

BOXING

Sheriff Stops Bouts, But Allows Cock Fighting

BOWLING

Twenty Players Qualify in Elimination Tourney

BASEBALL

Bill Kay Leads York State League Sluggers

SHERIFF IS BLAMED

Mount Rainier Official Falls Short of Duty.

PASSES UP A COCKING MAIN

Prince George County Deputy Refuses Boxing Bout, but Permits Cockfighting to Go on Full Blast.

By WILLIAM PEET.

It did not take Deputy Sheriff Mohler very long to make up his mind Saturday afternoon to stop the boxing bouts...

It is hardly possible that Sheriff Mohler did not know about the proposed cocking main. If so, he should wake up...

The account of the cocking main is described at some length on this page by a Washingtonian who occupied a seat in the front row of the pit.

Boxing bouts are allowed in some parts of Maryland, and when conducted properly are not molested by the police.

Cock fighting is strictly against the law of that State, and Sheriff Mohler falls lamentably short of his duty in not enforcing the statutes.

Bill Kay, who was given a trial by the Nationals two years ago and sent to the minors for lack of speed...

Official averages published Sunday show that Kay played 10 games, went to bat 42 times, scored 7 runs, made 185 hits...

The Chicago Cubs have drafted Kay, and unless Manager Murphy changes his mind, Kay will probably be taken along during the early training trip.

While Kay was with the Nationals he showed considerable promise as a hitter, but was so fearfully slow on the bases...

When the joint football rules committee holds its meeting during the latter part of this month, for the purpose of framing up a playing code for next fall...

Wilson's injury was in the open field, from a flying or diving tackle. Paul Paschall, the big man of football affairs at Annapolis...

Wilson, who is now in the hospital with a broken back, and small chance of recovery.

Byrne's death came as the direct result of a mass play, or old-style football, and the Army is clamoring long and loud for end runs, forward passes, and all that goes to make up the open style of the game.

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1909 SPORTING CASUALTIES

The number of persons killed and injured in pleasure and sports during 1909 is smaller than it was in 1908. The record has been made up for the entire year...

The insane Fourth of July celebrations and other celebrations during the year cost 25 lives and 1,237 injuries.

RACING CARD FOR TO-DAY.

Table with columns for race names, participants, and odds. Includes sections for Jacksonville, Tampa, and San Francisco.

San Francisco.

Table listing race results for San Francisco, including participants and odds.

Thinker in "A Great Catch."

Chicago, Jan. 2.—Joseph B. Tinker, Cub shortstop in summer and an actor man in winter...

JUAREZ RESULTS.

FIRST RACE—Six furlongs. Green, 35 3/4 (dani), 4 to 1, won; Ed Kelly, 94 (Molesworth), 1 to 2, second; Judith Page, 98 (Wilson), 9 to 1, third.

GOSSIP OF THE BOXERS.

Hugo Kelly, the Italian middle-weight, and Frank Mantel have been matched to box at the Armory A. A., of Boston, on January 11.

Retri and Clark Win.

Berlin, Jan. 2.—The international bicycle race here ended in an easy victory for Retri and Clark.

Largest Morning Circulation.

Joe Seiger, the Denver light-weight, made such a good showing in Baltimore on Thursday night that he has been re-matched to meet the best boy that can be secured at the next show.

VIRGINIA BIRDS WIN

Maryland Sportsmen Lose Interstate Cocking Main.

WADS OF MONEY IS WAGERED

Each Side Shows Seven Birds, and Virginia Chickens Land Four Bouts to Maryland's Three-Lively Time at Well-known Cockpit Not Far from Capital New Year's Night.

By BILL BAILEY.

Virginia and Maryland game cocks engaged in moral combat Saturday night at a secluded spot not many miles from the Federal city...

The Maryland bird's handler showed that he knew the game from start to finish, and his success in conditioning the bird for each pitting was liberally applauded by the spectators.

Most of the faithful came from Washington, and, of course, there were no officers about to interfere with their pleasures.

The conditions of the main were that each side should show nine birds; \$30 was wagered upon each bout, and \$250 on the result of the main.

The betting among the spectators was lively, although before the chickens were pitted it was always a quiet affair.

First Blood for Maryland. The first bout brought together two top-weight chickens, each tipping the scales at five pounds seven ounces.

Maryland presented a red quill and Virginia a white hackle and red quill cross. Both were magnificent birds and game to the core.

They started toward each other like game cocks that they were, and for several pittings the pace was furious for such heavy birds.

For the second bout, Maryland showed a black red and Virginia a white hackle. Each bird weighed 4 pounds 6 ounces, and both were fine specimens of the feathered tribe.

They started off at a fast clip, and for the first two pittings appeared to be evenly matched. In the fourth pitting the Maryland chicken ran the Virginia hackle through the head, and it was all over.

Score: Maryland, 2; Virginia, 0. The Virginia people became reckless in the third bout, and placed considerable coin on the Old Dominion cocks.

Maryland showed a beautiful white hackle and red quill cross, a superb fighting cock, and Virginia presented an Irish gray. This bout was short and sweet.

The Virginia bird never having a chance and receiving a brain blow in the fourth pitting, he settled the encounter. Result: Maryland, 3; Virginia, 0.

In the fourth bout, Maryland showed the same black red bird that captured the second round. Against an ordinary cock he would have won easily, but the Virginia people presented a hardy looking Don cross bird, a real fighting chicken.

Soon after the bout began the Maryland bird appeared to show the effects of its previous scrap, and weakened. The bird was game all over, but was counted out, as described above. Score: Maryland, 3; Virginia, 1.

Confidence in Virginia Camp. In the fifth bout, Virginia showed a brown red and Maryland a ginger red. This was the shortest and swiftest battle of the main, the Maryland bird receiving a crown blow that sent it into chickenland.

The Virginia people were regaining confidence and, incidentally, considerable of their coin. Score: Maryland, 3; Virginia, 2.

In the sixth round, Virginia presented a fine looking ginger red and Maryland showed a brown red. This was a great scrap. Both chickens were minus their optics before the battle had gone very far, and the Maryland bird lost a wing.

They battled on even terms for twelve pittings, when the Virginia bird recuperated long enough to deal the Maryland cock a vicious crown blow, which sent him down and out. The score: Maryland, 3; Virginia, 3.

In the seventh and deciding bout, Virginia presented a brown red and Maryland a handsome Don. Virginia came near getting every cent the Maryland sports presented, as the Virginia bird had no trouble in disposing of the Maryland cock. As the result of this bout Virginia won the main, and a nice bunch of money on the side.

WANT KID SULLIVAN.

Washington Boxer Receives Offer to Meet Abe Attell. Kid Sullivan yesterday received a letter from a well-known light promoter in the South offering him \$250 to meet Abe Attell in a ten-round bout.

Christy Mathewson Writes Book. The famous "Big Six" of the New York Nationals has just completed the manuscript of a baseball story for boys of all ages, and it is the promise of his publishers, R. J. Bodmer Company, New York, that it will be ready for delivery in February.

This will be the first of a series of boys' stories on sports, to be known as "The Matty Bookers." Associated with the "Father of the fade away" in the preparation of "The Matty Bookers" is W. W. Antick, sporting writer, who will act as editor of the various publications.

Matty, in speaking of his new position, says he hopes the official scorers will not mark up too many errors against him.

Owen Moran, the English light-weight, who is at present in this country, has been offered a date with Ray Bronson.

LEAGUE'S BEST HITTER.



BILL KAY. Former National outfielder who led New York State League with the stick last season.

SPORTING SIDELIGHTS

By BILL BAILEY.

Golf war threatens. Good time to start it now, from the looks of the links.

There was no sheriff on the job at the pit side of the New Year's cock fight.

Barney Dreyfus has forbidden Hans Wagner to play basketball, yet the big fellow is at it just the same.

Tom Andrews' record book for 1909 has been issued, but by some oversight Tommy Lowe's history was omitted.

Jimmy Isaminger notes that "maybe the waiter who ran off with the sixteen-year-old heiress thought she was a tip."

ADVICE TO RESOLUTIONERS. The first day will be the worst, except, of course, the second, third, and fourth.

The capital stock of the Juarez racing concession has been increased to \$1,200,000. Real money or Mex.?

Says H. E. Keough, in the Chicago Tribune: "So far Roger Bresnahan is the only club manager in the big leagues who ought to know say Hoop can play a game at short field equal to any man."

OFF SEASON BASEBALL.

Willis is the only rival of Sam Leever for the veteran pitching honor in the National League, and both are members of the world's champions, Pittsburg.

Catcher Larry McLean, of the Reds, says he will accept the job of refereeing the Jeffries-Johnson bout if asked to do so. He thinks he has sufficient experience to do so.

Manager Griffith proposes to give Pitcher Franzel Hosp, the California recruit, a trial as shortstop. Those who ought to know say Hoop can play a game at short field equal to any man.

Charles Dooley, manager of the Utica club, of the New York State League, who recently sold Outfielder Madden to New York, says this young player is a star, and will surely make good with the Highlanders.

The Brooklyn club has disposed of seven players as follows: Joe Dunn and George Bittorf to Mobile; Wilbert Schardt to Milwaukee; Forbes Aloock and Fred Muller to Chattanooga, and Andrew Herbst and George Sharwood to New Haven.

Infielder Billy Cranston, of Avoca, Pa., has received word that the Memphis (Tenn.) club, with which he played last season, has sold him to Brooklyn. He will be given a chance in the infield during the spring practice with the Dodgers.

Manager Ashback, of Altoona, and all of the Tri-State League players declare that if any recruit can make good next season in the major league it is Outfielder Ayres, secured by New York from Altoona. He is declared to be "a good base runner as Cobb."

As St. Louis story is to the effect that the Browns' ex-manager, Jimmy Mokler, blocked a trade of Pitcher Frank Chance, for Outfielder Dave Stone, of the Browns, by telling Comiskey that Stone is suffering from an incurable hip trouble, which will affect his batting permanently.

Waivers have been asked by President Navin, of Detroit, on eight new Tigers whom Manager Jennings has decided he does not want to take South. They are: Pitchers Bills, Britton, Caver, Schreiber, and La Fitte; Infielders Murch and Gaynor; Outfielder Spencer. La Fite goes to Rochester, and Gaynor to Fort Wayne.

President Hedges, of St. Louis, has announced the following exhibition dates for his team during the coming training season: March 3 to 18, Houston, Tex., with perhaps Saturday and Sunday games in San Antonio during that period; March 19 and 20, Dallas, Tex.; March 22 to 23, Oklahoma City; April 2 to 3, Kansas City; April 4 to 5, St. Louis; April 10 and 11, Louisville; April 12 and 13, Fort Wayne, Ind.

Morgan's Horse Samson Wins. Marseilles, Jan. 2.—The race for the Prix Massilia was won here to-day by Morgan's Samson. Lepuie's Owllet was second and Velpieard's Druidesse third. There were ten starters.

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OFFERS \$40,000 PURSE

McIntosh Wants Johnson and Burns to Meet.

CHANCE FOR SAM LANGFORD

Australian, However, Overlooks Boston Negro—Fitzsimmons-Lang Mill Looked Upon as a Frame-up—Picture Privilege One Beat Bet as a Money-maker—Fitz Drove Bargain.

By BILL BAILEY.

New York, Jan. 2.—Hugh D. McIntosh, the fight promoter, has cabled from Sydney, New South Wales, that he will hang up a purse of \$40,000 for another battle between Jack Johnson and Tommy Burns, to be decided in Australia next September, winner take all.

McIntosh, who is Burns' manager, had evidently consulted with the French-Canadian, who is still at Sydney telling folks that he would surely have beaten Johnson a year ago if the police had not interfered in the fourteenth round.

McIntosh makes this \$40,000 proposition without taking into consideration the probable outcome of the Jeffries-Johnson mill next July. As a matter of fact, McIntosh regards Johnson as a sure winner over Jeffries. He has expressed that opinion since arriving at Sydney. But it remains to be seen whether McIntosh is in earnest with his latest propositions.

Burns Not Class. People who know anything about pugilism will probably admit that Burns has less chance of whipping the big negro next September than he had a year ago. Burns, for that matter, never classed with Johnson, whose victory was regarded as a foregone conclusion by competent ring judges in this country.

They never thought of Burns as a first-class heavy-weight. Just why McIntosh offers \$40,000 for a one-sided fight, therefore, is a puzzle unless it is due to a desire to get advertising for himself and Burns Johnson, if he should defeat Jeffries, would not fight again for probably two years, and in the event of his defeat by Jeffries, the big negro would not care to visit Australia again because of the treatment he got there in 1908.

A Picture Fight. Is McIntosh after a picture fight? That is another question sporting men would like to have answered. McIntosh has made big money out of the pictures of the first Johnson-Burns fight, which have been exhibited all over the world.

McIntosh was anxious to get the Johnson-Jeffries fight because of the picture privileges, but as his figures were not high enough, he was forced to return to Sydney, with an alleged fight between Lang and Fitzsimmons as a substitute.

In London a story has been circulated ever since Fitzsimmons left there for Sydney that the mill with Lang was purely a frame-up for the camera; that Lang agreed to let Fitzsimmons stay ten rounds, and then knock him out.

Fitz Drove Bargain. According to meager reports of this affair, Lang did not try to fight until the eleventh and twelfth rounds, when he proceeded to hammer Fitz into a state of submission. It is true that Fitz drove a bargain with McIntosh for a \$5,000 guarantee, win, lose, or draw, before he started for Sydney.

McIntosh reserved the entire picture privileges for himself, believing that a reproduction of the "fight" on canvas, both in America and England, would be extremely profitable.

McIntosh, before the men entered the ring, denied the report that there was a secret agreement to "stall" for ten rounds. He may have been secured up by the facts, too, but remembering the deplorable condition of Fitzsimmons when Johnson knocked him cold in two rounds several years ago, sporting men say it is hard to believe that Lang was trying his best from the first tap of the bell.

CALL IT A DEAD HEAT.

London Prize Fight Story Raises Unique Point for Argument. A cable from London says that a discussion has been raised there as to what a referee ought to do in the case of a double knockout. This almost happened the other day in a contest between Evernden and Meekins. They both landed at the same time, each man going down. There Evernden stayed. Meekins managed to crawl up onto his legs when the referee had counted as far as eight, and, of course, claimed the award.

But what would have happened, some one wants to know, if neither had been able to get up before the ten seconds had elapsed? One commentator is of the opinion that the contest could not have been given as a draw, because both men had been knocked out, and consequently beaten, and there seems to be some who maintain that such a fight could only count as "a suspended contest," which would have to be resumed at a later period. We entirely agree with the writer who declines to accept this latter view, and would give such a fight as a draw. It might, of course, be argued that a man should not be adjudged a winner when he is lying senseless on the floor. That sounds plausible enough. But there is another view of the situation. If A is knocked out, but B is not, and B gets up, it would be equally absurd to say that he was the loser. The same applies to B. B has been knocked out, and why should it not be said that he had won? Both, indeed, have won equally, and a draw is surely the just conclusion. It is equivalent to a dead heat.

More Important.

From Harp's Weekly. Two village worthies were discussing a mooted point in grammar as to whether a hen "sits" or "sets" when she takes to her nest.

"Seems to me it's a heap more important," interrupted a by-standing farmer, "whether she 'lays' or 'lites' when she cackles."

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COLUMBIA VS. GEORGETOWN.

New Yorkers Will Play Baseball Here Next Spring.

RODRICK HEADS LIST

Of the Elimination Bowling Tourney Now in Progress.

TWENTY HAVE QUALIFIED

Scores Not Quite Up to High Standard Set Last Year, but Many New Stars Are Being Discovered in District Pin-topping Circles—Miller, Fritz, and Field in Limelight.

The qualifying scores of the big elimination tournament being held at the Palace alleys came to a close Saturday night. While the scores were not quite up to the standard of former years, do no doubt to the lightness of play the first two weeks, they reveal the fact that the game is bringing out many new men.

In the first twenty men there appear the names of only four—Miller, Fritz, Field, and Collins—who qualified in last year's tournament. The order of dropping out has changed this year, so that only four men are eliminated each night, and the bowling of those who are to share in the prize money will necessarily have to be of high class.

Coming on top of the city championship tournament, the finals should put the men on edge for some record-breaking attempts.

The scores of the twenty men who qualified and the also-rans follow:

Table listing names and scores of qualified and also-ran bowlers.

JEFF SAYS IT'S EASY.

Predicts He Will Win Fight in Twelve Rounds.

Chicago, Jan. 2.—Jeffries after remaining silent for several weeks has issued another statement.

The big fellow says that in view of the many predictions by experts to the effect that Johnson will surely beat him, he wishes his friends to understand these points:

That he has been taking care of himself for nine months and is getting strength and endurance every day; that he will spend nearly five months in California exercising out of doors, and that he will be absolutely fit when the time for the fight arrives; that he will be faster and more clever than ever before; that his wind will be perfect, and his blows as heavy as ever.

Jeffries winds up by saying he will go after Johnson as quickly as possible, and that he will beat the negro in less than inside of twelve rounds. "Pay no attention to those who are knocking me," says Jeffries. "Just go ahead betting on me and you'll cash. I wouldn't get into the ring for a million with this big negro if I were not dead sure of winning."

GOLF CHAMPIONS OF THE YEAR.

National amateur.....Robert A. Gardner National open.....George Sturges Western women's.....Miss Dorothy Campbell Western open.....Charles Evans, Jr. Western women's.....Miss Vera Leashin Western open.....Willie Anderson British amateur.....Robert Maxwell British open.....J. H. Taylor British women's.....Miss Dorothy Campbell Canadian amateur.....E. H. Leger French.....J. H. Taylor Intercollegiate.....Albert Seikel Metropolitan.....W. J. Travis Southern.....J. E. Edgington Trans-Mississippi.....Harry G. Legg Chicago.....L. W. Western intercollegiate.....George Yale

BASEBALL IN CUBA.

Havana Papers Chronicle Each Play of a Game.

Baseball in Cuba has its following of fans who want to know every play made in a game. The Havana papers bullet the contests play by play, the same as is done in the big cities in the United States.

Hughy Keogh, of the Chicago Tribune, makes the following comment on the writing of baseball on the island protected by Uncle Sam:

"El Americano of fair intelligence has little trouble finding his way about on the Cuban game sports. Baseball idioms suffer little while being done into Spanish. In fact, they practically remain as they are, for want of Castilian equivalents, perhaps. Here is a sample 'running' description of an inning: 'Magee called ball. Meekins se sacrficio. Archer hit; Simon struck out; Archer se robo la segunda y al tirar alli strike; Magee se coloco home; McMillan dead ball; Camnitz struck out, por que teniendo dos strikes, le tiro a plancha—Total: 1 carrera.'"

AN IOWA DEER FARM.

Old Trapper Who Had Tried Wild Geese and Wolves.

Twenty miles southwest of Mason City is the deer farm in the West, says the Des Moines correspondent of the New York Sun. It is operated by John W. Griggs, a hunter and trapper of pioneer days, who has a herd of 150 deer, from which he yearly realizes a good profit.

Griggs' farm has been a zoological retreat for years. First he reared wolves, then wild geese, then antelope, then elk, and now deer. He began fifteen years ago with a pair of Virginia deer, and has experimented with white tails, black tails, and other hybrids, but the climate of Iowa has evolved a type of the Northern deer as the breed hardly enough for all purposes.

Griggs pays as much attention to the breeding of the deer as the average farmer does to the breeding of his horses. This is necessary to prevent inbreeding, which means scrubs. The mating season is in November; the fawns are born in May or June, and by fall the spots have all left the fawns and their normal coat of hair appears.

Deer in captivity breed as well as in the wild state. Young does usually give birth to a single fawn, but the older does usually have twins. Last year Griggs' thirty-five does brought him fifty-six fawns. These require no care.

The deer cord, which includes a large piece of woodland, is surrounded by an eight-foot woven wire fence, doubly strengthened as to posts. The natural food of deer is the green bits of the forest, but they can be taught to like corn, white alfalfa and clover are delicacies that appeal to their appetites.

Griggs markets yearly all the deer he cares to sell. For park purposes he gets from \$25 to \$50 each, while for venison he secures as much from a carcass, the antlers bringing in an average of \$5 each. About the only losses come from injuries inflicted when a deer is frightened, and from conflicts of angry bucks.

Those Girls. Little-At the charity fair he gave me a sovereign for a kiss! Dottie-Yes; there's nothing he wouldn't do for charity!

How It Was. From Pack. Beenyway—So he led her to the altar at last! Stationer—Well, to be exact, she pushed him.

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