

# HORSE RACING ON THE ICE AT THE LAKE OF THE ISLES



THE JUDGES' STAND.

"WARMING UP."

THE BARN ON THE ICE.

## WATKINS A VICTIM OF WINTER'S RIGOR

### Baseball Magnate Has Been Suffering from Attack of Rheumatic Pneumonia.

Indianapolis, Dec. 23.—W. H. Watkins has been confined to his bed at the Grand hotel most of the week, but is convalescing. He was to have been installed as master of the Ancient Landmark lodge of Masons, Monday night, but during the day he was taken ill and the attending physician would not permit him to leave the room. He passed a very bad night, but after the danger point Tuesday morning, he was apprised that he had suffered with an attack of rheumatic pneumonia and but for careful attention he might have been confined to his bed for many days.

The baseball magnate's constitution is undermined and as he expressed it his vitality had received a severe strain during the past few weeks and temporarily he was all in. His breakdown is the direct result of the day and night work he did at New York during the recent meeting of the National League, when he worked so hard in the interest of the minor leagues to obtain suitable legislation from the majors on the draft question. For several weeks Watty has been jumping around the country and has been under a severe strain. He is much improved, but his physician demanded that he have absolute rest for several days.

## MANY NEW STARS

### Maroons Have Splendid Outlook for a Track Team.

Chicago, Dec. 23.—It looks like another championship for Chicago. With a fine bunch of freshmen to step into the places of the stars who will not return, and to fill out the weak places in the team, the maroons should have the most evenly balanced team in years. Much depends on the first-year men, and from the present outlook, they are going to live up to expectations.

Of the new comers who are expected to develop to varsity stars of the first caliber and who will take precedence over the veterans, the most prominent are Walter Steffen, in the high hurdles; Schommer in the high jump; Henneberry in the pole vault; Harle in the two-mile, and Kelley in the shot put.

## PREPARING FOR GANS AND SULLIVAN GO

### Hays Valley Club to Promote a Battle in January.

San Francisco, Dec. 23.—The Hays Valley club is busy preparing for its January fight, to be between Mike (Twin) Sullivan and Joe Gans. Both men will begin training early this coming week and hard work will be on in earnest. Gans will get ready at Croll's Gardens in Alameda, while the Cambridge twin will take up his old quarters at Billy Shannon's villa near San Rafael.

The Colma club has got a match on for Jan. 10 between Willie Fitzgerald, the "rib smasher," and Willie Lewis, the "rib breaker." Fitzgerald has been in training for more than a week past, working with O'Brien out at the beach. Lewis, who has a reputation as a dangerous man in the east, arrived here today, and after he has settled the details of his match will get down to work. For Jan. 30 the Colma club will offer Dick Hyland and Young Mowatt of Chicago.

## TWO BILLIARD TOURNAMENTS

### Fast Cue Work Is Expected in Class A Contest.

Billiard lovers are sure to receive their fill of the sport soon after the holidays, when the Class A tournament opens at the West hotel billiard parlors. Frank Billiter is arranging a joust for the knights of the cue who are able to qualify for the A class and will offer some beautiful prizes.

Those who will enter the contest are jockeying somewhat for a good start, but six or eight players will surely be secured. Among those who will probably take part will be Watson, who won the Class B tournament last week, Al. Drich, Stevenson, Thayer, Huyock and others.

The games will be started soon after New Year. Fourteen-inch balk-line for 200 points will be played. After the holidays an open billiard handicap tournament for the benefit of the courthouse and city hall will also be started at the Billiter parlors. The details have not yet been arranged, but those interested in the game are planning for a spirited contest.

Mr. Billiter will hang up a number of trophies to spur on the entries and there will be a number of special prizes. The game will be the fourteen-inch balk line for 100 points.

The entries, with handicaps, so far, are as follows: Scratch, 100 points; W. E. Stoope, L. A. Condit, Ed. Force, and city hall, among them Henry Knott, L. A. Lydiard, Harry Luxton, P. S. Nielsen, Walter Ryberg, Harry Brown and others.

It is expected that the list of entries will be largely increased, as there are many good cues in the courthouse and city hall, among them Henry Knott, L. A. Lydiard, Harry Luxton, P. S. Nielsen, Walter Ryberg, Harry Brown and others.

## MANY LONG FOR PLACES AS UMPIRES

### Milwaukee Seems to Think Some of Last Year's Men Were Good.

Milwaukee, Dec. 23.—Few complaints were made last season about the umpires who officiated in the American association under the direction of President O'Brien, and from present prospects there will be even less trouble the coming season.

About thirty-five men, many of whom are well known in the baseball world, have already made application to President O'Brien for positions on his staff. While no selections have been made up to this time, there is every reason to believe that some of the best men on the market will handle the indicator next season, if O'Brien has his say. And he will have his say if re-elected to the head of the American association.

When the season closed last year President O'Brien had little talk with the men who officiated. Whether or not any of them will be in the A. A. next season, Mr. O'Brien refuses to say. However, it might be taken for granted that Jack Haskell will again be in the circuit. Umpire Kane is anxious to work here again and so is Sullivan and Owen.

When O'Brien was at the New York baseball meeting last week many applicants appeared personally and put in applications, while some managers of ball teams and players suggested other men. "Chief" Zimmer would like to handle the indicator for O'Brien; so would Moran of the Eastern league, and even Basuwine, who went to the Nationals, where he didn't make much of a hit.

Tony Mullane, now a detective in Chicago, and Perry Werden, both well-known players in their time, have filed applications for a job in the A. A. Most of these applicants have heard how President O'Brien sustains his umpires and for that reason, as well as many others, they would like to work for him.

"It is too early to talk about umpires," said President O'Brien yesterday, "but I am considering all the applicants who are seeking jobs. I have a good list to select from and when I announce my staff, providing I am president, it will probably meet with favor among the fans and the owners."

## PLAN TO EVADE THE LAW IN NEW YORK

### Promoters to Put Fighters Up for a Three-Round Bout.

New York, Dec. 23.—A plan is on foot to bring Terry McGovern and Battling Nelson together in a three round bout in Madison Square Gardens. Billy Nolan, Nelson's manager and Joe Humphreys, McGovern's representative, talked the matter over yesterday and both are favorably inclined toward the scheme. Under the existing laws it would be a simple matter to organize a club, thereby preventing any legal interference. As a money-getter it would eclipse anything in the fighting line since the death of the Horton law several years ago.

## WORKING ON SCHEDULE

### Gopher Football Plans Are Receiving Attention Just Now.

Minnesota's athletic governors have been putting in some steady work on plans for a football schedule for next season. The arrangements are still in the air and the managers have requested while the business deals are pending, that the newspapers refrain from giving publicity to what is being done.

Publication of half-matured plans at this time would be fraught with danger to their completion. The rotters will have to wait for a time, but can rest assured that next season the gopher card is to hold some games of greater importance than for the past two years.

## RYAN OR HART WILLING

### Tom O'Rourke Wires an Offer From the Tuxedo Club of Philadelphia.

The east is looking for a battle between O'Brien and Hart or Ryan. Tom O'Rourke, the veteran promoter, last night wired those fighters, now in Minneapolis, asking if either of them would like to fight at the Tuxedo club, near Philadelphia, in a twenty-round go the latter part of January.

Ryan wired O'Rourke in reply that Hart would meet O'Brien at catch-weights or that he would meet O'Brien at the middleweight limit, 154 pounds. He also informed O'Rourke that he must post a forfeit for the club as a "token" of ability to pull off the bout.

Hanson says there will be no more "clown" business in the way of exhibition games for the rest of the year. A few games will be staged, but it will not be overdone, as it has been the case previously at Cincinnati.

## MICHIGAN LOOKING FOR EASY PICKING

### Plans Under Way for a Game with the "Terrible" Kansans.

Lawrence, Kan., Dec. 23.—Unless something unexpected happens, the football team of the University of Kansas will next fall play the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor. Manager W. C. Lansdon has received a letter from the athletic manager at Ann Arbor, in which it was stated that the prospect for a Kansas-Michigan game was very favorable, and that at present there seemed to be no reason that would prevent the playing of the game. Manager Lansdon has been in communication with Michigan all fall endeavoring to schedule Yost's men. The last letter from them stated that the date of the game could not be set until spring, but that the Wolverines were counting on playing the Jayhawkers next fall.

On New Year's Day at Lincoln, Neb., will be decided whether or not there will be a Kansas-Nebraska game next season. If the Jayhawkers can add Michigan and Nebraska to the coming schedule it will be the best that Kansas has had for years.

## KEEPING AN EYE ON THE SAINTS' PROGRESS

### Billiard Players of Commercial Club Looking for Tricks.

While billiard matters were hindered last week by the commercial club by the approach of the holidays, the members are soon to be much deeper in the whirl of interest over coming contests with the St. Paul Goliaths of the cue. Preparations for a cowboy pool preliminary contest to select a team to grab the flag of defiance from the hands of the redoubtable St. Paul men are on. Billiards will be finished up this week and the cowboy pool contest will begin so early that the ivory spheres will be merry in the club rooms for the next six days.

Only one game was played in the billiard selection contest last week. Hohman was matched against Ely and came out the best. In forty innings the counts were 200 for Hohman and 144 for Ely. Hohman's best run was 23 and Ely followed with 14. Hohman's average of 5 points to the play is considered a good showing in case he rings in on the team.

Several games must be played off before Saturday night. Hohman has finished. Ely has still to play with Mitchell.

## SAY WHITNEY IS RATHER PROVINCIAL

### Alumni of Western Colleges Discuss Caspar Whitney's Latest Outbreak.

Chicago, Dec. 23.—Alumni of western colleges in which the conduct of athletics came in for censure in the annual football resume of Caspar Whitney, editor of Outing, had little to say in way of commendation of statements of the Sir Oracle of the east today.

Whitney saw fit not only to ignore all players on the football teams of Michigan, Minnesota and Wisconsin in the selection of his All-American eleven, but he censured in most unflattering fashion the methods which he alleges obtain at those institutions. The alumni and former students of the other three western institutions say that in former years Whitney was wont to exonerate the methods of the university of Chicago as full as much as those at other colleges. Now apparently his dislike for Chicago has been overcome in some way.

The fact that western critics in picking their all-western eleven did not ignore any of the big institutions because of alleged professionalism was cited as a reason why Whitney should have been equally broad. Whitney, they say, might have contented himself with criticizing the things he thinks are bad and pointed remedies. But so long as the authorities of the various institutions allowed the teams to be made up as they were, and so long as the teams played against one another as they did, Whitney should have been content to pick his team as a team of football players, leaving consideration of questions of eligibility to be settled by the conscience of the individual institutions.

## SOFT ICE STOPPED PRACTICE BY CURLERS

### Flour City Clubs Plan to Send Strong Rinks to Duluth.

Minneapolis curlers have been anxious to practice for the bonspiel at Duluth Jan. 15 of the Northwestern Curling association, but all the past week the weather has been against them. Nearly every day there has been a sufficient thaw to make the ice a little soft, sufficiently so to prohibit the use of the stones. The coming week the Minneapolis curlers hope for cold weather, and before the week's close will pick out a team of the best men to represent the Flour City at Duluth.

## BADGERS ARE IRATE

### President Van Hise Will Not Reply to the Outing Yowl.

Madison, Wis., Dec. 23.—President C. H. Van Hise said tonight that he had not read Whitney's criticism of the athletic department of the University of Wisconsin and did not care to discuss anything the eastern athletic critic might say regarding it.

If it were a personal matter Dr. Van Hise declared that he would not make any reply, but if it were otherwise he might. Minor officials of the university are deeply offended at Whitney's statements and are eager to deny them.

Gilbert of the giants is a devotee of golf. A large number of professional ball tossers have taken up the game.

# WINTER GOSSIP FROM CENTERS OF AUTOMOBILE ACTIVITY

MORE than 300 accidents to motor car tourists have been reported in the United States and Canada during 1905, many of them resulting fatally. It cannot be said that these accidents were wholly due to rapid speed or reckless driving, for some of the most serious ones happened to motorists who are known to be prudent and careful in the management of their vehicles. Most of them could have been avoided by a better knowledge of the danger points, or by some warning by which the tourist could have been advised of the proximate peril. The truth is that in many parts of the country, and especially in those sections which are most picturesque and attractive to the tourist, the highways are too narrow and winding and are often skirted by deep unguarded ditches and dangerous gulches, and crossed by railroad tracks at points where the tourist would have little reason to expect them.

To lessen these perils as much as possible the American Motor League has called upon its consultants, members and proprietors of official stations, in all the important states where touring is most popular, to take up the work of erecting danger signs and guide boards by which the tourist may be forewarned and his course directed to the avoidance of these pitfalls. Many of these danger signs have already been put up and the Pittsburg board of consultants of the A. M. L. has been particularly active in western Pennsylvania in putting this work in evidence. The league sends out stencils from which these signs can be easily made by a man of ordinary skill, and in some cases the completed signs are sent out ready to be put up.

Blankets are being sent to automobilists in several states with letters requesting information as to points where these signs should be erected and a contract has been made with a firm in central New York for a large number of signs which will be put in place within the next few months. It is believed that before the end of 1906 more than 3,000 of these signs will be placed in different parts of the United States. Full information will be sent to any person addressing the American Motor League, Vanderbilt building, New York.

News from Paris to the effect that the Automobile club of France has decided in favor of holding several races next summer, makes it seem possible that the club may decide not to return the Vanderbilt cup. Formerly the French club declared itself in favor of only one race during the year.

Because of the reduced rate at which members of the American Automobile association will be able to travel to the New York shows, the individual membership is experiencing a boom.

No one will be able to get the advantage of the rate by joining the A. A. at show time. They must be members beforehand and the railroads have become very strict on this point.

For full fledged touring cars, the four-cylinder engine will be the thing in 1906, more than ever. Where the four-cylinder type of motor is used, an engine of less than four cylinders will hardly be used for any "grown up" model. It has come to pass where it may be said that the one-cylinder car is a runabout and the two-cylinder car a "touring runabout," or "light tonneau" car, while only the machine with a four-cylinder engine is a full fledged touring car. The plans of some of the biggest concerns in the country indicate a recognition of this. Several firms are about to produce four-cylinder cars for the first time in their history.

Chugs—Blinn says he won't get a motor car till they will give him a forfeit guarantee against accident or break-down.

Honks—He always was a sure-thing better. He'd better wait till he can get one that will run without an engine.

An automobile, as a purchase, is something that a man considers for a longer time beforehand than he does the buying of a hat. Most specimens of the genus homo need to be annually reminded to begin thinking early about their Christmas purchases. Advertising reminders by dealers will greatly help along their midwinter sales. A New York agent who advertised cars for Christmas gifts last year, sold twenty runabouts and ten touring cars before the arrival of the holiday that celebrates "Good will to all."

It is more than likely that the automobile show of 1906 in Madison Square Garden will result in the adoption of a new policy and new methods of decoration in that historic building for shows of all sort in the future. For the annual show of next January a decorative scheme of unexampled gorgeousness has been worked out and the great amphitheater will be unrecognizable by its best friends. The interior will present a perfect illusion, by means of paintings, with fine perspective, concealing the ends and sides. The effect will be that of an Italian garden, the chief color scheme of the pillars, and other staff work, being white and gold.

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There is still evidence of healthy interest among Americans, even if it is not as sweeping as could be desired. Walter Christie, whose spectacular



EARL KISER, Who May Attempt Auto Racing Once More.

organized engineers of the licensed factories will begin experiments in their laboratory to develop an engine to use it as fuel. The denatured alcohol used abroad is poisoned so as to be unfit to drink and given a brilliant purple or pink hue in the same process.

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Earl Kiser, the game little driver, who sustained an accident at Cleveland that necessitated the amputation of a leg, is at Hot Springs. A cork artificial leg was made to order for Kiser, and he is now learning to walk with it.

He is becoming so proficient that he thinks it will be possible for him to attend the automobile shows in New York.

His injury does not impair his ability as a driver, but Kiser says that he has abandoned circular track racing permanently. He will, however, try his luck on the beaches just as soon as his condition warrants it. Whether he will be able to take part in the coming races at Ormond and Daytona is not known. Kiser has many friends among the motor car manufacturers, and it will not be difficult for him to obtain a good berth.

The decision to extend the Glidden Can, and Poland Springs, Maine, next year has raised a storm of protest from some quarters.

There is a fear by many that the route will not be passable. A motorist having much experience with Canadian roads says that they are, in some parts of the dominion, impossible for automobiles.

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height, and new features are being added daily to attract the multitudes. Thousands and thousands of dollars are being expended both for Madison Square Garden and the Armory.

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Allotment of space at Madison Square has been made, and the new diagrams, showing the location of each exhibitor, are almost ready. They will probably be given out the end of this week.

To show how much weight can be saved in building an automobile, provided a maker is willing to indulge liberally in the use of expensive aluminum, which costs considerably more than sheet iron or steel, it is worth noting that the use of aluminum for the hood of the 1906 Pope-Toledo car saves eleven pounds in weight.

Where steel would answer best, however, it is used in place of wood, and the steel tonneau and seats save thirty pounds in the body.

There is a continued demand for an endurance contest of automobiles in the snow, for one of the arguments advanced against the use of motor vehicles in business relates to their inability to travel as well as the horse-drawn vehicle when snow is on the ground. Motor truck builders refute this statement, and wish a chance to prove it officially.

Automobile dealers are beginning to object to the practice of taking second-hand cars in trade for new ones, and the majority of the reputable dealers in the big cities now decline to take in trade any makes other than those in which they are interested.

In such transactions, it is generally a case of making two sales to get one profit, for the dealer is lucky to get as much for the secondhand car as he allowed in the trade.

After a pending deal for a pitcher is closed there is not expected to be much doing in the trading line in the pirate camp for some time. Knabe called at the pirate headquarters yesterday and felt assured that he would be one of the pirate crowd to train at Hot Springs next season.

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