HAL CHASE ENTHUSES OVER CHANCE'S COMING

Says Highlanders Are Bound to Show Improvement Under New Manager.

SECOND BASE A PROBLEM

Third Baseman Paddock Sold to John Ganzel's Rochesters —Herzog Here.

Hal Chase, peerless first baseman, is extremely happy over the prospect of playing under Frank Le Roy Chance, the Yankees' leader, next season. Chase is spending the winter here and looks as if he could jump into the game to-morrow. He seldom wears an overcoat and is playing basketball to keep down to weight. Personally Hal is more serious as he grows older. He has passed his twenty-eighth birthday and will begin his ninth season with the New York Americans in the spring. He is the highest salaried first baseman in the business and is in a class by himself.

"With Frank Chance on the bench I believe the Highlanders will show vast improvement," said Chase yesterday. "He will prove the right man for the management and there isn't a player on the team's roster who isn't glad to see him come here. While the team finished last this year it doesn't mean that we haven't the material. Of course several positions must be strengthened, but Chance knows how to attend to that matter. Half of a team's success lies in the pitching box. We have a string of good pitchers in Ford, McConnell, Warhop, Caldwell and Fisher, all seasoned, while I believe that we will have additional strength in the new men, Davis, Keating, Shultz and Green. Chance always handled the Cubs' pitchers with fine judgment, getting results that would have been impossible if he hadn't understood his business.

"Sweeney is a great catcher and Chance probably will use him in as many games as possible. I think that young Sterrett, the Princeton College boy, also will be developed into a fine backstop by the new manager. The outfield will be strong, as Chance has Cree, Wolter, Daniels, Hartzell and Lelivelt to draw from. The infield, however, will be a problem that may require time to solve. If Derrick comes up to expectations, it will not surprise me if he is assigned permanently to short field, where he seems to be at his best. Young Midkiff, who joined us last fall, may turn out well at third base. He needs experience, but he possesses much natural skill. Second base may prove a stumbling block, however, until Chance arrives at some conclusion. I think McMillan is too light.

"I have the greatest admiration for Chance and I intend to play ball for him to the best of my ability. I was handicapped by illness until midseason this year, but I hope to be rid of the hoodoo in future. Mr. Farrell has treated me with great liberality and I fully apreciate it. He is paying me a salary that possibly I couldn't get elsewhere and I would be foolish if I didn't try to earn it. When the players reach training quarters I will be ready to begin the hardest kind of work and will do all in my power to help the new manager build up the team into winning form."

It is generally believed that Chance will appoint his star first baseman to the post of field captain.

Workmen have begun to raze Washington Park, the former home of the Brooklyns. The park was built in 1898 by Charles H. Ebbets, backed by the former owner of the club, F. A. Abell. Within a stone's throw the Brooklyn club first played major league ball at old Washington Park, at Fifth avenue and Third street, where, under the leadership of the late Charles H. Byrne, the Dodgers won the American Association pennant in 1889, and the National League championship in 1890. The team in those days was managed by W. H. McGunnigle, now dead, and it comprised Foutz, Carruthers, Bushong, Hub Collins, Terry, Pinkney, Corkhill, Tom Burns, Darby O'Brien and other favorites. In 1890 there was another Brooklyn club, representing the Brotherhood, which, under John M. Ward's management, consisted of Weyhing, Sowders, Hemming, Kinslow, Con Dailey, Dave Orr, Bill Joyce, Andrews, Seery and Cook. This team played at Eastern Park in East New York, where the consolidated Brooklyn club, under Ward's management, took up its quarters in 1891. Old Washington Park was torn down, but the field remained intact until two years ago, when several streets were cut through the property. At Eastern Park the Brooklyn club lost money for several years. Upon the death of President Byrne the plant was moved to Fourth avenue and Third street and the club was consolidated with the Baltimores. Edward Hanlon became the manager and proceeded to win two National League pennants with a team that included Jay Hughes, McGinnity, McJames, Kennedy, Joe Corbett, McGuire, Farley, Farrell, Jennings, Tom Daly, Lave Cross, Brouthers, Keeler, Joe Kelley, Jimmy Sheckard. When Ebbets finally bought the club from Abell and the late Harry Vanderhorst Hanlon sold his stock and went to Cincinnati as manager. Ebbets, while unsuccessful in providing a first division team under the management of Pat Donovan, Harry Lumley and Bill Dahlen, made enough money to carry into effect his plan to build the magnificent stadium in Flatbush, which will be opened in the spring. In all these years the Brooklyn club has never been considered a big money maker, but if the team improves its standing in 1913 Ebbets & Co. may be handsomely rewarded for their pluck and enterprise.

The home of the White Sox in Chicago will be enlarged by President Comiskey so that there will be seats for 45,000 spectators next season. Commy believes that Jimmy Callahan will land the Sox very close to the top of the heap and that all Chicago will be pulling for an American League pennant. The new improvements will involve an outlay of more than $50,000.

According to the latest American League bulletin promulgated by President Ban Johnson, the White Sox have sold Outfielder Barrows to Rochester. The Detroits have transferred Catchers Jack Onslow and Kocher and First Baseman Onslow to Providence. The Washington club has sent Outfielders Kenworthy and Moran to Sacramento. The Athletics have released Outfielder Maggert, Infielder Fahey and Pitcher Crabb to Los Angeles; H. Barry and Gipe to Seattle, and Covaleski, a pitcher, to Spokane. Boston has disposed of Infielder Krug to Indianapolis and First Baseman Hugh Bradley to Jersey City.

It is worthy of note that Johnson has not promulgated the release of Red Corriden from Detroit to the Chicago Nationals in spite of the fact that August Herrmann, in order to swing the Tinker deal, agreed to pay $8,000 to Detroit for Corriden's release. As soon as Chance has accepted President Farrell's terms and the latter has paid $1,500 to Herrmann for the peerless leader's release Johnson will announce the transfer of Corriden, all of which may be called baseball red tape.

Chapin and John Ganzel of the Rochester club were in town yesterday and closed a deal with the Highlanders for the release of Third Baseman Del Paddock at a price private. Paddock was secured from Wolverton last August and did fair work in the field. His batting, however, was strong, and finally he was tried with some success in the outfield. Paddock was a pitcher of considerable skill in the minors.

FRESHIES GROWL AT DECISION.

Lose Annual Cane Spree at Columbia on Verdict of Referee.

The Columbia freshmen will not smoke pipes after Washington's Birthday because they were defeated yesterday in the annual cane spree bouts in the gymnasium by the sophomores by the score of 4 to 3. With a little more luck in the final and deciding bout of the day between Osswalt, a freshman, and Claghorn, a sophomore, in the unlimited heavyweight class, the youngsters might have won the series, but the student referee failed to see that Osswalt had still a grip on the cane and awarded the bout to the second year man.

E. M. Gardner of Brooklyn, a sophomore, was the hero of the meet, for he won three successive bouts, in the 125, 135 and 145 pound classes. He won two bouts as freshman last year and his total of five victories in two years stands as a Columbia record.

F. M. Simonds '16 and J. A. McKenna '15 had a hair raising bout and the freshman won only after a mighty hard struggle in which he came near losing his grip on the cane half a dozen times. McCracken '16 and Allen '15 took nearly fifteen minutes in their bout and McCracken finally won after tiring the sophomore out. Claghorn and Osswalt went to the mat in the final bout. Claghorn, a husky crew man, was the stronger of the two and made a fight of it from the beginning. Osswalt hung on gamely, however, and seemed to be getting better when the referee gave the bout to the sophomore. When the award was made to the soph the freshmen poured down onto the floor and threatened to mess things up. They calmed down, however, and marched out of the gymnasium in order.

The summaries:

115 Pound Class—R. W. McCracken, '16, defeated H. F. Allen, '15. Time, 14 minutes 27 seconds.

125 Pound Class—E. M. Gardner, Jr., '15, defeated H. S. Hutton, '16. Time, 1 minute 17 seconds.

135 Pound Class—E. M. Gardner, Jr., '15, defeated S. Hoffman, '16. Time, 2 minutes 50 seconds.

145 Pound Class—E. M. Gardner, Jr., '15, defeated J. S. Bartholow, '16. Time, 4 minutes.

158 Pound Class—F. M. Simonds, '16, defeated P. J. Friederich, '15. Time, 2 minutes 40 seconds.

175 Pound Class—F. M. Simonds, '16, defeated J. A. McKenna, '15. Time, 6 minutes 32 seconds.

Heavyweight Class—D. M. Claghorn, '15, defeated R. L. Osswalt, '16. Time, 2 minutes 27 seconds.

FOUR FAVORITES WALK PLANK.

Choices Win Two Races, Then Retire for Afternoon.

JUAREZ, Mexico, Dec. 20.—Four of the first choices fell by the wayside to-day at the Juarez track. Favorites won the first two events and the following four went to outsiders. Fizer finally put over old Eye White. Four times previously the owners tried and failed, but the old campaigner to-day stepped six furlongs in 1:12 2-5, the fastest time of the meeting so far.

Summary:

First Race—Six furlongs—Garden of Allah, 110 (Schweibig), 11 to 5, first; Sharper Knight, 102 (Halsey), 4 to 1, second; Lake Van Sandt, 103 (Gross), 30 to 1, third. Time, 1:13 2-5. Ardelon, Mazurka, Holabird, Don Ramon, Debutante, Tom G. and Tom Chapman also ran.

Second Race—Six furlongs—Eye White, 110 (Burlingame), 9 to 10, first; Sir Iramus, 113 (Davenport), 20 to 1, second; Princess Industry, 110 (Irvin), 20 to 1, third. Time, 1:12 2-5. Francine, Deerfoot, Clint Tucker, Evelina and Lee Harrison II. also ran.

Third Race—Six furlongs—Song of Rocks, 110 (Burlingame), 5 to 1, first; Klora, 105 (Teahan), 6 to 5, second; Hugh Gray, 108 (Hill), 8 to 1, third. Time, 1:13 4-5. Zool, Quick Trip, Janus, Florence Kripp, Ruby Knight, Loving Mose, El Toro and Camarada also ran.

Fourth Race—Five and a half furlongs—Diminica, 103 (Robbins), 7 to 2, first; Frank G. Hogan, 108 (Buxton), even, second; Sir Barry, 109 (Rosen), 6 to 1, third. Time, 1:06 1-5. Parnell Girl, Rosenta, Edmond Adams and Amohalko also ran.

Fifth Race—Five and a half furlongs—Masalo, 105 (O'Brien), 10 to 1, first; Angelus, 108 (Cotton), 5 to 2, second; Cordie F., 103 (Teahan), 15 to 1, third. Time, 1:07 2-5. Ruth Esther, Maxing, Salvage, Palma, Good Intent, Doc Allen, Twickenham, Coed and Doll Maker also ran.

Sixth Race—One mile and a sixteenth—Balciff, 105 (Kirschbaum), 20 to 1, first; Compton, 107 (Dreyer), 13 to 5, second; Sister Florence, 88 (Taylor), 5 to 1, third. Time, 1:46 4-5. Duneraggin, Black Mate, Don Enrique, Ymir, Bit of Fortune and Hatteras also ran.

HERE'S REAL BASEBALL TIP.

Groundkeeper Murphy Packs Grip for Trip to Marlin.

To the average baseball fan who already is looking forward to the next pennant season it may be of more than passing interest to note that Groundkeeper Murphy of the Polo Grounds has his travelling bag packed and ready. This afternoon he he will fare forth on his annual pilgrimage to Marlin Springs, Tex.

In these days of bickering managers and shifting club policies this item of real news sounds like a harbinger of spring. Murphy will have a couple of months to put the resort grounds in shape. By the time the advance guard of McGraw's army reaches Texas Murphy will be ready to hike back to Gotham for the equally important task of smoothing the Polo Grounds bumps.

Dooin Buys Young Pitcher.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 20.—Another pitcher was added to the roster of the Phillies this afternoon, when Manager Dooin purchased the release of Charles Schneider of the Louisville club from Jack Hayden, the leader of the Colonels. Schneider is a right hander. He figured in eleven games for the Colonels last season and he is credited in the official averages of the American Association with having won three games and lost three. Schneider was so strongly recommended by Manager Hayden that Dooin decided to purchase his release at once.

Two More Cubans Break In.

Two more Cuban baseball players are to break into the big leagues next spring, this time in the American League. They are brothers, Thomas and Jacinto Calvo, both of whom played with the Almendares team. Thomas will be tried out by the champion Red Sox as an infielder and Jacinto, an outfielder, will make his debut with the Washington Senators.

NOTES OF COLLEGE ATHLETICS.

Carlisle led the season's football teams in scoring with a total of 501 points for and only 69 against. Notre Dame made 389 points; Vanderbilt, 370; Princeton, 322, and Georgetown, 315. Illinois had the smallest combined total, with only 35 for and 45 against.

Bowser, one of the most promising quarter milers at Syracuse, and a candidate for the relay team, has been forced to drop out of competition because of badly bruised feet.

Wisconsin had more than 1,400 students in practice for the various athletic teams during the fall term. Football, rowing and cross-country running occupied the time of most of the men, although soccer, gymnasium work and lawn tennis had a fair proportion.

Amherst's baseball team will have twenty-three games on its schedule next spring, nine of which will be played on the annual Southern trip. The team will play one game in New York, meeting Columbia on South Field on April 7.

Halfbacks predominate in the list of fotatball captains for 1913. Of forty captains already chosen, twelve are halfbacks, nine are ends, five are quarterbacks, four are fullbacks, four are tackles, three are guards and three are centres.

Yale has a curious anomaly in its eligibility rules, for although freshmen are rigorously barred from all major teams they are permitted to compete without reserve on minor teams. The case of Arthur McAleenan, the fancy dive champion, is an example of the latter rule.

M. Dwight, the Princeton intercollegiate hurdles champion of several seasons back, is a candidate for the Columbia hockey team. He is taking a course in law at Columbia and probably will compete on the track team too.

Baseball candidates have been called out at Syracuse and will begin active practice shortly after the holidays. For the time being the pitchers will work out under Lewis S. Carr, the head coach.

ROGERS UNABLE TO KEEP SEVEN TIGERMEN AT BAY

Williams Goal Tender Blocks Scores but Attack Sweeps Back Upon Him.

HIS MATES ARE HELPLESS

Baker and Kuhn Maintain Rapid Fire on Net Until Score Reaches 14 to 1.

Princeton's hockey team overwhelmed Williams at the St. Nicholas Rink last night by a score of 14 to 1. From the very start it was apparent that the Tigers would outclass their opponents, when Kuhn, the champions' centre, took the puck on a mad dash to the goal, scoring in nine seconds of play. Thereafter he and Hobey Baker proved thorns in the side of the Massachusetts team, scores pouring forth from their strokes so rapidly that it looked like an unopposed practice session for the Tiger seven.

Rogers, the Williams goal tender, was the only one of the vanquished band able to exhibit any prowess comparing with that of the victors. He played a remarkable game, sending the ball caroming back time and time again, but his consorts could give him practically no aid and the Tiger attack would sweep back upon him each time to a certain score.

After Kuhn's initial tally Hobey Baker, the Ty Cobb of intercollegiate hockey, repeated the lightninglike feat by carrying the puck all the way from the centre and scoring in thirty-three seconds. He also make the next goal unassisted. Then it was Kuhn's turn and the latter responded with a count after taking a pass from Hobey. Baker made another pass to Kilner, who shot the fifth goal and a duplicate of the play made the score at the end of the first half 6 to 0 in favor of Princeton.

After the opening of the second half it was Kuhn, Baker and McCall in quick succession with tallies, and five minutes later, after hot scrimmaging, Williams counted its first and also destined to be its only score of the contest, when Swain aimed the missile into the net from the side. From then to the end it was Baker, Kuhn and then Baker three times in succession.

The lineup:

Princeton.	Positions.	Williams.
Winants	Goal	Rogers
Lee	Point	MacNamee
Bryan	Cover point	Michael
Baker	Rover	Gillette
Kuhn	Centre	De Bronkert
Patterson	Left wing	Swain
Kilner	Right wing	Curtis

Score—Princeton, 14; Williams, 1. Goals—By Baker, 8; Kuhn, 3; Kilner, 2; McCall, Swain. Substitutes—Princeton—Lewis for Curtis, Cole for Rogers, Cowan for Kilner, McCall for Patterson, Campbell for Bryan, Carter for Winants. Referee—W. Russell, Hockey Club. Assistant referee—E. Garon, Irish American A. C. Time of halves—20 minutes.

PRINCETON HAS N. Y. U. DIZZY.

Bewildering Sped and Careful Aim Too Much for Locals.

The Princeton University basketball team defeated the New York University five at the latter's court last night by the score of 39 to 17. The Princeton boys set a fast pace and scored so early and often that they had the N. Y. U. lads dizzy. Their shooting was excellent. Near the end of the second half Princeton let up for a while and the locals increased their score.

Salmon, who played one of the forward positions for the visitors, put up a star game in both halves. He scored four field and nine foul goals. McLenahan, who looked after the centre position, also for Princeton, helped his team along to victory by making six field goals. For the local boys Charley McLoughlin showed best.

The lineup:

Princeton.	Position.	N. Y. Univ.
Schmidt	Right forward	J. G. McLoughlin
Salmon	Left forward	McDonald
McLenahan	Centre	Seiffert
De Witt	Right guard	C. W. McLoughlin
E. Trenkmann	Left guard	Kearney

Score—Princeton University, 39; N. Y. University, 17. Goals from field—Schmidt, 2; Salmon, 4; McLenahan, 6; De Witt, 3; J. G. McLoughlin, McDonald, 2; C. W. McLoughlin, 3. Goals from foul—Salmon, 9; Seiffert, 2; C. W. McLoughlin, 3. Substitutes—Princeton—Brigge for Schmidt, Tawson for Salmon, F. Trenkmann for De Witt, Schmidt for McLenahan. N. Y. University—Helfont for C. W. McLoughlin, Dutcher for J. G. McLoughlin. Referee—Thorpe of Columbia. Umpire—Fisher of Princeton. Time of halves, 20 minutes.

YONKERS OFFERS RESISTANCE.

Makes Commercial Quintet Hustle to Win by 38 to 27.

The basketball team of the High School of Commerce defeated Yonkers High School at Yonkers yesterday afternoon by a score of 38 to 27. Neither team displayed anything remarkable in the passing department, but both were deadly on long shots. Shirley, Cann and Keyes of Commerce and Engels of Yonkers were the stars of the game.

The lineup:

Commerce.	Positions.	Yonkers.
Holman	Left forward	Toley
Shirley	Right forward	Archibald
Cann	Centre	Wallace
Keyes	Left guard	Fehr
Ferrick	Right guard	Barnes

Score—Commerce, 38; Yonkers, 27. Goals from field—Shirley, 7; Holman, 4; Cann, 5; Keyes, Ferrick, Archibald, Wallace, Engels, 3; Mason, 3; Clancy, 2. Goals from foul—Shirley, 2; Wallace, 6; Engels. Substitutes—Engels for Archibald, Mason for Fehr, Clancy for Barnes, Leyderman for Keyes. Referee—Hastings. Umpire—Maccaroni. Time of halves—15 minutes.

RESERVE TEAM FOR COLUMBIA.

Many of Regular Soccer Players Go Home for Holidays.

Columbia will send what practically will be a reserve team against the Crescent Athletic Club's soccer eleven in the game at Bay Ridge this afternoon. More than one-half of the Columbia regulars left for their homes last night and only the members of the squad who live in the city are left to face the Crescents. The team, however, should be almost as strong as the first eleven, for in a series of practice games on South Field during the last two weeks the first team has been barely able to hold its own.

The Columbia authorities have adopted a new policy in reference to soccer and will keep the eleven in training throughout the winter if the weather permits. Games will be played on successive Saturdays and practice will be held daily. Hitherto the team has disbanded at Thanksgiving time and has not resumed practice until late in the winter when it began its preparation for the regular intercollegiate championship series. By the new arrangement interest in the sport will be maintained throughout the winter and the players will not be weaned away to other forms of athletics. While the varsity eleven is competing in the intercollegiate series a reserve team will meet the various local club teams.

COMMERCIAL WINS AND LOSES.

First Five Trims Brooklyn Prep, but Seconds Reverse Order.

Commercial High School's joy was not entirely unalloyed last night at Brooklyn College gymnasium. To be sure the regular basketball five showed impressive form against Brooklyn Prep in an 11 to 5 victory, but in the clash between second teams from the schools the order was reversed by a count of 23 to 11.

Guttzeib's guarding was the direct cause of Brooklyn Prep's undoing. So well did he do his work that not a field goal was scored against his side, all the five points coming from foul goals. Wall was equally good on offence, tallying nine of his team's eleven points. Speckin proved best of the Brooklyn squad.

CLINTON GETS A SCARE.

With Kirschner Absent Five Barely Is Able to Beat Flushing.

Flushing High School lost a close basketball game to the five of the De Witt Clinton High School at the Long Islanders' gymnasium yesterday afternoon by a score of 16 to 12. The game was rough throughout, both teams resorting to football tactics.

That Flushing was able to hold the fast Clinton quintet to such a close score was due to the absence of Capt. Kirschner. Kirschner has scored 64 of the 96 points credited to his team this season, and was sorely missed when the baskets were needed.

Haas and Lieberman starred for Clinton, and Galletta for Flushing. Galletta shot a goal from a crouched position with his back to the basket that started Flushing on a tear for victory; but time was called before his team could pass the Clintonians. The last ten minutes of the game was played in semi-darkness.

In a preliminary game Flushing seconds met a reversal at the hands of Clinton's cubs by a score of 16 to 6. Weintraub played a stellar game for Clinton.

The lineup:

Clinton.	Positions.	Flushing.
Haas	Left forward	O'Conner
Tichinsky	Right forward	Galletta
Lieberman	Centre	Morrison
Christgan	Left guard	C. Donaghue
Boyle	Right guard	Bryan

Score—Clinton, 16; Flushing, 12. Goals from field—Lieberman, 4; Haas, 3; Galletta, 2; O'Conner, 2; Morrison. Goals from foul—Morrison, 2; Tichinsky, 2. Substitutes—Pearson for Haas, G. Donaghue for O'Conner, Kelly for Boyle. Referee—Diehl, P. S. A. L. Time of halves—15 minutes.

BUSHWICK FIVE TRIUMPHS.

Gets Hang of Slippery Floor and Then Richmond Hill Is Easy.

Bushwick High School's heavy basketball team defeated the five of Richmond Hill in Columbia Hall, Richmond Hill, last night by a score of 27 to 10. The slippery dance floor handicapped Bushwick during the first half, but on getting used to it the Brooklyn boys began to show their true form. Locke and Katz starred for Bushwick, while Zimmerman played best for Richmond Hill. Capt. Glover of the Long Island team, who has been debarred from athletics because of his failure to keep up to the scholarship standard, was back in the lineup for the first time in a month.

The lineup:

Bushwick.	Positions.	Richmond Hill.
Locke	Left forward	Erb
Katz	Right forward	Zimmerman
Mallesky	Centre	Sheridan
Goldman	Left guard	Vreeland
Court	Right guard	Glover

Score—Bushwick, 27; Richmond Hill, 10. Goals from field—Locke, 5; Katz, 4; Mallesky, 3; Goldman, Erb, 2. Goals from foul—Locke, 5; Zimmerman, 6. Referee—Fallon, Bushwick. Umpire—Gammon, Richmond Hill. Time of halves—15 minutes.

CITY COLLEGE SWIMMERS LOSE.

City A. C. Boys Trifle Too Fast for Collegians.

Swimmers of City College were not quite good enough last night to get better than the place in a dual meet with City A. C. The racing was held in the C. C. N. Y. tank and the final score was 25 to 18. The most interesting event was the 220 yard swim. Eddy for the athletic club boys started against Reimer and finally won out by a foot margin.

The summaries:

480 Foot Relay—Won by City A. C. (Curran, Adae, Guerin and Eddy); second, C. C. N. Y. (McGrath, Shauer, Nussbaum and Reimer). Time, 1:23 4-5.

50 Yard Swim—Won by McGrath, C. C. N. Y.; second, Clyburn, City A. C.; third, Nussbaum, C. C. N. Y. Time, 27 4-5 seconds.

100 Yard Swim—Won by Adae; McGrath, second; Eddy, third. Time, 1:02 3-5.

220 Yard Swim—Won by Eddy; Reimer, second. Time, 2:44 4-5.

Fancy Dive—Won by Berman, C. C. N. Y., with 49 points; Rogow, City A. C., second, with 48 points; Straley, C. C. N. Y., third, with 30 points.

Final Score—City A. C., 25; City College, 18.

NO SCHOOL HOCKEY TOURNEY.

Rink Unobtainable and the Regular Series Has to Be Called Off.

The refusal of the management of St. Nicholas Rink to concede any time to the high school hockey teams has led to an abandonment of any regular tournament this year. The news is a surprise to all teams which expected to take part in the tourney this season, for H. H. Wright of De Witt Clinton, who had charge of the arrangements and who represents the high schools games committee, was told several months ago that he could have the regular Saturday afternoon periods. The explanation of the change of attitude on the part of the rink management is that the patrons have protested against any encroachment on their sessions.

De Witt Clinton and Stuyvesant have sevens and they have been practising in the early morning hours. Boys' High, Manual Training and Curtis also have teams and there will be a number of unofficial games among them and with the private school teams.

Elementary Title Up To-day.

A basketball game which probably will decide the city championship in the senior class will be played by Public Schools 62 and 64 of Manhattan at the Twenty-second Regiment Armory this afternoon. The winner will receive the Manhattan championship and will have to eliminate the other borough leaders to get the city title. These two teams are thought to be the strongest in the city, however, and one of them is almost sure to win the interborough series. P. S. 62 has won the championship oftener than any other school and is favored in to-day's game.

P. S. 2 and P. S. 83 will play for the Manhattan championship in the junior class before the senior game starts.

Weber Shoots Well at Lehigh.

SOUTH BETHLEHEM, Pa., Dec. 20.—Interest is being taken in the Rifle Club at Lehigh University and the coming tournament with a dozen or more eastern colleges and universities. This is the first year for rifle shooting at Lehigh. A range has been fixed up in Packer Hall, and in the elimination contest some good scores are being made. Hunt Weber, captain of the gymnasium team, so far is high gun, with a score of 94. Other high shots are Ward, Perkins, Cambraill, Talbot, Lamb and Savastio. The team will be chosen after the Christmas vacation, when matches with twelve members of the league will begin.

Local Chess Tourney On To-day.

New York University, City College and Stevens Institute of Hoboken, the members of the Interstate Chess League, have organized for the season, and will open their annual series of matches, with a contest on four boards, between New York University and City College to-day. Stevens Institute will meet City College on December 27 and New York University on December 30. L. A. Goldman, C. C. N. Y., was elected president of the Interstate League, and J. Tucker, Stevens Institute, secretary.

Kelly Brooklyn Prep's Captain.

Frank Kelly yesterday was elected captain of the 1913 baseball team of Brooklyn Prep. He held down first base last year. Eddie Grace has been elected captain of the 1913 football team.

Illinois Signs New Coach.

CHICAGO, Dec. 20.—Robert C. Zuppke, who for the last three years has developed championship football teams at Oak Park High School, has signed a three years contract to coach the University of Illinois elevens, beginning next fall. Zuppke will assume his new duties at Urbana on September 20, 1913, the first day of the season that the conference rules allow its members to begin work under a coach. His selection marks the passing of the old alumni system.

JERICHO TURNPIKE IS GREATLY OBSTRUCTED

Repaving Work So Carried On That Motorists Find Driving Difficult.

PERILS OF "PRESSED" FUEL

Gasolene Expert Tells About Some Stuff That Tests High Grade but Isn't.

Those who use the Jericho turnpike and the Hempstead plank road find cause for complaint in the way these highways are obstructed on account of repaving when only a part of each such road should be, they say. The Queens and Nassau county authorities have been engaged in rebuilding the highway from Mineola to Grand street, Jamaica, with a first class pavement, but in doing so they have monopolized almost the entire width of the highway with heaps of gravel, barrels of bitumen, furnaces, mixing machines and road rollers, compelling drivers of vehicles to take to the gutters and in some instances to the sidewalks.

Work on the Nassau part of the Jericho turnpike began last summer. Two miles were laid with a concrete and oil finish pavement and three miles between Hyde Park and Mineola were put down of broken stone and hot bitumen rolled firmly and covered with screenings. It is complained by motorists and farmers who use this busy highway that this has been laid only to a width of twenty feet, but it could have been arranged to give a passageway free of encumbrances over the remaining twenty feet on each side of the paved section. The contractors obstructed the whole width of the highway with their machinery and materials.

Similar obstructions have existed along the same highway in Queens, known for a part of the distance as the Jericho turnpike. The westerly half is called the Hempstead and Jamaica plank road. The city began paving this thoroughfare last summer on both sides of the street railroad tracks. The Long Island Traction Company was called upon to pave between its tracks and for two feet outside of those tracks according to city ordinances.

The traction company did not do its work first, claiming inability to get material. The borough highway authorities, compelled by the lateness of the season, paved the roadways between the tracks and the gutter. In doing this the highway was torn up throughout the fall. After that the railroad began the work of laying a granite block pavement between its tracks and an asphalt strip outside the tracks joining the city's section.

In carrying out the work the company's men have taken their own time and have kept the highway in bad condition for a month or more since the city's job was completed. They pile up their material wherever they choose and the traveller over that highway has to make his way carefully by day or by night to avoid accident.

The existence of such a thing as "pressed gasolene" is known to few motorists. It is dangerous to use and only occasionally gets into the hands of garagemen, which is well for the interests of automobilists. It accounts for the occasional "high grade" gasolene found in garages.

An engineer thus describes pressed gasolene: "It is a vapor of petroleum or natural gas which is caught and compressed until it becomes practically a liquid gas. It is nothing more or less than gas under pressure and on account of its high explosive qualities is dangerous stuff. Unless labelled its sale for use in combustion motors should be prohibited by law. It is commonly called 'pressed distillate,' or 'case head naphtha,' and though often mixed with other low gravity naphtha or gasolene it is dangerous in either form.

"Pressed gas is not homogenous. It is satisfactory up to the time the engine is cranked, but not thereafter; it is too lacking in expansive qualities to be satisfactory. It is obtained by the compression of natural gases and varies from 80 degrees to 110 degrees Baume. For the consumer who determines the efficiency of his fuel with a hydrometer a small portion of this compressed gas mixed with the right proportion of a low grade naphtha, say 54 to 58 degrees, would give a fuel of 70 degrees, but the specific gravity is deceiving, and, as stated, the use of such a fuel will be found unsatisfactory."

New York's example in having municipal department vehicles distinctly marked is being followed by Philadelphia. It is planned that all cars in the departments of safety, works, health and charities shall be marked plainly on the front: "Property of the city of Philadelphia." That helps to stop the joy riders.

Work on the new roadbed on Freylinghuysen avenue, between Newark and Elizabeth, has progressed so far that the road now is open on one side all the way down to North Broad street and the detour by way of North avenue in Elizabeth is necessary no longer. The west side of the thoroughfare is completed and it is the east side that is being finished. This is being built from Elizabeth out toward Newark and is well advanced.

Harvey Granger of the Savannah Automobile Club is in town in advance of the other members of the club who intend making application for the Grand Prize and perhaps the Vanderbilt Cup race next year. Mr. Granger has talked with A. A. A. and A. C. A. authorities about the races and has received encouragement for Savannah. Things will be decided at a meeting on January 11 in this city.

James Trophy Won by Ivins.

The final shoot for the C. R. James trophy was held on the grounds of the Riverside Gun Club at Red Bank yesterday afternoon. A strong northwest wind bothered the shooters. The trophy was captured by A. L. Ivins of Red Bank, who broke 391 out of a possible 400. Edward von Kattengell finished second by breaking one less than Ivins, and A. D. Cooper third, with 383 out of a possible 400.

MANY TARDY CLUBS REPORT.

Garden City and Brae Burn Among Delinquent Ones.

Nearly two hundred and fifty clubs in all have responded to the last appeal of Robert C. Watson, secretary of the United States Golf Association, for the lists of players eligible to be rated in the national handicap list, and incidentally sufficiently good to be entrants for the national amateur championship. At the time the data were to have been in the hands of the secretary there were about a hundred and fifty clubs on the tardy list. There are still ninety-one clubs to be heard from, including Garden City and Brae Burn, but the latter two have notified the secretary that their lists will be forwarded at once.

D. S. Droste has been chosen as the chief executive of the Montclair Golf Club, with Benjamin V. Harrison as vice-president. E. J. Ridgeway was elected captain. Charles E. Van Vleck, H. H. Spies and J. A. Kelsey constitute the green committee, while the membership committee is composed of C. D. Backus and T. W. Stephens. Ridgeway is also chairman of the tournament commitee. The club has 224 members.

Finishing touches are being put on the nine hole course at Seabreeze, Florida, in preparation for the annual influx of winter visitors. The hazards have been reconstructed and the greens and fairway improved. The links will be ready for use January 4, when the hotel season opens.

With his Wykagyl season at an end Aleck Smith, the former national and metropolitan open champion, is about ready to make his annual trip South. As has been the case for a number of years, Smith will spend several months at Belleair, Fla., where work has been progressing on a new eighteen hole course. En route for Florida Smith will stop off at Atlanta for a couple of days with a view to taking part in an exhibition match. He will return to Wykagyl in the spring.

The financial statement of the Forest Hill Field Club issued by Robert Kuebler, the treasurer, shows that a total of $19,899 was received during the fiscal year ended October 1. The disbursements were $605 less. The assets were $10,390, with a surplus over liabilities of $4,437, as compared with $4,980 a year ago.

BRAUN A SHORT DISTANCE LAD.

Sets Sizzling Pace, but Blows Up in Stretch.

After leading by a big margin for six rounds, Harry Braun, a Harlem boy, who only recently graduated from the ranks of the amateur boxers, took a terrific beating in the last four sessions of a ten round bout with Young Libby at the New Polo A. C. last night. Braun started off with the speed that carried him to the top in the short amateur bouts and had Libby in a very bad way toward the end of the first round.

For the next five rounds Braun jabbed Libby frequently, but the latter covered up so closely that he was not hurt badly. In the early part of the seventh Braun was still jabbing, when Libby suddenly cut loose with a hard left swing to the head, which floored Braun for the count. This marked the beginning of the end for Braun. He was floored again in the eighth round by a flurry of wallops and had a hard time staving off a knockout. Throughout the ninth and tenth Libby hit Braun often, but his blows lacked the necessary steam to put his man out.

ERASMUS RUSHES, THEN RESTS.

Piles Up Big Score Early, Which Mt. Vernon Cannot Overcome.

The Erasmus Hall basketball team defeated the Mount Vernon team yesterday at Mount Vernon by the score of 34 to 20. Erasmus started off with a rush and by clever passing piled up 20 points to Mount Vernon's 4 in the first fifteen minutes of play. After that Erasmus played a guarding game and Mount Vernon was unable to overcome the big lead.

The lineup:

Erasmus.	Positions.	Mount Vernon.
Evans	Left forward	Blakman
Gray	Right forward	R. Catheart
Schwartz	Centre	Bradbeer
Kaufman	Left guard	G. Catheart
Murphy	Right guard	Tynam

Score—Erasmus, 34; Mount Vernon, 20. Goals from field—Evans, 7; Schwartz, 5; Gray, 3; Blakman, 4; Bradbeer, 3; R. Catheart, 2; G. Catheart. Goals from foul—Schwartz, 3; Evans. Referee—Waldo. Time of halves—20 and 15 minutes.

Slosson Bothered by Bad Cold.

PITTSBURG, Pa., Dec. 20.—Ora Morningstar of Pittsburg, the 18.1 billiard champion, to-night defeated George Slosson of New York at the 18.2 game, the score being 400 to 162. Slosson suffered with a heavy cold that affected his game. He played brilliantly in spots to-night, but could not get the balls rolling to suit him. Morningstar's game was steady, but not much above ordinary.

Morningstar's high run was 132 and he averaged 20. Slosson's best cluster was 40 and his average 8 2-20.

Nothing to It but McCarron.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 20.—There was nothing to the McCarron-Borrell fight to-night but McCarron. In the second round Allentown Jack caught the local lad with a left hook that sent him down for the count of nine, but he rallied and stalled all the rest of the distance. Time and again Borrell clinched to save himself and twice again McCarron knocked him down, once each in the fifth and sixth rounds.

Nelson Looks Good to Tamaqua.

TAMAQUA, Pa., Dec. 20.—Before an enthusiastic crowd to-night, Battling Nelson defeated Jim Bonner, the pride of the coal regions, in one of the best ten round battles ever witnessed in this section. Nelson had Bonner holding on in every round, and in the third and fifth floored the local man. In the final round Bonner clinched Battling Nelson most of the time for the three minutes and was holding on to the Battler when the gong sounded.

Driscoll to Meet Moran.

LONDON, Dec. 20.—Jem Driscoll and Owen Moran have signed articles at the National Sporting Club of London to box twenty rounds on January 27 for the featherweight championship of England. Both are to weigh in at the British limit of 126 pounds at 2 o clock on the day of the bout. They will box for $500 side stakes and a purse of $7,500.

SCHOOLBOYS TO BE GUESTS OF CITY COLLEGE TO-DAY

Swimming and Basketball Will Be Features of Annual Prep Day Card.

The local high school boys will be the guests of the City College to-day in the annual carnival arranged for their entertainment. Festivities begin at 3 o'clock this afternoon, when an aquatic meet open to P. S. A. L. swimmers will be held. The feature race, a 50 yard championship swim, will bring Lemke of Commerce, Davidow of Clinton and Davidson of Townsend Harris to the mark.

Supper will be served to the five representatives from each senior class in the New York high schools at 6 o'clock, after which addresses by Dr. Finley, president of the college, and other prominent men will be heard. An inspection of the campus and college buildings will follow, after which a basketball game between the C. C. N. Y. freshmen and the fast quintet of Hoboken High School will hold the interest of the schoolboys. As a climax the lads will see St. Lawrence University and the varsity five of the local college clash on the basketball court. The programme will be concluded by 10 o'clock.

Commerce Players Get "C.'s."

The executive committee at High School of Commerce granted the football "C" to the following members of this year's football team: Capt. Kear, Blodgett, De Boer, Cann, Freer, Montgomery, Mathes, Brown, Strong, Hecht, Hagemeyer, Ratner, McCusker, Clapp, Kanareck and Hirschman. They will be formally awarded on Christmas eve, Old Fellows' Day, in the school auditorium.

Soccer Team Unrewarded.

At a meeting of the executive committee of the High School of Commerce Athletic Association the soccer team was refused the school insignia, despite the fact that it had finished first in a three cornered tie at the top of the P. S. A. L. Soccer League. In place they were granted C. A. F.'s.

Rutherford Players Get Presents.

At the Rutherford High School yesterday afternoon eighteen members of the team which won for Rutherford the football championship of the Northern New Jersey Interscholastic League were presented with their letters and also gold watch fobs donated by the athletic association of the school. Those who received the awards were Capt. Ronald Brown, William Foster, Allen Everett, Leroy Klein, Richard Huntington, Irving Matthews, Harold Allen, Vincent Clausen, Martin Cook, Harold Lucey, Andrew Hillhouse, Currie Armstrong, John Wallace, John Whitehill, Robert Plummer, Manager Alfred Copeland, Andrew Perattis and Gerald Reynolds.

JUNIORS WIN EVERY EVENT.

Sophomores Overwhelmed in Annual Class Games at Clinton.

The annual interclass track tournament of De Witt Clinton High School terminated yesterday at the Clinton gymnasium in an easy victory for the junior class, which defeated the sophomores by 47 to 16. The juniors won each event and all three places in the thirty yard dash and the shot put.

The summaries:

Thirty Yard Run—Won by Tresman (J.); second, Hyman (J.); third, Elliot (J.). Time, 4 2-5 seconds.

Half Mile Run—Won by Hallase (J.); second, Zirtolo (S.); third, Ashley (S.). Time, 2 minutes 18 1-5 seconds.

110 Yard Run—Won by Garvy (J.); second, Owens (S.); third, Brown (J.). Time, 13 2-5 seconds.

440 Yard Run—Won by Weinberg (J.); second, Haza (J.); third, Zirtolo (S.). Time, 1 minute 1 4-5 seconds.

220 Yard Dash—Won by Elliot (J.); second, Taut (S.); third, Klein (S.). Time, 27 1-5 seconds.

Twelve Pound Shot Put—Won by Haza (J.), 37 feet 4 inches; second, Waltbeck (J.), 35 feet 6 inches; third, Hyman (J.), 34 feet 5 inches.

High Jump—Won by Hyman (J.), 5 feet 2 inches; second, Meyers (S.), 4 feet 9 inches; third, Owens (S.), 4 feet 7 inches.

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