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NEW ORLEANS RACES

JOCKEY CLUB GIVES BENNING THREE ADDITIONAL DAYS.

Base Ball Peace Committee on Good Terms—Middles to Fence Columbia—For Trotting Record.

Though it was very cold outdoors last night, there was a hot time at the Golden Eagles, where the home team was victorious in a match with the South Washington Business Men's Club. The home team was victorious in all of the games, and by scores that were record breakers in every sense of the word, each game passing into the coveted 900 class, and twice getting within the shadow of a thousand. The Business Men were also playing in excellent form, and their games were such that under any sort of ordinary circumstances they would have gone away from the alleys victors, yet in the face of the onslaught of the hustling Eagles they seemed puny by comparison.

Every man on the Eagle five reached a two hundred string, some of the players having two three games, and the last game Brandt marked up 232. The great character of these scores can be easily recognized when it is taken into consideration that they were made by teams that do not bow long enough upon one set of alleys to become accustomed to their peculiarities, being one night upon the home grounds and the next playing at different places and amid surroundings that are not familiar.

When the Eagles ran their great string of 901 in the opening game the audience gave them encouragement for a repetition of the work by very liberal applause, but the boys made a poor start, and were a few paces behind in the last half of the game. They finished wonderfully strong and reached 922, but were somewhat handicapped by several unfortunate splits. The supreme effort came in the last game, and with fine play from the outset, the lads looked good for the thousand, but were a few paces behind when Lansdale came up in the last frame. To make it he needed a double, but his chances were destroyed by a slight error on the part of the ball of the first delivery, when he left two standing.

During all of these games the visiting team was playing a steady game, bowling \$14 in the opening game and duplicating that score in the second. In the final they reached 888, but of course were out of the contest. The score follows:

Table with columns for Golden Eagles, Business Men, and individual bowlers with scores.

Departmental League Bowlers.

Table with columns for Commissioners, Navy Yard, and individual bowlers with scores.

Railway Relief Association Bowlers.

Table with columns for Fitzgerald, C. McDowell, and individual bowlers with scores.

RACING DATES ANNOUNCED.

Benning Spring Meeting Gets Three Additional Days.

At a meeting of the stewards of the Jockey Club, held at the officers of August Belmont, New York, yesterday, two matters of great interest to horsemen and horse owners all over the United States and Canada were disposed of. These were the appointment of racing officials and the allotment of racing dates for the season of 1903.

Those present at the meeting were Messrs. August Belmont, F. B. Hitchcock, Andrew Miller and H. K. Knapp. Officers of the Jockey Club were elected as follows: August Belmont, chairman; James R. Keene, vice chairman, and F. K. Sturges, secretary and treasurer. The following racing officials were appointed: C. J. Fitzgerald, starter; C. McDowell, presiding judge; C. H. Pettigill, associate judge; E. G. Crickmore, clerk of the scales; W. H. Barrett, timer; J. L. Hall, padlock and patrol judge, and J. W. Vosburgh, handicapper.

Racing dates for the season were allotted as follows: Washington Jockey Club, Monday, March 23, to Tuesday, April 14. Queens County Jockey Club, Wednesday, April 15, to Saturday, April 25. Metropolitan Jockey Club, Monday, April 27, to Wednesday, May 6. Westchester Racing Association, Thursday, May 7, to Wednesday, May 27. Brooklyn Jockey Club, Thursday, May 28, to Wednesday, June 17. Coney Island Jockey Club, Thursday, June 18, to Tuesday, July 7. Brighton Beach Racing Association, Wednesday, July 8, to Saturday, July 25.

Metropolitan Jockey Club, July 27, to Saturday, August 1. Coney Island Jockey Club, Saturday, August 2, to Saturday, September 1. Brooklyn Jockey Club, Monday, September 14, to Saturday, September 24. Westchester Racing Association, Monday, September 25, to Saturday, October 10. Queens County Jockey Club, Monday, October 11, to Saturday, October 24. Metropolitan Jockey Club, Saturday, November 7, to Saturday, November 14. Washington Jockey Club, Monday, November 15, to Saturday, December 5. It will be seen by this schedule that the Metropolitan Jockey Club has been allotted twenty-two racing days, separated into three series, instead of the twenty being continuous meetings at the Brighton Beach track there will be two meetings, one of sixteen days in July and the other of six days in October. This means an increase of three days in all, or an increase of three days for the Brighton Beach Racing Association over last year. The Queens County Jockey Club will have only twenty-one days racing at the Aqueduct track, which is three days less than last year, and Saratoga only ten days.

Two of the more important racing organizations are the principal sufferers in regard to losing days, as the Brooklyn Jockey Club, which has been playing six and the Westchester four days, while the Coney Island Jockey Club only loses two days, more than Aqueduct. At Benning, the Washington Jockey Club will open the season on March 23 with twenty days, an increase of three, and the season will end there December 5.

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All the Favorites Went Down to Defeat. The mile handicap was the day's feature at the New Orleans race track yesterday and resulted in an upset for the talent. Jena, who was making her first start of the season, was the winner. She was as good as 20 to 1 in the betting and she played down to 15 to 1. Witful, from the Hildreth stables, was the favorite. Jena was the pacemaker and managed to last long enough to win in a driving finish by a half length from Scotch Plaid, who just got up in time to nose out Witful for the place. It was cold and cloudy at the Fair Grounds and the crowd was not large. It was a disastrous day for the public. Not one of the six favorites was among the winners. There were some remarkable upsets. Utra, who was beaten by a poor lot of maidens the other day, sprung the biggest surprise of the day by beating the best lot of three-year-olds in the country. He was backed down from 12 to 1 to 8 to 1 by Sol Lichtenstein.

Sam Hildreth and Albert Simons got into an argument over the merits of Major Tenny and Major Mansel. Hildreth agreed to match Major Tenny against Major Mansel for \$5,000. The match was accepted by Mansel. The match will be run soon.

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Crepuscle's admirers, however, are still hoping to see him try to reach the two-minute mark this year, and the season's engagement was a strong temptation to the owner to send him against the record again. Crepuscle now holds eleven world's records, and he has a record time against him to beat 2:18 1/2 on the ice at Montreal. If he succeeds, he will hold an even dozen records.

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Chairman Herrmann stated the afternoon and evening had been spent in general discussion, and that they seemed to be getting together so that something might be done today. Chairman Herrmann said amalgamation had been discussed, with a view to the formation of a new league, but he stated that he had given special consideration to contract terms, and that there would be something done in that matter.

McALLISTER A "RINGER."

Andrew J. Coakley, for two years pitcher on the Holy Cross base ball team, has announced to the faculty of that institution that he was a professional, having played for the Philadelphia Athletics under an assumed name. This will deprive him from playing with his college team next spring.

When Coakley went to Philadelphia last September to play with Manager Mack he assumed the name of McAllister. It was at the most trying time of the championship season. The Athletics pennant was played very brightly, and, of course, every game was of the greatest importance, but for a few days it appeared as if the Athletics pitchers were giving way under the strain.

Then the resourceful C. Mack, esq., sprung another of his delightful surprises on the public. He trotted out "McAllister," who was a big, strapping fellow, with wonderful curves and speed to his delivery. McAllister won his game and then promptly disappeared before a army of photographers who called "snap" him. It was given out that the new "phenom" was from the west, and that he had been in the Philadelphia camp since he was a child. "McAllister" was a collegian.

After each game the pitcher would mysteriously disappear, and it was only when it came to his turn to go on the rubber. Finally Manager Mack took the newspaper men into his confidence and admitted that the pitcher was Andrew J. Coakley, and that he had pitched in a sixteen-inning game for Holy Cross against Yale. The first baseman George Carey was so sure that Coakley's tuition was being paid by his brother, who threatened to withdraw his financial support if the young man became a professional.

GETS A \$9,000 CONTRACT.

Pat Donovan Signs With St. Louis Cardinals at Big Increase in Salary. Pat J. Donovan, late commander of the St. Louis National League Base Ball Club, who announced that he had permanently retired from the game, has signed a contract with the Cardinals for a salary of \$9,000. Besides this Donovan received \$1,000 in cash as a bonus for signing. Donovan announced his retirement last fall after the Robisons looked around for a successor, but were unable to find the proper man. They offered Rhody Wallace of the St. Louis Browns \$10,000 a year if he would desert the rival camp, but Wallace declined the offer.

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certificates is signed by William H. Reynolds as president and by George F. Robson as secretary of the club. The difference between an outlaw track and a Jockey Club track is this: On one you expect to get skinned, and on the other you get skinned when you are not looking for it. Now figure it out where you have the better of it.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

ANOTHER VICTORY FOR CASTRO. Post of Tuacacas Recaptured and Revolutionists Routed. A dispatch from Caracas yesterday says the port of Tuacacas was recaptured Thursday by forces of the Venezuelan government after a fight with the revolutionists of one hour's duration. Tuacacas, which is about forty miles northwest of Puerto Cabello, has been occupied for the last four months by the revolutionists. It has lately been the point where much of the goods and ammunition smuggled over from the island of Curacao have been landed.

The revolutionary force under Gen. Ramos, which was defeated last Sunday near Guare, has dispersed. The march of the rebels was broken, via Guatire, has been completely checked. The revolutionists succeeded in holding the English railroad running out of Tuacacas for five hours. At the end of that time the government forces occupied the line. The government is most active in pursuing the rebels. Another engagement has taken place near Coro and resulted in the rout of the enemy. Octavio Marquez and 180 men were taken prisoners by the government soldiers, who also secured a quantity of rebel ammunition.

The statement that France, owing to the failure of the Venezuelan government to pay the installment of the claims due, would probably join the other powers in blockading the coasts is not true. France will not at present participate in the blockade. The rumor that she would do so probably arose from a discussion of the fact that the installment of \$100,000 between France and Venezuela for the settlement of French claims incurred prior to May 23, 1898, stipulates the payment of \$200,000 within a certain period of time. The French minister has not yet arrived here.

It can be said with authority that the French government has asked the home government not to take aggressive action against Venezuela. M. Quevieux, French minister to Caracas, yesterday stated that nothing favorable to the American League could be passed through it. The chances are that Johnson has yet another side to his character, and that he will appear in Gotham with a championship team, true to his promise.

Every member of the game ardently desires peace with honor to both major leagues. But—better existing conditions than peace purchased at the price of consolidation and consequent grinding one-league monopoly. Under that system all the abuses of the intolerable twelve-club era would re-assert themselves with redoubled force, and with a year or two of apparent success nobody could hand the monopolistic magnates even a ripe peach. That's base ball human nature and monopoly history.—Sporting Life.

President Pullman of the National League is quoted as saying that if the war were ended he would see to it that the increase in value. He takes the stand that capitalists will not invest their money so long as the cut-throat methods are in vogue. In his first proposition Mr. Pullman is entirely right; in his second only partially so, as witness the heavy investment in the house, which is reported to be the effort of the Peder Pittsburgh syndicate to "butt in" regardless of cost.

General Sporting News. A cablegram from Berlin says that German athletes want the Olympian games held at St. Louis instead of Chicago. Mr. H. S. Sidney recently fell while riding in a hurdle race in England and met with an instantaneous death. The deceased owned or managed more than thirty race horses.

"Philadelphia Jack" O'Brien and "Young Peter Jackson" have been matched to box at the New York Athletic Club of Philadelphia on January 15. Announcement was made yesterday that Princeton's seventh annual intercollegiate track games will be held at Princeton, N. J., on May 2. The games will consist of the regular thirteen events and a mile relay race.

It is probable that Yale University will not send representatives to Cambridge to the conference to be held there today to discuss eligibility requirements in the light of each institution should be left to formulate its own amateur eligibility requirements.

A Glasgow dispatch says that the American mad spars intended for the Shamrock II have arrived here. Are these the spars of the Shamrock II sent over by the steamer Currier? The same dispatch gives the length of the challenger's mast, including the topmast, as 100 feet. The public had been led to believe that O'Brien and Weing fought under a winter-take agreement, but such was not the case. O'Brien was to receive 50 per cent of the gross receipts, 70 per cent to the winner and 30 per cent to the loser; so if there was \$3,322 in the house, as was reported, O'Brien got \$993.70 and Weing \$2,328.30. O'Brien also won a side bet of \$1,500.

The Metropolitan Jockey Club yesterday filed with the county clerk of Queens county a certificate to the effect that an increase in the capital stock of \$100,000 has been voted. The capital stock is increased from \$600,000 to \$700,000, consisting of 5,500 shares of a par value of \$100 each. The

increase in perfect health rarely catches cold and if he does throw it off in a day or two, but where the cold hangs on, stopping up the nostrils, irritating the throat, or there is persistent, annoying cough. It is evident that the spores for some reason is unable to throw off the disease germs which cause the trouble; a little assistance is necessary, and this is best given by the use of some harmless germ-destroying and tonic like Dr. Carter's Catarrh Tablets, which are equally as good for children and adults. Druggists sell these tablets at 75 cents full-strength package, higher in price than do cents cheap copies, but these are not the same. They are equally as good for children and adults. It is also true that many popular liquid remedies and tonics for catarrh depend upon cheaply obtained and often poisonous ingredients, which are of no real benefit for any trouble, catarrhal or otherwise.