Tartar Captures the National Handicap, the Day's Feature at Laurel

Tartar Runs First In Big National Handicap

R. T. Wilson's Four-year-old Romps Home with Bacon in Feature Race at Laurel Track—Gainer Proved Big Disappointment.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Laurel, Md., Oct. 31.—Laurel Park's race meeting came to a close yesterday with the biggest crowd of the season in attendance. The October meeting has been the most successful ever held at this Maryland course, and it was a fitting close to the meeting. The National Handicap, the richest race run in the twenty-seven days, worth more than $2,400 to the winner, was won by R. T. Wilson's Tartar, a four-year-old by Gideon—Yankee Sister. With only 102 pounds to carry, a weight that seemed extremely lenient in the light of his performances, Tartar went to the front after Robert Bradley, Gainer, and Pardner had run themselves into the ground, and won handily enough at the finish.

In the Washington Handicap, won by Roamer, Buskin carried 116 pounds to Tartar's 113, and Tartar beat Buskin, but Handicapper Vosburgh nevertheless assessed Buskin only one pound less yesterday, letting Tartar in at the same weight of 102. The result was Tartar easily defeated Buskin. The latter, however, ran a smashing good race in the National Handicap yesterday. Robert Bradley, with his electric speed, took the track at the start and showed the way to the stretch turn, where Tartar went to the front with a rush, and from the head of the stretch home was never in trouble. Buskin, who, as usual, was slow to begin, came fast in the final furlong, and passed the tiring Bradley, nipping Pardner on the post for the place.

The time was excellent, but not so fast as the mile and a furlong run by Roamer in the Washington Handicap. Tartar covered the distance in 1:50 2-5, which is just a second slower than the track record made by Roamer. Gainer's race was a disappointment. The Whitney horse looked good, but he quit utterly when called on. Summaries:

The stewards of the Jockey Club have sanctioned another winter race meeting at Charleston, S. C., from December 1 to January 9, inclusive. The promoters of this affair in their application for a license named February 13 as the final day. In view of the scandal that involved last winter's racing at Charleston the Jockey Club evidently has decided to put the promoters on trial with the idea that if all is not on the up and up there will be no racing after January 9. C. H. Pettingill, a veteran racing official, has been appointed a steward, representing the Jockey Club. Mr. Pettingill has had sufficient experience to distinguish between clean racing and sharp practices. There isn't a doubt that if he runs across evildoers at Charleston they soon will come to grief. Last winter this meeting was pronounced a disgrace to the American turf by persons who saw what was going on under the noses of the officials. Horsemen who competed for absurdly small purses admitted that the game was worth an official investigation. The sport, so-called, was at the mercy of a bunch of Western manipulators who appeared to regard the Jockey Club rather lightly. These individuals and the promoters of the track alone were able to show profits when the alleged meeting came to an end.

Corley Brown, builder of racetracks at New Orleans, Jacksonville, Laurel, Md., and other places in this country, has hobbed up in Cuba. Brown is just finishing a race course near Havana, which will be opened early in December. He has spent $200,000 in this venture, so the story goes. And is framing many valuable stakes with which to attract the entries of leading American turfmen. Brown says that the Cuban authorities will not interfere with wide-open bookmaking and pool selling. He intends to have room in the betting ring for 100 bookmakers—if business warrants that many—and each "bookie" will have to pay $200 a day for the privilege of taking the public's money. Brown is not on good terms with the Jockey Club, however, and it is believed that many horsemen and professional followers of the turf will not make the trip.

With the prospect of the annual winter meeting at Juarez, Mexico, opening on Thanksgiving Day, come stories that syndicate bookmaking will prevail in the ring. Last winter the managers and backers of the track furnished a $50,000 bankroll for the bookmakers at Juarez, the argument being that this money made it possible for the layers to handle all kinds of wagers without sending some of the larger commissions to the pool-rooms. In fact, it was explained that the bankroll was put up solely for the purpose of killing the handbook game in leading cities.

Agents of the Juarez track insist, on the other hand, that the $50,000 fund was established to back the bookmakers, who merely worked on a percentage basis in return for their services as price-makers. It also is charged that the track managers made a clear profit of almost 90 per cent on their subscription. In short, there seems to be a wide difference of opinion as to the motive for hanging up the money as a target for the public.

LAUREL RESULTS.

FIRST RACE—Two-year-olds; selling; purse, $500; one mile. Chinga, 107 (Byne), $4.30, $1.90, $1.60, won; Lady Butterfly, 90 (Hopkins), $6.70, $11.30, second; Bary, 99 (Loader), $1.90, third. Time, 1:00 1-5. Fair Helen, Sempron, Mallard, Maid of Honor, and River King also ran.

SECOND RACE—Three-year-olds and upward; selling; purse, $500; five and one-half furlongs. Belamour, 118 (Buxwell), $3.10, $2.30, $2.90, won; Sherwood, 115 (Troxler), $1, $3.70, second; Ella Bryson, 110 (Loader), $3.70, third. Time, 1:08 3-5. Honey Bee, Water Welles, Marjorie A., Dr. R. L. Swaringer, Chuckles, and Emerald Gem also ran.

THIRD RACE—Handicap; two-year-olds; $500 added; five and one-half furlongs. Kilkenny Boy, 109 (Rose), $2.80, $2.30, out, won; Rainow, 110 (Karrick), $1.20, out, second; Pullen, 105 (Stewart), out, third. Time, 1:08 4-5. Leonine also ran.

FOURTH RACE—National Handicap; three-year-olds and upward; one mile and one furlong. Tartar, 102 (McCabe), $7.40, $3.20, $3, won; Buskin, 113 (Fairbrother), $6.70, $2.60, second; Pardner, 98 (Gallahan), $5.30, third. Time, 1:50 2-5. Gainer, G. M. Miller, Robert Bradley, and Flying Fairy also ran.

FIFTH RACE—Handicap; all ages; $800 added; one mile. Republican, 109 (Gentsell), $6.20, $2.40, $2.70, won; Thornhill, 107 (Shilling), $4.70, $2.20, second; Paint Brush, 110 (Burgess), $2.30, third. Time, 1:37 4-5. Ivan Gardner, and Little Nearer also ran.

SIXTH RACE—Selling; three-year-olds and upward; $600; one mile. Joe Finn, 105 (Lafferty), $8.10, $3.20, $2.60, won; King Radford, 110 (Troxler), $13, $7.70, second; Lobengrin, 109 (Stewart), $6.30, third. Time, 1:39 4-5. Minda, Louise Travers, Spitmouse, Mordecai, and Buzz Around also ran.

LATONIA RESULTS.

FIRST RACE—Three-year-olds and upward; one and one-eighth miles. Inkey, 107 (Vandusen), $3.70, $2.60, won; Star Actress, 109 (Martin), $2.70, second; Mockery, 104 (Minder), $2.80, third. Time, 1:52 3-5. Riegling and Black Broom also ran.

SECOND RACE—Two-year-olds; selling; six furlongs. Converse, 108 (Robinson), $6.80, $3.70, $3.70, won; Tokay, 109 (Metcalf), $6, $3, second; Aunt Jane, 109 (Collins), $3.80, third. Time, 1:16. Freeman, Sweetheart Sue, Cambe, Dorlock, Gretch, Christie, Amazon, and Anxiety also ran.

THIRD RACE—Handicap; six furlongs. Chalmers, 92 (Loftus), $7.80, $3.60, $2.60, won; Sofir, 111 (Turner), $3.60, $2.40, second; Bel Geloso, 102 (Collins), $2.60, third. Time, 1:12. Scandal, Gretna, and Ormsis also ran.

FOURTH RACE—Handicap; selling; one mile. Little Father, 102 (Smyth), $11.60, $5.30, $3.70, won; Brookfield, 101 (Ansten), $11.30, $6.30, second; Tom Mc, 101 (Turner), $4.80, third. Time, 1:39 4-5. Grover Hughes, Furlong, and Winning Witch also ran.

FIFTH RACE—Handicap; three-year-olds and upward; one and one-sixteenth miles. Water Boss, 117 (Mott), $6.10, $4.10, $2.70, won; Floral Park, 103 (Murphy), $4.10, $2.80, second; Hodge, 114 (Post), $2.60, third. Time, 1:46. Donerail, and Prince Hermis also ran.

SIXTH RACE—Selling; three-year-olds and upward; six furlongs. Willite, 115 (Loftus), $8, $3.20, $1.80, won; Bob Hensley, 108 (Neylon), $12.80, $5.40, second; Lackrose, 109 (Ott), $5.20, third. Time, 1:16 4-5. Barberry Candle, Gilat, Sebago, Harbard, Sleeth, Stoutheart, Richwood, Othello, Dell, and The Norman also ran.

SEVENTH RACE—Selling; one and one-sixteenth miles. Sir Quiz, 99 (Harvey), $12.30, $5.70, $1.80, won; Hermode, 107 (Taylor), $2, $3.70, second; George Stoll, 107 (Vandusen), $7.30, third. Time, 1:48. Rustling Brass, Sesius, James Dickerr, Pierre Dumas, Germont, Lady Colonist, Guide Post, Joe Diebold, and Mockler also ran.

ST. ALBANS DEFEATS ARMY AND NAVY PREPS

Churchmen Capture Hard-fought Contest from Connecticut Avenue Crew, 27 to 21.

For the first time in the history of the school, St. Albans defeated the Army and Navy Preps, 27 to 21. The church lads, while outweighed by their opponents, fought gamely and in the last few minutes of play managed to shove the ball across the line for a touchdown and victory.

With the score standing 21 to 21, with the Army and Navy lads on the big end, the church lads came across with a rush and completely took the Preps off their feet. Long forward passes and line plunges brought the ball up to within striking distance of the goal and Northrup took the ball across for the winning and final touchdown.

"Uncle" Brewer was without a doubt the best ground gainer for the church lads. The youngster got away three times for runs averaging anywhere from fifty to sixty yards and on each occasion he made a touchdown. "Tiny" Holmes looked better in this contest than at any other time this season, his defensive playing being of the highest order.

Walters and Ward for the Preps excelled in playing and the former's end running was the main factor in his team's score. Line-up and summary:

St. Albans.	Position.	A. & N. Preps.
Stubbs	L. E.	Baltimore
Hayden	L. T.	Ward
Castle	L. G.	Miller
Horner	Center.	Hunt
Casey	R. G.	Wright
Marty	R. T.	Todd
Cabourne	R. E.	Bolton
Northrup	Q. B.	Walters
Cabourne	L. H.	Bryant
Brewer	R. H.	Foster
Holmes	F. B.	Reynolds

Substitutions—Foster for Miller, Miller for Foster; Daniels for C. Cabourne, Holliday for Hayden. Touchdowns—Brewer (2), Northrup, Bryant (2), Harlistunt. Goals from touchdowns—Brewer, Holmes (2), Miller. Goal missed—Bolton. Goal from field—Miller. Referee—Mr. Milne, G. W. U. Head linesman—Mr. Frederick, St. Mary's. Umpire—Mr. Dugan, Georgetown. Linesmen—Moses, Newman, and White. Time of periods—11 minutes.

Cut Salaries on Coast.

San Francisco, Cal., Oct. 31.—Pacific Coast League baseball clubs will have to get along with a salary limit of $5,000 per month next year, according to a decision announced today by the directors. The past season was admitted to have been disastrous financially.

Lobert's Team Wins Game.

Vineland, N. J., Oct. 31.—Hans Lobert took his bunch of All-Star players to Vineland yesterday and beat the club of that place 7 to 3. Vineland won the South Jersey championship this past season, but they couldn't do a thing against Lobert's minor leaguers.

Cyclist Lapize Killed in War.

Newark, N. J., Oct. 31.—Oscar Egg, the Swiss cyclist, has received a letter from his brother, that Omer Lapize, the French road cyclist, has been killed in the war of nations. Lapize used to live in the New York six-day grind.

CHIEF BENDER AND MATHEWSON ARE LIKELY TO MEET EACH OTHER AT GOLF

—Photo by American Press Association.

New York, Oct. 31.—Christopher Mathewson and Chief Bender are both golfers, and efforts have been made to arrange for a contest between them on the links. Matty says that regular practice on the links during the winter keeps him in condition for his work on the diamond in the summer, and Bender has a similar idea. They have met on the diamond, with the honors about even, and if they clash on the links the meeting will be watched with interest.

My Kingdom for a Horse, Now the Cry of Warring Europe.

Press dispatches announce that British and French buyers are searching the horse markets of the United States and Canada for horses fit for cavalry and artillery.

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This was early anticipated by persons who have followed the tremendous slaughter in horseflesh in France, Belgium, and Russia-Poland. And this in spite of the fact that the motor car has, in a large and extraordinary degree, supplemented the work of the horse in France, Belgium, Germany and Russia. Of all the powers engaged in war, Germany has, in the matter of slaughter, been the most prodigal not only in horses, but in men. Her ports blockaded and the seas largely at the mercy of her enemies, in a few months the different arms of her service will be in a sad predicament for lack of mounts.

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And it is not at all certain that France and Great Britain will not soon be almost as badly off. The price of horses in this country has been on the ascending scale for the past five years—that is, for horses of the useful type. If the truth must be told, we are breeding no more horses than we need for domestic uses. The large breeding ranches of the Middle West and the great Northwest have, in a large sense, disappeared and the horse ranges put to producing cereals, because it pays better than horse raising. When the present war in Europe ends the powers engaged will be in much the same condition as were the Southern States for many years after the close of the civil war.

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It may well come to pass that if the export of horses to foreign countries continues very long, and the demand for horses increases to an alarming extent, that this government will issue orders against further exportations as a matter of self-defense.

Horse dealers in all the great commercial centers of the United States are already complaining that horses are scarce, and the price at which they are held correspondingly high. Then, again, it is difficult to say at this time what this country and the warring nations of complications may yet arise between Europe, and the States that lie beyond the Rio Grande. Forewarned is forearmed. This country cannot afford to be caught napping. For the next ten or twelve years the breeding of heavy draft, and of horses weighing all the way from 1,000 to 1,300 pounds, fit for army service, or for domestic uses, should prove to be a highly profitable industry. Europe must depend upon the United States to replenish her stock of horses, and the demand will be large for stallions.

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Of late years breeders in this country have been importing from France, Belgium and Germany horses of the draft type, and, especially from Germany, stallions of the coach type. The last-named partake of the medium draft, and their male descendants might be used for artillery purposes, in some cases. And in others for cavalry mounts. The American trotter, as a type, is growing to be much too light for real heavy work, such as the drawing of artillery, and in only a few cases is he considered of the right size and weight for cavalry. For road and racing purposes he has not his equal. Inbreeding has reduced his size and weight, while, on the other hand, the thoroughbred has increased from a thirteen hand horse in the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries, to a horse of fifteen and sometimes sixteen hands high.

Imported Messenger, the remote founder of the American trotting breed, was a strongly made horse of about fifteen hands high and weighed possibly about 1,000 pounds. He and his sons were bred, in the main, to coarse mares. And, naturally, his descendants were coarse in bone and large in size. By a course of scientific breeding in force for the past thirty-five years, the trotter has been refined down to a type which unfits him for the uses to which his remote ancestors were put. The ideal type, nowadays, for a trotter intended for racing purposes is not over 15.2 and not under fifteen hands. And, as most farmers and breeding plants are breeding for extreme speed more than for size and bulk, the utility of the trotter has grown less while his breeding through careful selection has improved.

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A golden mean between the two extremes of breeding would have been the proper thing. But when a breeder gets speed crazy he forgets many essentials, especially the solemn fact that only about 2 per cent of horses bred for racing purposes make good, while the remainder must be used for other purposes. If they are not competent to do the work required of them, they become mere weeds and cumbers of the ground.

L. D. SALE.

WELL-KNOWN HORSE BREEDERS TO RETIRE

Charles C. Waters and Carlos De Garmendia to Sell Famous Light-harness Interests.

A recent letter received from Mr. Charles C. Waters, of "Pleasant Fields Stock Farm," Germantown, Montgomery County, Md., announces that he and Mr. Carlos de Garmendia, of Frederick, Md., will hold their annual sale of highly bred harness horses at the Frederick fair grounds, November 12.

The number listed for sale is twenty-five, and the larger share of them are by Kinster, 2:14 1-4; Kinslee, 2:19 1-4, and Monocacy, 2:17 1-4, three of the best sires of speed ever owned in either of the counties named. Mr. Waters states in his letter that he will only retain of his light harness holdings, Kinslee, 2:19 1-4; Alfie K., 2:20 1-4, and Bob Martin, a fast three-year-old by Kinster, out of Bradford Girl. The last named will be retained by Mr. Waters as a matter of sentiment, and for the service she has been to him in keeping "Pleasant Fields" in the forefront as a breeding center.

Mr. de Garmendia will, with few exceptions, close out all his holdings in highly bred horseflesh. For over twenty-five years he has been the foremost breeder in Frederick County of light harness horses, and some very high-class race horses have gone forth to do battle from his breeding plant. All of the horses formerly owned by W. L. Blair, of Philadelphia, and those owned by W. T. Guy, of Washington, will also go to the highest bidder. In these lots are some excellent prospects by Kinster and Kinslee, and they are ready for track work. Some of these horses have shown fast trials over Mr. Waters' farm track. Mr. Waters further states that all of the horses listed will positively go for the high dollar.

Brown Chooses Captain.

Providence, R. I., Oct. 31.—George F. Johnson, more familiarly known to Brown baseball circles as Johnny, was elected captain of the Brown baseball team for next spring at a meeting of the varsity men of last season's team. Since coming to Brown he has played on the varsity, during his freshmen year in the outfield, and last spring at shortstop.

Battle to a Draw.

Kalamazoo, Mich., Oct. 31.—Mel Stewart, of Fort Wayne, fought Joe Mandel, of New Orleans, a good draw in their ten-round bout tonight. The young Hoosier showed skill and for gaming in the early rounds of the contest, but was the aggressor in nearly every round, but his blows were not effective so Stewart was able to stave up.

"Parson" Davies Sees Big Changes in Sports

Notable of Years Ago Back in New York Again, Feeble and Almost Forgotten.

TELLS OF PETER JACKSON

New York, Oct. 31.—"Where are all my friends—the men I used to know? Everything has changed so. Here I have sat in my room all day and nobody has come to greet me. Years ago I would be entertaining crowds of well-known people."

The eyes of Charles E. (Parson) Davies filled as he related to his visitor of the better days when the mere mention of the name of Parson Davies would have made people in the sporting world sit up and take notice. The man who was once a leader among promoters of sporting events is now sixty-three years old, a victim of rheumatism and able to get around only in a chair or with the aid of crutches.

But despite his years and feeble condition his brightens up and his eyes sparkle when you mention the days when Peter Jackson was the greatest prize fighter and he was his manager.

Seated in a roomy chair in his room at an uptown hotel he looked like a retired country gentleman. One quickly sees why this man was called the Parson. He always was better looking than the average man, and age hasn't robbed him of all his former good looks.

"I have just returned from Amberg, Wis. It's a small town of about 250 inhabitants. My brother has a home there, and I spent about three months with him, hoping that it would help my sickness. But I don't seem to be getting well. And isn't it a strange thing that my brother should be suffering from the same ailment?" said the Parson.

"I will be around here for about a month looking after a bit of property in New Orleans of which I am part owner. You know my life is nearly spent, and I may go any day, so I want to get this matter settled. I have a sister in Belfast and some nieces, and I want to see that my estate is properly settled before I am called away."

Parson Davies became famous as the manager of Peter Jackson, but he also was a big factor in the walking matches so popular up to about twenty-five years ago. He claims to have introduced the pedestrian match in this country. He was the man that brought out Dan O'Leary, who is still alive and walking, as the Parson puts it.

"It was forty years ago," he said, shaking his head, "that I took up with O'Leary. I matched him against John Ennis. It was a walk of 100 miles, for $500 a side and held in Chicago. After that I also became connected with Guion and Dobbler and took all three of them to England, where they made a big hit and a lot of money."

The Parson chuckled as he related an experience going across with the three walkers.

"A terrific storm came up and we were badly frightened. Suddenly a tremendous wave washed over the side. I thought it was all over with us, and in my excitement I grabbed a $10,000 insurance paper and shoved it into O'Leary's hands.

"Take this, Dan," I shouted; 'half of it is yours.' O'Leary, who evidently was not as badly frightened as I, saw the humor of my speech and said: 'If it isn't any good to you, of what use is it to me?' After that the sea became a bit calmer and I told Dan that my offer didn't hold good if we landed safely, which we did.

"Let me tell you about Jackson," said Davies. "He was not only the greatest fighter in the world but he also was the best hearted man I ever had dealings with. He came to me from San Francisco with a letter of introduction from Mose Gunst. I was here in New York at the time, and to tell the truth I didn't give Jackson much attention at first, because I never liked to have dealings with a darky. But I didn't make a mistake.

"We came to an agreement and I signed him. The next day I looked around for a man to try him out and picked a big fellow named Brown, who was practically unknown. Jackson balked at fighting him. He wanted some one with a reputation. I settled this argument in quick time. I told him he would do as he was told or I wouldn't look after his business. Jackson fought this fellow and stopped him the the first round. After that we never had any trouble. He fought every one I picked for him."

The Parson then related the long battle with Corbett, of how he went home and to bed after the fifty-fourth round.

"When I took Jackson to England he became the lion among the smart set, but the flattery never turned his head. He was always the same good-natured and kindly darky."

Tears rolled down Davies' cheeks when he told of the last days of Jackson. "He was without money when he fought Jeffries, but all he received for taking a terrific beating was about $700, and he used this to get back to Australia, his native home, to die. Peter was too proud to ask for money."

Parson Davies believes the boxers at present get too much for their services. "Now a boxer gets thousands for a few rounds. In the old days a purse of $2,000 was a lot of money and they had to fight hours sometimes to win. It's all wrong. These fellows that get big money ought to give some of it to charity."

BAY PACING MARE IS NOTED FOR HER SPEED

The bay pacing mare, Florence Wilkes, a somewhat noted producer of local speed, has become of late a subject of considerable inquiry from persons owning her foals. The records concerning this mare are exceedingly meager.

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Although the pages of the year book and the Trotting Register have recently been searched by the writer, nothing could be found that gave a clue to her dam or to the name of her breeder. But the little that was discovered would indicate that she was foaled in Michigan, as her sire is Girardin, a son of Pilot Medium, sire of Peter the Great, 2:07 1-4. Girardin's dam was by the great Michigan brood mare, sire, Magna Charter, sire of Jack, 2:12 1-2, winner of the M. & M. some fifteen years ago or more.

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According to the year book, Florence Wilkes got her record of 2:20 1-4 at Salem, N. J., August 6, 1907. In the same year, or about that period, she passed to J. M. Morrison, of this city, and later to Norman Corbin, of Washington. While in Morrison's hands she was bred to Kushan and the produce was Florence Kushan, a mare of considerable speed at the trot and pace, and which is now owned by August Morgan, of Georgetown, D. C.

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Bred to Dr. Bell, 2:17 1-4, she produced Dr. Bell, jr., quite a fast pacer, and later on bred to Bale Axworthy, she produced a yearling filly that shows fast as a field trotter. Her latest foal, by John Popham, is by many persons considered one of her best, if not her best. This filly, now a weanling, is the property of A. W. Phillips, of Waterford, Loudoun County, Va. The filly is a rich bay in color, no white markings, and goes on the trot. Popham's number in the Trotting Register is 25626 and he was foaled in 1901, the property of the late J. D. Yeomans, of Washington, and Loudoun County, Va.

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Dominera, 2:19 1-4, and whose registered number is 4578, is a son of Red Wilkes, 2:40. John Popham's dam was the celebrated brood mare, Adele Tyler, dam of nine, by Chester, and whose second dam was by Henry Clay VIII, founder of the Clay family. Henry Clay was by Andrew Jackson and his dam is untraced. It is claimed, however, that she was a mare of Messenger blood. Girardin was a gray horse, like his sire, Pilot Medium, and was bred by Abram L. Smith, of Girard, Mich.

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The horse subsequently passed to Walter Clark, of Battle Creek, Mich., owner of Pilot Medium. In view of the fact that Florence Wilkes has produced speed to four different sires and may, eventually, take a place in turf history as a great brood mare, those interested in her blood should make a determined effort to learn something more about her blood lines on the maternal side of her pedigree. As Mr. Phillips is not in the racing business, some one who is should get his filly and develop it as he wishes to part with her.

L. D. SALE.

Bresnahan Not Signed.

Chicago, Oct. 31.—Roger Bresnahan and George R. Ward, of Brooklyn, conferred for two hours today and at the end of the conference Bresnahan had not agreed to manage the Brooklyn Federal League team. Bresnahan stated that he would take no definite action for the next two or three days. He admitted that the Brooklyn magnate had made him a handsome offer.

WILLIE RITCHIE FIGHTS WITH DUMMY IN TRAINING FOR BOUT WITH DUNDEE

WILLIE RITCHIE FIGHTING DUMMY

—Photo by American Press Association.

San Francisco, Oct. 31.—Willie Ritchie, who fought Johny Dundee October 23, used a dummy in training for the bout. He also takes daily exercise with this dummy as an antagonist in anticipation of a meeting with Freddie Welsh. Ritchie says the dummy is better than a sparring partner because it never tires and takes punishment without grumbling. No matter how hard it is hit it comes right back for another punch.

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Pertinent Observations of Those 1915 Colt Stakes.

That there will be a renewal of colt stakes, which will include youngsters owned in the District of Columbia, Maryland and Virginia in 1915, is already a foregone conclusion.

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The fascinating game of racing colts has taken a strong hold upon light harness horsemen in the localities named. The proposition recently advanced in The Washington Sunday Herald that a four-year-old trotting stake be included in the card of 1915, has met with a hearty approval among owners of colts of that age. The conditions under which the three stakes shall be raced is a matter for future consideration.

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The immediate subject of consideration is the selection of the candidates for the several events. The stakes will not open before January 1, and it is not probable that they will finally close earlier than March 1. Those persons who do not now own eligibles will have upward of five months to select candidates. Opportunities will be presented to persons who do not now own candidates to get them in the Old Glory sale to be held in New York in November, and in the spring sale which will be held in February.

Objections may be made by some persons interested, to admitting to the stakes colts not bred in the localities from which the candidates will be drawn, for the reason that colts sold in Madison Square Garden are liable to be better bred, coming as they mostly do from the great breeding plants of the West and East, than are our home products. But if an embargo is to be placed on men who do not breed or own entries we shall not get very far, nor will the stakes in each event be large enough to pay the training bills of those men who can legally comply with such conditions.

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Protection to home industries is an excellent slogan, if not carried to extremes. A more liberal and sane policy would be to encourage men to buy good candidates for these stakes, if they do not new own them, and thus build up the trotting industry in the District of Columbia, Maryland and Virginia. It is true that a Moko, a Peter the Great, a Walnut Hall, a Bingara, an Axworthy, and other noted sires of extreme speed, are not owned in the sections named. But all are represented by sons, with the single exception of Bingara. Todd, son of Bingen, is represented in J. W. Corbin's son of Sir Todd; Axworthy, 2:15¾, is represented in the get of Bale Axworthy; Peter the Great is represented in Javins Brothers' Peter J. H.; Moko is doubly represented in F. C. Robinson's Hal Hardie and Fields Brothers' Marchand; Kremlin is represented in Javins' Brothers' Kushan, and Bingen is again represented in F. C. Combs' Lord Bingen.

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Our chief weakness lies in our brood mares. These are few and far between, and if the foals sired by the stallions named do not rise to the highest standard of excellence it is because of the fatal weakness in brood mares. The colts that have shown best in our local stakes are those that were out of well-bred mares. Others that might have made a good showing became lame or stale, and their dams cannot justly claim for them whatever virtues they themselves may possess. The race track is the final arbiter in race-horse virtues. By no other tribunal can the racing bred horse be fairly tried. The race track is the supreme court, whose decisions, when handed down, cannot be appealed from, and from which the "excuse book" is barred as law or evidence. "He will be a great horse next year" also has no standing in this court nor in the court of public opinion.

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In view of all these facts, and of others that might be stated, it is the duty of horsemen interested in the colt stakes of 1915 to get together and make them the most interesting of the series. As horsemen and near horsemen, we are on the right road and in the middle of it at that. The three stakes need the widest publicity among colt owners. For two years past The Washington Herald has been the only organ of publicity. All Washington papers should be enlisted in the cause as well as the Richmond, Norfolk and Baltimore papers. On or about January 1 a meeting will be called in this city to open the stakes in a formal way, and horsemen from Maryland, Virginia and the District should be personally invited to attend.

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At the same meeting should be elected a press committee whose business it shall be to enlist the sporting editors of every newspaper, within the prescribed circuit in the stakes, and, from time to time, furnish them with proper material for publication. Sporting editors are never indifferent to live copy, and it is a sure thing that they will give a proper response when the material is handed them.

L. D. SALE.

LIKELY TO SANCTION AMATEURS VS. PROS

Radical Amendments May Be Passed at Next Meeting of Athletic Union.

New York, Oct. 31.—A series of very radical amendments have been proposed to the Amateur Athletic Union constitution, and they will come up for legislation at the next annual convention here, the second Monday in November. The gist of these changes is that Army and Navy athletes be allowed to compete without registration; that women swimmers and other female competitors be permitted to compete and register, and that professionals be allowed to show in team exhibitions with amateurs.

Should the new amendments pass the A. A. U. will become little more than an annex to professional sport.

In the new amendment to article 3 of the constitution it is proposed that an amateur be eligible to compete against a professional in baseball, football and basket-ball. What will the Y. M. C. A. say to this? Especially Dr. Luther Gulick and George Hepbron, the men who held up basket-ball as the one great game for the amateur.

One vital point in connection with the proposed changes is that a college man is at liberty to represent his college as his residence. This means that a man can come from anywhere and represent a college in New York, and the same rule applies to any part of the United States. An athlete has the option of representing his college or a club in the territory of the college.

Cincinnati Increases Capital.

Cincinnati, Ohio, Oct. 31.—Intimation that the Cincinnati National League club is in need of more working capital is seen in the announcement that the club directors have decided to issue $50,000 more in stock to bear interest at 7 per cent. The stock will be issued in shares of $100 each and the present stockholders will be given the first opportunity to subscribe for it. The annual meeting of the club will be held November 23.

G. W. U. QUINT HOLDS INITIAL WORK-OUT

Candidates for Basket-ball Team Will Report for Practice Monday Evening.

The initial practice of the candidates for the basket-ball team at the George Washington University has been ordered by Manager Murray for Monday evening, November 2. The prospects of a very successful season appear very encouraging, as there are plenty of fresh material from the local high schools and other colleges, who have expressed their willingness to report.

Manager Murray has arranged a very attractive schedule, embracing the Navy, University of Virginia, Washington and Lee, Franklin and Marshall, Bucknell, and Brooklyn Polytechnic Institute. The complete schedule will be announced later. The Athletic Association has re-engaged the services of "Schlitz" Schlosser as coach.

Kling Will Play Again.

Kansas City, Mo., Oct. 31.—Johnny Kling will return to baseball next season. The former Cub backstop and Boston National manager admitted as much yesterday. "Last season," said Kling, "I had a lot of important business in Kansas City, and it could not be neglected, and I thought it better to attend to it, but I have not retired from baseball."

"Will it be with the Federals?"

Kling inclined to the belief that if he went back it would probably be under the flag of organized baseball, probably the National League, but he would not say anything definite about location.

Syracuse Goes Higher.

Syracuse, N. Y., Oct. 31.—International League baseball for this city, beginning next season, was practically assured yesterday when "Big Jim" Dolan, part owner of the Jersey City club, offered to transfer the franchise to Syracuse. Dolan is joint owner of the New York club in the American League. With the New York Americans he owns the Jersey City franchise. According to Thomas A. Fagan, president of the Syracuse, Jersey City has already obtained consent of other clubs to withdraw from the International League.

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