

THE CALENDAR'S ALL WRONG—FEBRUARY WILL SEE THE END OF AUGUST—HERRMANN

'BIG BILL' EDWARDS BEST MAN TO FILL HERRMANN'S SHOES

Former Princeton Football Hero, Fearless, Capable and Diplomatic, Is Well Qualified to Bring About Proper Conditions in Baseball

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ON OR before February 11, 1920, on which day the National and American Leagues will hold a joint session or something in Chicago, a successor to Gary Herrmann, former chairman of the National Commission, will be elected.



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The new chairman of the National Commission must be a man in whom the sixteen club owners place implicit confidence and one who can hand down impartial decisions in the many cases which come before him.

The committee is seriously considering two men for the place, neither of whom is connected with either league. These men have proved their executive ability and will be acceptable if they consent to serve.

The name of Judge Kenesaw Mountain Landis has been mentioned frequently, but it is doubtful if he would accept. Another prominent man who could help the game considerably is William H. Edwards, collector of internal revenue in New York.

after he makes it. He is the best man in the country to serve as chairman of the commission and straighten out the jumbled affairs. Baseball needs a big man to restore order. There is a big scrap in the American League, with three managers battling five others and the president.

EDWARDS is a hard worker, a natural leader and knows how to "clean house." In addition he is known as a thorough sportsman and one who believes in sport for sport's sake.

Famous in Sports and Politics

'BUT who is 'Big Bill' Edwards and what has he done?' you ask. Edwards broke into the limelight in 1896 when he made the varsity football team at Princeton. He played four years, capturing the eleven in 1899. He was a wonderful player, a hard worker and set an example for his teammates to follow.

After leaving college Bill went into the insurance business and stuck to it until appointed deputy street-cleaning commissioner of New York. This was where he gained a national reputation, for he made good against more handicaps than ever confronted a political officeholder.

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THAT GUILTIEST FEELING



FOR RENT: 2 STARS OF THE CAGE GAME

Those Seeking Services of Sedran and Friedman Must See Frank Morgenweck

BRUGGY WITH GERMANTOWN

FOR RENT—The services of a couple of basket-ball players who have made good in the New York State, Hudson River, Interstate, Eastern and New England Leagues.

There is a scarcity of good basket-ball players this season, a fact attested to by many managers. With the shortage has arrived a rise in the prices for their services, the same as in the other departments, namely, referees who have just had their stipend for a single game advanced from \$10 to \$15, and managers who, according to reports, are also drawing extra large checks, one having signed at the start of the season for the unheard-of sum of \$75 a week.

At an Eastern League monthly meeting the other evening, the sums being demanded by the players was the subject of discussion by the managers when Jesse Hendler, part owner of the Trenton franchise, with Joe Manz, said that he was going into the business of booking basket-ball players.

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KEEP LEFT SHOULDER STILL, IS GOLFING TIP

Sharwood Says It Is Best Hint He Ever Got and Hits Out a Few to Prove It at Merion—Picked Up Idea Practicing in Duffer's Alley

By SANDY McNICLICK

ANYBODY that will point his left shoulder at the ball and not let it turn past the ball will just a fraction of an inch, one he hits his shot is a golfer.

Sharwood worked out this theory to his own satisfaction last winter while down at Pipehurst for a rest up from a session of pneumonia and La Belle Grippie and a few other things.

There is an immense "back-yard" there called "Duffer's Alley" or something of the sort, intended solely for the golfers and practice shots. Fifty fans can bat away there without doing any particular damage to each other.

Sharwood took out a lot of time there and says it was the first real chance he had had to practice shots on theory and work it all out.

"I got that shoulder idea down pretty fine," he says, and figures that his very much-improved game this last season is the result. That snappy wrist work is typical of the professional who can hit a longer ball than his fellow.

Sharwood was playing the best ball of three not-so-good players the other day. All he shot over the Ardmore course was a 72.

"Why can't I do that, too?" asked one of the victims. Sharwood smirked at it until he said: "Left shoulder up still; watch your pill."

So Sharwood showed all of the intricacies of his shot.

"My theory is that if a golfer can remember to hold his left shoulder in place almost to the impact, that the rest of him will take care of itself. He doesn't have to remember to do anything else but be natural.

"He's got to keep his left arm straight that way, on the back swing. He's got to keep his right elbow in. His weight has got to be on the right foot. His left heel will come up. In fact, he needn't worry about anything but that one left shoulder.

"Now then," continued Sharwood, "when the clubbed thence forward, the golfer is going to make or break the shot. Let him hold that left shoulder. And instead of dragging his club down

into the ball, with the hands behind the shot, the clubhead hitting the ball first. I like the wrists to carry through the shot as much as possible, though, of course, this can be exaggerated too much. A little trial will show just what I mean on this theory. I think half the reason for heeling a ball is that the man gets the club head to the ball too quickly.

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AMATEUR GOLF CLASSIC TO ENGINEERS CLUB, L. I.

Ohio Gets Open and Women's Tournaments—"Standard Rule" Committee Sanctioned and Officers Elected in Short, Snappy Meeting of U. S. G. A.

New York, Jan. 10.—The Engineers' Country Club was chosen as the battlefield for the next amateur golf championship of the United States last night.

Ohio got both the open and the women's national, the former going to the Inverness Club, at Toledo, and the latter to Mayfield, at Cleveland. The executive committee was given power to elect a committee to confer with a like committee from St. Andrews on the subject of standard rules, standard golf balls, the stymie and other golf "nits."

The new officers, as nominated, were elected in less than five minutes. George T. Walker, St. Louis Country Club, was elected president, with the rest of the ticket as previously announced. Hugh Wilson, Merion, being on the new executive committee of four.

The meeting was like lightning for speed and the tames in years. The delegates sat in and voted "aye," sometimes with emotion, but not to the program they found on their chairs when they entered the meeting place in the Waldorf-Astoria.

Many of them were still smoking their first cigar when the meeting opened. One delegate tried to cast a little sand on the tracks by volunteering to make a speech in the middle of the proceedings. He evidently wanted to discuss loss of things in which the golfers were interested, but was asked to defer his thoughts till the disposal of the business. He did. Soon after this the meeting closed.

But the duly accredited delegate made his speech anyhow, in the lobby. According to the bylaws of the U. S. G. A., the executive committee picked three courses for each of the titular events and these clubs made their bids. The list had been printed and the delegates received a copy at the meeting.

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