought about by the peace agreement between the rival major leagues.

In the old days the Boston club caused a sensation by handing $10,000 to the Chicago club for the famous Mike Kelly, and an equal sum a year later for the peerless boxman, John Clarkson. Boston also put up $30,000 for the old Detroit stars Brouthers, Richardson, Bennett and Ganzel.

Selden, Billings and Conant, however, were the only magnates who could afford to pay such prices for ball players, as the other National League clubs did not compare with the Hub club in point of wealth. The players secured in this manner by Boston were all seasoned veterans of known quality and they proved good investments for they helped to make a winning team in the Hub. But it was not until Brush bought Marquard that the practice of paying big money for minor league material began.

Marquard was a failure until this season and Russell has not come up to expectations with the Athletics. Whether O'Toole can deliver the goods or not remains to be seen. As a rule minor league investments do not pan out, a fact that can be proved by owners Comiskey of the White Sox, Taylor of the Red Sox, Herrmann of the Cincinnatis, Ebbets of Brooklyn and others who have bought untried material with lavishness only to find that they have overplayed themselves.

In many instances players secured for almost nothing have shown the required calibre. Pitcher Alexander of the Philadelphia Nationals is a shining example. He was purchased from Syracuse for $3,500 and to-day his release could not be purchased for $25,000. Buying ball players, therefore, is nothing more than a gamble, particularly in the cases of minor leaguers, and chances would not be taken by the big club owners without the liberal patronage of the public.

Winners mean large profits, and in the competition for talent the richest magnates have placed no limit on their expenditures. Dreyfuss outbid the White Sox, Cardinals and other clubs in his desperate attempt to strengthen the faltering Pirates with the acquisition of O'Toole, and as the Pittsburg magnate is a good judge of playing talent his friends will be surprised if he has made a mistake.

Between now and next spring the major league clubs will probably spend $200,000 for new players, yet according to precedent they may find that only a small percentage of the newcomers measure up to the necessary standard. It's a good thing for the minor league clubs, however, for without this competition among the big fellows they would find it difficult to make ends meet.

When the advance guard of the Highlanders arrived here yesterday afternoon from Detroit they appeared to be much encouraged. President Farrell said the team's defeats in Chicago, Cleveland and St. Louis were due to erratic pitching and much hard luck. But the victories scored in Detroit, he declared, put new life into the New York players and oiled the machinery in fine style. "We are going to climb the ladder, now that we are back on our own stamping ground," said Farrell, "and we have not given up hope of winning the pennant. We have many games to play in this city, and if our pitchers strike the proper gait we will win more than we lose. Gardner will return to second base to-morrow, and that will be a big help. The men are hitting well and the outlook is good. With our friends pulling for us I think we will make up for past reverses."

Clark Griffith now has two Cubans, an Indian, several Germans and half a dozen Irishmen on the Cincinnati team. He denies that he is looking for a Frenchman and a Chinaman and says he has barred Japs. He released Covaleski, the son of Poland, last spring.

How long will Michigan's burly fighter, Al Kubiak, last in his ten round bout with Joe Jeannette at the Twentieth Century A. C. to-night? The members of the club remember Kubiak's weak showing in a scrap with Sam Langford last year, and as Jeannette still thinks he has a chance with the Tar Baby they expect to see him put a stop to Kubiak's aspirations before the tenth round is reached. Kubiak weighs 220 pounds, thirty pounds more than Jeannette, but the latter on form easily outclasses him in scientific skill.

Wolgast and McFarland have announced that terms for two ring battles have been agreed upon. The first will take place in Milwaukee on September 18 and will be a ten round no decision contest, the men agreeing upon 133 pounds at 3 o'clock. The second encounter will be decided in Frisco after Wolgast's bout with Freddie Welsh at Vernon, Cal., on Thanksgiving Day, the conditions calling for twenty rounds at the same weight. It is believed, however, that Wolgast will not sign articles for the second fight with McFarland until after he has secured a line on Packy in Milwaukee.

McFarland says the above weight conditions will not injure his chances a bit. He insists that he can make 133 at 3 o'clock without weakening himself and that he will take on sufficient avoirdupois in the seven or eight hours before ringtime to enable him to offset Wolgast's rugged style of fighting. If Wolgast pursues the tactics he followed to beat Moran and the referee of the Milwaukee bout is fearless enough to enforce the Queensberry rules it will be surprising if the lightweight champion is disqualified. If he stands up and fights cleanly, sharps predict that McFarland will make a monkey of him on points. In short the Milwaukee scrap will go a long way to prove whether Wolgast is a first class lightweight or not.

K. O. Brown is slated to box ten rounds with one Battling Jack Kelly of Baltimore at Toronto to-night. More easy money for the little Dutchman.

Swimmers Disqualified.

Terence Farley, chairman of the registration committee of the Metropolitan Association after a conference with the chairman of the national registration committee, James E. Sullivan, announced that all contestants in the swimming race held in the Hudson River on Saturday afternoon, July 22, under the auspices of the Washington Heights Y. M. C. A., had disqualified themselves, as the race was not sanctioned by the registration committee. Any one competing against these disqualified athletes either in closed games or in open competition will thereby disqualify themselves. The following are the names of the men who have rendered themselves ineligible by taking part in this unsanctioned race: J. P. Mantell, J. A. Weising, R. Clark, R. Catelle, H. Hanna, F. Winkler, J. Morrison, J. Barr, F. Conton, H. Becker, J. F. Ennis, C. Simmons.

Chairman Farley also announced that the following swimmers had disqualified themselves by taking part in an unsanctioned swimming meet on Thursday, July 20: F. Bayborne, E. McAuliffe, H. O'Neill, F. Dietrich, T. Frazin, W. Nicholas, A. Fisher, W. Coppinger.

Toronto Cricketers Play Philadelphia.

PHILADELPHIA, July 24.—The first day's play of the cricket match between the Toronto eleven and the Philadelphia Cricket Club at St. Martins to-day was interrupted by rain and finally stumps had to be drawn because of a storm. As a result the match was left in unsatisfactory condition. The Philadelphians batted first and scored 220 runs. The visitors then went in and lost two wickets for 40 runs. C. B. Reece, 21, and J. N. McDonald, 5, were the not outs. The Toronto team was short three men and that number was borrowed from the home club.

POLO.

Play for Monmouth Cup—Championships at Point Judith.

After a clever surmounting of eight goals given by the handicap the Country Club of Westchester Freebooters beat the Deal four at the Rumson Country Club yesterday by 17 goals to 8¼. It was the semi-final game for the Monmouth challenge cup, presented by Felix Warburg and W. Strothers Jones, which has been in play since 1907. It is a three win trophy and the winners now inscribed on it are the Rumsons twice and New Haven and Great Neck II. each once. The winners meet the Rumsons in the final to-morrow.

H. S. Borden, who has been out of the game since last Wednesday, when his nose was broken, was the referee, and in place of A. C. Schwartz, the owner of steeplechasers and horse show performers, who broke his collarbone in Saturday's game, M. G. Rosengarten played for Westchester. He and W. H. T. Huhn are prominent in polo about Philadelphia and 4 are goal men.

The lineup and handicaps:

Westchester Freebooters—No. 1, N. L. Tilney, 1; No. 2, M. G. Rosengarten, 4; No. 3, W. H. T. Huhn, 4; back, L. J. Hunt. Total, 12.

Deal—No. 1, A. S. H. Jones, 1; No. 2, H. R. Guggenheimer, 1; No. 3, James Minick, 1; back, Joseph E. Meyer, 1. Total, 4.

The opposition was brisk in the first two periods, only Huhn and Tilney scoring, but in the third Huhn sent the willow home for 4 and Hunt and Tilney gained singles. From that point it was a match on even terms. Meyer made the only goal for Deal in the fifth period, two penalties and a foul cancelling three-fourths of the tally. All told Huhn had 8, Tilney 5, Hunt 2 and Rosengarten 2 goals.

As a change from handicap events at the Point Judith Country Club play will begin to-day for the junior championship and be followed after an interval by the senior championship games. It will be the most important polo of the year, now that the international cup is safe, unless a foreign team appears for the open championship. All the championships are at scratch, but in the junior only players of a certain handicap may join in. It is the third season the championships have been at Point Judith, where the conditions are now unequalled for such contests.

No less than three games are scheduled to open the annual junior championship. It has been held since 1900 and is for a trophy given by the late Samuel D. Warren of Dedham, Mass. No team may compete with a handicap in excess of twenty goals or a player handicapped higher than five goals. Myopia II. holds the title, for when playing Adelbert James, Jr., Harrison Tweed, Hamilton Hadden and G. G. Amory the Boston team won in the final last season by 7¼ to 6½ goals from Bryn Mawr—Aleck Brown, H. W. Harrison, R. E. Strawbridge and W. H. T. Huhn. Both teams are again entered and four others, the New Haven, Dedham II., Meadow Brook II. and Cooperstown.

The players are the best in the country rated at from five to three goals and all have been conspicuous in the tournaments about New York, Boston and Philadelphia this spring. To-day in the order named Bryn Mawr plays New Haven, Myopia Freebooters play Dedham II. and Meadow Brook plays Cooperstown. The title will rest between the three teams to survive to-day's games.

The winners of to-day in the first two games will play on Thursday. On Saturday in the final the winning team of Thursday will oppose the winners of to-day's third game. H. H. Holmes will be referee and also in the senior championship for the Astor gold cup for teams from any club in the Polo Association and which has attracted three entries of topnotchers. On August 2 Meadow Brook plays Bryn Mawr and in the final on August 5 the winners play Rockaway. The title has been in play since 1895 and Meadow Brook won it last year and in 1909.

The 1909 Meadow Brook champions were J. S. Phipps, J. M. Waterbury, Jr., L. Waterbury and Devereux Milburn. Last year the victors were the same except that Malcolm Stevenson was No. 3 instead of L. Waterbury. They beat Bryn Mawr in the final, 13½ to 3 goals. H. P. Whitney is to entertain a party of poloists on a steam yacht during the play, but neither he nor L. Waterbury will be on the team, which will be the same as last season exactly. Brown, Harrison, Strawbridge and Snowden will form the Bryn Mawr team. The Rockaway formation for the final will be J. Cheever Cowdin, Rene La Montagne, R. L. Agassiz and Joshua Cane. The latter two are also identified with the Boston polo clubs and the rearranged Rockaway four stands for the strongest team to meet the Meadow Brook cup defenders in the practice games at Lakewood in April.

GOLF.

Albert Seckel Leads in Western Association Tournament.

DETROIT, Mich., July 24.—Albert Seckel of Chicago promises to be the medalist of this year's Western Golf Association tournament. He turned in a card showing 78 and it decided a number of bets that nothing lower than 80 would be made to-day. Hammered by a wind of greater velocity than a golf tournament ever before had to contend with, a gale that swept the links throughout the entire day at a velocity of from forty to fifty miles an hour, the golfers participated in the elimination bouts.

Chick Evans, who made the distance in 71, did not do so well to-day and the champion needed 81 tries. Several have made the course in 71, innumerable under 77, but only Seckel succeeded in lowering it beyond 80 to-day.

Considering the wind the score was a remarkable one. He showed his consistent play by going out in 39 and coming in with a similar score. The best twenty scores were:

Albert Seckel, Chicago, 78; F. M. Byers, Pittsburg, 80; W. H. Diddle, Indianapolis, 80; Charles Evans, Chicago, 81; Harold Weber, Toledo, 81; Paul Hunter, Chicago, 81; Howard R. Lee, Detroit, 82; J. Thayer McMillan, Detroit, 82; F. P. Mills, Milwaukee, 83; William W. Sheehan, Des Moines, 83; Holden Wilson, Cincinnati, 84; J. G. W. Bunn, Chicago, 84; W. C. Fownes, Jr., Pittsburg, 84; G. S. Miller, Detroit, 84; Ralph Wider, Indianapolis, 84; C. Ray Dennen, Detroit, 84; J. L. Griffith, Columbus, 85; R. G. Harrison, Des Moines, 86; John Marshall, Jr., Louisville, 86; W. I. Heyland, Chicago, 86; W. J. McDonald, Chicago, 86; J. D. Standish, Jr., Detroit, 86; M. D. Bilkie, Pittsburg, 86.

The fourth annual tournament for the White Mountain amateur championship will be played on the course of the Waumbek Golf Club, Jefferson, N. H., on August 24, 25 and 26. The title is held by C. H. Brown of St. Andrews, and the preceding winners were R. C. Carroll of the Greenwich Country Club and J. C. Punderford of Fox Hills. The qualifying round is at eighteen holes, and besides the championship cup set the second, third and fourth sixteens will gain eligibility for the Waumbek, Jefferson and Starr King cups. The losing eights of the four sixteens will continue to play, besides which there will be runnerup prizes in each sixteen, a low score medal and best gross and net prizes in the closing handicap. It is an attractive programme and entries may be sent to A. T. Compton, Jr., secretary of the Waumbek Golf Club.

WESTWARD AND ELENA.

Two Crack Schooners to Meet in New York Yacht Club Cruise.

The schooners Elena and Westward are now being got in shape for the coming cruise of the New York Yacht Club when they will meet in each squadron run and in each race sailed such as those for the Astor and King's cups. Elena is now at Greenport, where Capt. Dennis lives, and to-day the yacht is to be hauled out at the Greenport Basin Company's yard to have her underbody cleaned and painted. Morton F. Plant's other yacht, the Tioga, and F. Plant's other yacht, the Thelma, is also at Greenport to be prepared for the cruise, and William E. Iselin's schooner Enchantress will also go on the ways this week.

Westward, owned by Alexander S. Cochrane, will be in charge of former Commodore E. D. Morgan during the cruise, which is sufficient assurance that she will be well handled. She too is to be hauled out for cleaning this week and when the two meet in the first race on Friday, August 4, on the run from Glen Cove to Morris Cove they will be in the very best possible condition.

The racing of these two yachts will be watched carefully by yachtsmen because they were built for different rules. Westward conforms to the European requirements and Elena to the American. In model they are exactly alike. Elena is a little lighter in construction than the Westward. They spread about the same area of sail and the main difference is that Westward is a keel boat of 17 feet draught and Elena is a centre board boat with 17 feet draught of hull and with her board down at least ten feet more. It will be carefully noted by enthusiasts which boat excels on each point of sailing and whether in boats of such draught the board is of any real benefit. The Enchantress and Irolita will also sail in this class and the schooner racing promises to be the best witnessed in many years.

LONGWOOD TENNIS MEET ENDS

LITTLE AND TOUCHARD WIN EASTERN DOUBLES.

Beals Wright and N. W. Niles Made to Look Like Second Raters—New Yorkers Have the Upper Hand at All Stages of Final Match—Score 6—4, 6—4, 7—5

LONGWOOD, July 24.—The Eastern doubles championship title went to New York to-day when Raymond D. Little and Gustave F. Touchard of the greater city eliminated Beals C. Wright and Nat W. Niles of Boston in straight sets in a match that was rather dull and uninteresting. At all times the New York players had the upper hand and made the local team look like second raters rather than the star tennis players which they are.

The principal offender for Boston in the error column was Niles, usually a steady player with plenty of tennis ability. To-day he looked wholly out of place against the brilliant combination that won the title. Touchard, as has been the case throughout the meeting, was the same brilliant player and brought off his strokes with an ease that evoked rounds of applause from the gallery that attended.

The match did not attract quite so large a gallery as usual because of the fact that a heavy downpour was in session all the forenoon and did not let up till after luncheon, so that there was doubt in the minds of the followers of the game as to whether or not the match would be played. Wright brought all of his vast tennis knowledge into play in an effort to stave off defeat, but his efforts were more than equalled by the New Yorkers.

Little wound up the match with as clean a service ace as any have seen at Longwood. Just prior to it two outs by Wright and a ball into the net from Niles's bat on hard drives by both Little and Touchard had run the game to 40 for the New Yorkers. The ace was the point for the game. In the eighth game of the third set with the points 40—30 for Little, there was another interesting happening. He received a terrific drive against his bat, which was twisted to an angle just sufficient to give the ball a sort of reverse English. The sphere went to Niles's court where the latter was waiting to receive it. It took a sudden drop, hit the turf and then bounded back into the New Yorkers' court for a point.

It was not until the first seven games of the last set that Niles displayed anything that resembled championship form. In that period he scored eleven places against eight errors, but when the points were needed he was not there.

The summary:

Eastern Championship Doubles—Final round—Raymond D. Little and Gustave F. Touchard, New York, defeated Beals C. Wright and Nat W. Niles, Boston, 6—4, 6—4, 7—5.

The winners now go to Chicago and play in the elimination series against McLoughlin and Bundy, the Pacific coast champions, the brothers Doyle, Southern champions, and a middle West team yet to be decided upon. The winners of this contest have the right to challenge Hackett and Alexander at Newport.

LAWN TENNIS.

Mrs. Schmitz Wins First Match in Westchester County Championship.

Mrs. Frederick Schmitz, the former national indoor lawn tennis champion, won the opening match of the women's championship singles of the Westchester County Association on the courts of the New York Athletic Club at Travers Island yesterday. Whether it was the dampened playing surfaces or some other cause that bothered her, Mrs. Schmitz began her drives for placement poorly. She finally steadied and defeated Mrs. Henry H. Burdick of the Bronxville Athletic Association, 7—5, 6—3.

Mrs. Schmitz played representing the Pelham Country Club and it was her first appearance in a Westchester tournament. For the first few games Mrs. Burdick came up to the net effectively. She blocked off all of her opponent's drives and returned the ball from pretty cross court shots. So dashingly did Mrs. Burdick work and with such certainty of aim did she find the corners that Mrs. Schmitz fell behind at 4—1.

The liveliest of rallies followed for the next twelve games. Mrs. Schmitz had learned the range of the court and her shots for placement often found Mrs. Burdick out of position. The plucky Bronxville player managed to hold a lead up to 5—4. That was her last showing in front. By a fine series of placement shots to deep court Mrs. Schmitz carried the games to deuce at 5 all and won at 7—5. Mrs. Burdick was outplayed in the last set, although she forced Mrs. Schmitz all the way.

Alfred D. Hammett, the New York University player, representing the Pelham Manor Club, made his appearance in the singles. He scored two matches in excellent style by his variations of speed and powerful driving along the lines. He first defeated Marshall Peabody, 6 love, 6—2, and then disposed of Stanley Wainwright, 6—1, 6—1.

Despite the threatening weather a start was made in the men's doubles. The best competition was that in which W. N. Granger and L. H. Beekman of Bronxville defeated Kendall Gillett and Hammett, 6—4, 6—6, 6—3. The net attack of Gillett and Hammett was finely sustained in the second set, but they failed to keep it going to the end.

The summary:

Westchester Association Championship, Women's Singles—First round. Mrs. Frederick Schmitz, Pelham Country Club, defeated Mrs. Henry H. Burdick, Bronxville Athletic Association, 7—5, 6—3.

Men's Championship Singles—First round. Alfred D. Hammett, Pelham Manor Club, defeated Marshall Peabody, Rye Club, 6—0, 6—2.

Second Round. Alfred D. Hammett, Pelham Manor Club, defeated S. Wainwright, Rye Club, 6—1, 6—1.

Men's Championship Doubles—First round. W. N. Granger and L. H. Beekman, Bronxville Athletic Association, defeated Kendall Gillett and Alfred D. Hammett, Pelham Manor Club, 6—4, 0—6, 6—3. N. H. Latimer and H. Dudley Britton, Bronxville Athletic Association, defeated C. H. Blair and F. Lamont, Pelham Country Club, 6—1, 2—6, 7—5.

Lawn tennis players of the Montclair Athletic Club finished up their interclub series with the team of the Englewood Field Club yesterday on the courts at Montclair, N. J., by winning eleven matches to three and one competition drawn. Mrs. R. B. Neff and Miss Florence Sheldon played spirited games on the Montclair side in the mixed doubles. This was an added event and brought out likely sport. Mrs. Neff, paired with A. R. Van Orden, defeated Mrs. B. Bumstead and D. F. Platt at 13—11 and 7—5. In the other match Miss Sheldon and Frank B. Hague defeated Mrs. H. Maury and Louis S. Coe at 6—2, 6—2. The summary:

Montclair Athletic Club, Englewood Field Club. Men's Singles—Henry Torrance, Englewood, defeated Otto H. Hinck, Montclair, 7—9, 6—3, 7—5; Frank B. Hague, Montclair, defeated W. C. Blacher, Englewood, 6—1, 6—1; Frank Kidde, Montclair, defeated H. Fink, Englewood, 6—2, 6—2; A. R. Van Orden, Montclair, defeated B. Poole, Englewood, 6—3, 6—3; Joseph Z. Batten, Montclair, defeated D. T. Humphrey, Englewood, 6—3, 6—3; T. R. Dorman, Montclair, defeated Louis S. Coe, Englewood, 6—3, 6—7, 7—5; Montclair, defeated R. A. Peet, Englewood, 6—2, 6—1; D. F. Platt, Englewood, defeated F. Seller, Montclair, 6—4, 6—3.

Men's Doubles—Poole and Humphrey, Englewood, defeated Batten and Dorman, Montclair, 4—6, 8—6, 6—4; Spencer and Jenkins, Montclair, defeated Peet and Fink, Englewood, 1—6, 7—5, 6—4; Torrance and Blacher, Englewood, defeated Hinck and Kidde, Montclair, 6—4, 4—6, unfinished.

Mixed Doubles—Mrs. R. B. Neff and A. R. Van Orden, Montclair, defeated Mrs. B. Bumstead and D. F. Platt, Englewood, 13—11, 7—5; Miss Florence Sheldon and Frank B. Hague, Montclair, defeated Mrs. H. Maury and Louis S. Coe, Englewood, 6—2, 6—2.

Women's Doubles—Mrs. R. B. Neff and Mrs. G. B. Massey, Montclair, defeated Mrs. B. Bumstead and Mrs. H. Maury, Englewood, 6—2, 6—4.

Tournament tennis has been the centre of interest with the colony at Neponsit, West Rockaway, L. I., the last few weeks. The elimination contests were played off on July 15. The players who qualified for the finals were Jerome D. Gedney, John J. Kuhn and William M. Greve. The closing sets of the tournament were played on Wednesday, July 19. Mr. Gedney handily defeated Mr. Kuhn and Mr. Greve in both sets by a score of 6 to 2. Mr. Kuhn finished second, defeating Mr. Greve, 6 to 3.

Old Sam Wins Taft Cup.

The annual series of races for the President Taft cup was sailed last week off Toledo and the winner was Old Sam. This boat was built from designs by Bowes & Mower as an improvement on Possum, which was built from designs by C. D. Mower and won the cup two years ago.

Old Sam was built by the Peck May Company of Toledo and is 22 feet over all, 16 feet water line, 8 feet beam and 18 inches draught. She spreads 270 square feet of sail.

The Wall Street edition of THE EVENING SUN contains all the financial news and the stock and bond quotations to the close of the market. The closing quotations, including the "bid and asked" prices with additional news matter, are contained also in the night edition of THE EVENING SUN.—Adv.

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THE REAL ESTATE MARKET

A DWELLING IN 71ST ST. NEAR COLUMBUS AVE. SOLD.

Big Warehouse Costing $600,000 Is to Be Built in Long Island City—A Brokers' Club for Neponsit—Bargain Prices at the Woodmere Auction.

Like last Monday and in fact the last three Mondays, yesterday's market was practically at a standstill. Nothing of any importance was done and most offices were busy with routine work or preparing for the coming renting season. The number of deals reported in Manhattan and The Bronx could be counted on the fingers of one hand.

In Manhattan there were two and a rumor of another. The rest were from The Bronx.

The rumored sale concerns the property at 120 West Seventy-first street, which is between Broadway a nd Columbus avenue. The property, it was said yesterday, was sold, but from the owners, the Madison Square Mortgage Company, nothing could be learned. Wilber C. Goodale, president of the company, refused to discuss the report when asked for a verification.

The property consists of a three story and basement dwelling on a lot 21x100.5, about 200 feet west of Columbus avenue. It was bought in February, 1910, and with the exception of the adjoining house and the two at the extremities of the block is the largest parcel on the south side of the way between Columbus avenue and Broadway.

This block is being rapidly built up with apartment houses. At the northeast corner of Broadway and Seventy-first street is the Dorilton, a twelve story structure, and next to this is an eight story building built especially for the accommodation of physicians. Since April two large plots in the block have been secured for apartment sites. On one of these, that adjoining the Church of the Blessed Sacrament, excavation for the foundations has already begun. The other plot secured for improvement with an apartment house is directly opposite the parcel mentioned yesterday as being sold.

A building that will be the largest in Queens is soon to be erected in Long Island City by the Tubes Realty Company of Manhattan. It will cover the entire block bounded by Jackson avenue, Beech and Crane streets and will extend back to the freight yards of the Long Island Railroad. The building will be six stories high and will cost, according to the plans filed with the local Building Department, about $600,000. It will be of reenforced concrete, faced with ashlar and brick, and will be used as a storage warehouse.

The sale of forty-eight plots in Woodmere last Saturday by Joseph P. Day realized a total of $158,415. Several of the buyers were offered profits after the sale ranging from $500 to $1,300 each, which seems to indicate that the prices obtained were not very high.

Mr. Day in speaking about the sale stated that the prices that the properties brought in a great many instances were considered bargains, as they did not realize the values that such a high class development deserves, but as it had been announced at the beginning of the sale that it was to be an absolute sale, every parcel was disposed of.

Work is to be started on August 1 on a $30,000 clubhouse which the Neponsit Realty Company is to build overlooking the anchorage for yachts and motor boats on the Jamaica Bay side of the property. The clubhouse will be of stucco on hollow tile with tile roof and will be surrounded by large porches, lawns and driveways. It will be 100x150 in size and will be ready for use early next spring. All the usual features of a first class club will be embodied, including accommodations for a large number of the club members as well as for transient guests.

Several members of the Stock Exchange who have built homes at Neponsit and West Rockaway have united in a plan to have a brokers' club at Neponsit as one of the adjuncts of the Stock Exchange. The proposition has been taken up enthusiastically by the brokers and their friends and several week end parties have already been held in furtherance of the plan.

The brokers' club will be an independent affair as far as club quarters are concerned and will probably mean an expenditure in house and grounds equal to that planned for the building to be started next month. It is proposed to have it rely upon the general club for catering.

Contracts for the building of a new home for the First National Bank of Richmond, Va., were awarded yesterday to the George A. Fuller Company. The building will be the tallest south of Mason and Dixon's line. It will be twenty-one stories high and will cost approximately $1,000,000. The skyscraper will replace the old Chamber of Commerce Building at the southwest corner of Ninth and Main streets, Richmond.

Yesterday's Private Sales.

LEXINGTON AVENUE.—The McVickar, Gallard Realty Company has sold for the estate of Margaret A. Kipp 1048 Lexington avenue, a four story and basement dwelling on lot 17x80, between Seventy-fourth and Seventy-fifth streets.

WEST FARMS ROAD.—S. Alvin Piza has sold for the Surety Park Company the triangular block bounded by West Farms road, Bryant avenue and Home street to a client who will erect a six story elevator apartment house. The property has frontages of 203.11, 157.8 and 120.6 feet respectively.

CROTONA AVENUE.—S. Alvin Piza has sold for a client the plot of about five lots on the east side of Crotona avenue running through to Clinton avenue, about 200 feet south of 182d street, to a builder, who gave in part payment 1426 Vyse avenue, a five story apartment house.

MILLER AVENUE.—Frank A. Seaver has sold for William Ziegler 186 Miller avenue, a two story dwelling on plot 50x100.

Real Estate Notes.

J. W. McCulloch is the buyer of the dwelling at 504 West End avenue, reported sold recently by the Belmont estate through Pease & Elliman.

A. C. & H. M. Hall have commissioned Gaetano Aiello to prepare designs for an apartment house to be erected on the plot at the north corner of Riverside Drive and 114th street, to cost about $1,000,000. The site was at one time occupied by the home of Mrs. Althea Rudd Hall.

Leases.

William J. Roome & Co. have leased for Dr. Pearce Bailey the dwelling at 45 West Fifty-third street to F. Kingsbury Ball for a term of years; also the dwelling at 160 Madison avenue for I. Randolph Jacobs.

Lewis L. Rosenthal, in conjunction with the Guarantor Realty Corporation, has leased for a term of years the store at 1341 Broadway for the J. M. Renick Music Company to H. B. Kaiser; also the store at 1532 Broadway for J. Wallach & Sons to Gus Nicholson.

Pease & Elliman have leased for Mrs. Caroline A. Barry 447 Lexington avenue to Morris Goldman for a term of years.

Emma H. Crowell has leased to Clement H. Smith 1927 Washington avenue for three years with the privilege of purchasing. The three story building on the west side of the avenue about 135 feet north of Tremont avenue, on plot 30x100. This now gives Mr. Smith control of a plot 60x165 at the northwest corner of Washington avenue and Tremont avenue.

C. Schierloh has leased the five story stable at 533 and 535 West Forty-ninth street to Henry Bunkenburg for a term of years.

James Sullivan has leased through John J. Clancy & Co. the four story dwelling at 552 West Fifty-eighth street for Anna K. Wait to Cora Maescher.

Westchester County Deals.

Cooley & West, Inc., have sold to C. F. Tietjen, president of the West Side Bank of New York City, a residence and large grounds in Corcoran Manor, Mount Vernon, recently owned by the McClay estate. Mr. Tietjen will occupy this residence after making extensive alterations.

They have also sold for Daniel Lewis his residence at 118 Wallace avenue, Mount Vernon, to Robert J. Horner of New York city; also for the Chester Hill Realty Company lots in the Rosenheimer property at Pelham.

Building News.

There were no plans filed for new buildings in the Borough of Manhattan yesterday.

D. F. Adams, an architect for the Department of Public Works, has filed plans for the construction of a balcony in the Washington Market Building, bounded by West, Vesey, Fulton and Washington streets. The market is a one story building and the new balcony is to be built 12 feet above the market floor and is to be 37x25 feet in size. The floor of the balcony is to be built of segmental hollow tile arches with filling of cinder concrete. The City of New York is the owner and the cost is estimated at $9,000.

Charles B. Meyers, architect, filed plans for making alterations to the five story tenement at 194 Second street for Bayard Livingston, owner, at a cost of $5,000.

The plans filed in the Borough of The Bronx comprise two five story brick tenements on the south side of 170th street, about west of Prospect avenue, for Ernest Keller, owner, at a cost of $70,000, and two two story brick dwellings on the north side of Story avenue, 105 feet west of Olmstead avenue, for Ernestina Geffe, owner, at a cost of $11,000.

Yesterday's Auction Sales.

[At 14 Vesey Street.]

BY JOSEPH P. DAY.

Wooster street, 221, west side, 75 feet south of Third street, 22x71.3, four story loft and store building; L. P. Whitehead vs. Louis Hyams et al.; due on judgment, $18,657.72; to the plaintiff	$10,000
117th street, 523 and 525, north side, 248 feet east of Pleasant avenue, 37.6x100.10, six story tenement and stores; Theresa Lewy vs. F. J. West et al.; due on judgment, $8,849.61; subject to a prior mortgage of $24,000; to the plaintiff	29,450
Washington avenue, 1651, west side, 200.9 feet north of 172d street, 59.11x140.2, five story tenement; Julius Kaufman vs. P. W. Greene; due on judgment, $7,015.75; subject to taxes, &c., $804.50; subject to a prior mortgage of $27,000; to the plaintiff	29,287

ALL TRACKS TO REMAIN CLOSED.

James Butler Denies That Empire City Will Race in the Fall.

"James Butler, president of the Empire City Racing Association, was indignant when he heard a report yesterday that there would be a race meeting at his track in the fall, even if the Gittins bill did not become a law in September. The statement was made by a man named W. B. Hunter, who professed to speak with authority, but Mr. Butler declared that he did not know Hunter and that the report was without warrant.

"Empire City will not attempt to race under the present laws. The gates will remain closed until the Legislature or the courts grant some relief," said Mr. Butler with emphasis. "The Yonkers track is loyal to the Jockey Club and the other racing associations and will play out the string. The Jockey Club decided a year ago to close the tracks in this State until the so-called directors liability law had been repealed and every track has lived up to that agreement. Empire City would have opened early this month if the Gittins bill had become a law, but under the present conditions we must remain inactive. We intend to obey the law to the letter, which means that we cannot race until we secure some relief."

R. T. Wilson, president, and Andrew Miller, treasurer of the Saratoga Racing Association, came out stronger than ever yesterday with the statement that there would be no more racing at the Spa unless the directors and officials of tracks are relieved from criminal liability for violations of the bookmaking law by unknown persons. August Belmont as president of the Westchester Racing Association also stated that this policy would keep Belmont Park closed indefinitely. As chairman of the Jockey Club Mr. Belmont decided last August to cease operations with the windup at Saratoga.

"There will be no racing at Gravesend or Aqueduct," said Philip J. Dwyer, who controls both of these race courses. "It is impossible to prevent private wagers at a racetrack or any other place, and for that reason the directors of the Brooklyn and Queens County Jockey clubs cannot run the risk of arrest and prosecution for something they cannot stop. Our tracks will stand firmly with the others in this matter."

An official of the Coney Island Jockey Club also stated clearly that Sheepshead Bay would never reopen unless the present directors law was amended. The owners of the Jamaica and Brighton tracks are in line with similar resolutions, so that further reports of a resumption of racing without favorable legislation will carry no weight. The Jockey Club stands for legitimate racing and will not attempt to evade the law.

Five Trophy Challengers.

Five entries have been made for the series of races which are to be held by the Royal Motor Yacht Club to select three challengers to represent Great Britain in the races for the British International trophy for motor boats. It was thought at one time that there would be only two or three entries and that eliminating trials would not be necessary, but five races will be held to determine which are the three best to send to these waters. The five entered are Pioneer, Duke of Westminster; Maple Leaf III., F. Mackay Edgar; Ziborella, D. Hanbury; Tyreless III., F. Gordon Pratt, and Defender III., F. May.

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