BASE BALL, RACING AND OTHER SPORTS

Big Improvements at American League Park Next Year.

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Cantillon Working Along Original and Successful Lines.

NATIONALS IN ST. LOUIS TODAY

Saratoga Races Draw as Well as Ever—Golf at Columbia Club. Harvard-Yale Agreement.

American League Games Today.

Washington at St. Louis.
Philadelphia at Detroit.
New York at Cleveland.
Boston at Chicago.

National League Games Today.

No games scheduled.

Yesterday's National League Games.

Chicago, 1; Philadelphia, 0.
Chicago, 1; Philadelphia, 0.
Cincinnati, 5; Brooklyn, 1.
Brooklyn, 2; Cincinnati, 1.
St. Louis, 5; Boston, 4.
St. Louis, 4; Boston, 0.

American League Clubs' Standing.

	W.	L.	Pct.		W.	L.	Pct.
Detroit	58	37	.611	New York	45	52	.464
Philadelphia	58	38	.604	Boston	42	56	.429
Chicago	61	42	.592	St. Louis	40	57	.412
Cleveland	57	43	.570	Washington	29	65	.309

National League Clubs' Standing.

	W.	L.	Pct.		W.	L.	Pct.
Chicago	75	28	.728	Brooklyn	47	55	.461
New York	58	38	.604	Cincinnati	45	57	.441
Pittsburg	58	39	.598	Boston	38	62	.380
Philadelphia	53	43	.552	St. Louis	27	79	.255

Notwithstanding that the Washington base ball club is apparently destined to bring up the rear of the championship race this season of the American League, as it has done so many years in the past, it is a recognized fact that there is more enthusiasm right now over the Nationals than there was at the opening of the campaign. This fact can be accounted for on account of the totally different tactics pursued by the present owners and manager of the team from that of other years. Had Manager Cantillon taken Charley Comiskey's advice last winter and disposed by trades or sales of a majority of last year's team and worked along entirely new lines, the fruits of his policy would already have

George Nill,
Who Goes to Cleveland in Trade for "Pete" O'Brien.

shown. As it is now, Manager Cantillon has laboriously gotten a team together that looks fully 40 per cent better than it did in the spring, and by the time season opens next year this percentage will have advanced at least 20 points higher.

It is gratifying to Manager Cantillon to know that his work is appreciated by at least seven-eighths of the local patrons, and also by the owners of the club. What the Washington people want is a consistent winner, and they don't care how it is brought about. Several favorites have been disposed of and more will go, and while their departure is regretted there is hardly a sincere well wisher of the Nationals who does not believe that Cantillon is on the right road to success and will stand by him until he shows his worth one way or the other.

That the owners of the club have confidence in Cantillon and believe he will "make good" next year can be gleaned from the fact that they are already laying plans to increase the seating capacity of American League Park. The crowding of spectators behind the ropes in the field has been an eyesore and a handicap to the players of both the local and visiting teams, and it is the desire to provide every patron with a seat next season. The left field 50-seats will be extended to the fence, the right field bleacher seats will be moved out to the fence that runs north and south, and the covered 50-cent seats on that side will be extended so as to hold at least 1,500 more people. These improvements will allow for the seating of about 3,000 more patrons, and it will only be on the most extraordinary occasions that the overflow will go into the field and back of the ropes. Right field will be shortened somewhat, and hits into the stands in Bob Ganley's territory will only go for two bases, but it is believed that little advantage or disadvantage will arise over the new rule.

The Athletics made big leaps toward the pennant last week, winning five games and losing but a single contest, this defeat being sustained at the hands of Detroit Thursday. Wednesday Mack's men won from the Jennings crowd by a score of 4 to 2, finishing the week and series with a 1 to 0 victory Saturday. The other victories of the Athletics last week were obtained from the disrupted Cleveland aggregation.

The intensely interesting fight for leadership in the American League pennant race will be resumed in Detroit today, where the Athletics will meet Jennings' Tigers in the first game of a series of four. To leave the Wolverine city in first place the Athletics must win three out of four, or at least take a majority of the games played. This Manager Mack and his players are confident of doing, as the team left for the west Saturday night in good condition and determined to return to the Quaker city leaders in the American League. Detroit and the Athletics are playing the best ball in the American League today, the one fighting to retain leadership and the other struggling to occupy the coveted position. Conceding that the teams are playing equally good ball the advantage will be with Detroit, who will be batting on their own grounds in the presence of a friendly crowd, urging them on to greater efforts after one of the most successful eastern trips in the history of the club since the advent of the American League.

"Upp and Blue have not been sold to any club," is about the first statement President Bryce of the Columbus team made when he reached his office after a three weeks' outing in Michigan.

"There have been so many rumors flying around that both these men have been sold to St. Louis that I believe a statement is due the public. Columbus has sold no players yet. It looks to me as if St. Louis was spreading this story to keep other clubs off."

Detroit assumed the leadership in the pennant struggle in the American League on August 2 by a margin of one point, only to surrender the position to Chicago after holding it for one day. But on last Monday the Tigers again jumped to the top of the heap, and have retained the leadership up the present day, one week. The difference in percentage between Detroit and Cleveland last Monday was represented by 47 points, this margin dividing first and fourth positions. Two of the contesting clubs had a percentage above .600, Detroit having .620 and Chicago .608, while the Athletics' percentage was .598 and that of Cleveland .573. Since last Monday the Athletics are the only team that has improved its playing percentage, Mack's men beginning the week today with a percentage of .611. Chicago has suffered another bad slump. After taking a majority of the series from New York the world's champions moved on to Boston, confident of their ability to repeat the performance against the Boston aggregation. But they did not figure upon the great form displayed by the Hub representatives recently, and when the series was finished on Saturday night Chicago had lost four out of five contests, which leaves them still in the running, but far from the position they expected to be in, on their return to the Windy city. But the White Sox team is still to be considered seriously. It has been experiencing a bad slump ever since it has been in the east, and is now about due to regain some of its normal playing strength, and when it does, with its pitchers in their true form, it will make the other contenders for the flag play some to win.

To get a clear line on what the Athletics have done, and with whom they did it, as well as on what they have yet to do, the following tables showing with whom the Athletics won and lost, as well as the games they have yet to play, with whom and where, are published:

Athletics with	Played. W.	Played. L.	To be played. H'me.	To be played. Abroad.
Boston	10	6	3	3
Chicago	9	7	3	3
Cleveland	9	5	3	5
Detroit	6	9	4	3
New York	3	6	9	4
St. Louis	10	3	4	5
Washington	11	2	4	5
Totals	58	38	30	28

NATIONALS' RECORD FOR PAST WEEK

The following figures give an idea of the work of the Nationals in the games played (five in number), during the week, from Monday, August 5 to Sunday, August 11, both inclusive. They won but one game and lost four, which is a very bad showing for the home grounds. In the three games with Cleveland they should have won all of them instead of one, as with perfect support Falkenberg would have landed a victory, as he let the Naps down with only three hits and eleven of them fanned the breezes, and Smith on Saturday would no doubt have landed another victory with good support. The Nationals lost .041 points in batting and .010 in fielding. They are now in the west, upon their last trip, and will try out some new timber which seems to be very promising. O'Brien should strengthen the team materially as he is a very aggressive player. Altizer and Clymer did good work with the stick, having batted .313, but Nill, who goes to Cleveland for O'Brien, batted .429 in four games. The team made eight sacrifice hits and stole ten bases.

Batting Averages.

	G.	AB.	R.	BH.	SH.	SB.	BA.
*Nill	4	14	2	6	0	1	.429
Altizer	5	16	1	5	3	2	.313
Clymer	4	16	1	5	0	0	.313
Johnson	1	4	1	1	0	0	.250
Heydon	5	13	2	3	0	3	.231
Ganley	5	20	2	4	1	0	.200
Delehanty	4	15	3	3	0	1	.200
Smith	2	5	0	1	0	0	.200
Shipke	5	16	1	3	1	0	.188
*Blankenship	5	16	1	2	0	2	.125
Jones	5	18	1	1	3	1	.056
Gehring	1	2	0	0	0	0	.000
Falkenberg	1	3	0	0	0	0	.000
Block	2	4	0	0	0	0	.000
Totals	5	162	15	34	8	10	

*Blankenship, Nill and Block batted once each as substitutes for other batsmen.
Weekly batting average, .210; loss, .041.

Fielding Averages.

	G.	PO.	A.	E.	TC.	CA.	FA.
*Nill, 2b	2	6	9	0	15	15	1.000
Smith, p	2	0	11	0	11	11	1.000
Delehanty, 1b	1	8	2	0	10	10	1.000
Clymer, lf	4	7	0	0	7	7	1.000
Falkenberg, p	1	0	2	0	2	2	1.000
Block, c	1	2	0	0	2	2	1.000
Heydon, c	5	32	2	2	36	34	.944
Altizer, ss	5	11	25	3	39	36	.923
Shipke, 3b	5	3	8	1	12	11	.917
Blankenship, 1b	4	46	0	4	50	46	.910
Jones, cf	5	8	2	1	11	10	.909
Ganley, rf	5	7	0	1	8	7	.875
Delehanty, 2b	3	3	4	1	8	7	.875
*Nill, lf	1	2	0	1	3	2	.667
Johnson, p	1	0	2	1	3	2	.667
Gehring, p	1	0	0	0	0	0	.000
Totals	5	135	67	15	217	202	

*Has been traded to Cleveland for Pete O'Brien.
Weekly fielding average, .931; a loss of .010.

Long Hits and Total Bases.

	G.	B.H.	2B.	3B.	H.R.	T.B.
*Nill	4	6	1	1	0	9
Ganley	5	4	1	1	0	7
Altizer	5	5	0	0	0	5
Clymer	4	5	0	0	0	5
Delehanty	4	3	1	0	0	4
Shipke	5	3	1	0	0	4
Heydon	5	3	0	0	0	3
Blankenship	5	2	0	0	0	2
Jones	5	1	0	0	0	1
Smith	2	1	0	0	0	1
Johnson	1	1	0	0	0	1
Totals	5	34	4	2	0	42

*Traded for O'Brien.

Pitchers' Records.

	I.P.	S.O.	B.B.	H.B.	W.P.	B.	T.E.
Falkenberg	9	11	2	0	1	0	3
Smith	18	8	1	0	0	0	1
Johnson	9	6	4	0	0	0	4
Gehring	4	1	0	0	1	0	1
Totals	40	26	7	0	2	0	9

Effectiveness of Each Pitcher.

	I.P.	A.B. Opp.	R.S. Opp.	B.H. Opp.	B.A. Opp.	A.R. P.I.O.	A.H. P.I.O.
Falkenberg	9	30	4	3	.100	0.44	0.33
Johnson	9	30	2	4	.133	0.22	0.44
Gehring	4	17	0	4	.234	0.00	1.00
Smith	18	73	7	20	.274	0.39	1.11

Team Batting.

	G.	A.B.	R.	B.H.	S.H.	S.B.	G.A.
Nationals	3	99	10	23	5	6	.232
Cleveland	3	94	8	15	4	1	.160
Nationals	2	64	4	12	2	2	.188
Detroit	2	80	3	25	3	3	.313

Team Fielding.

	G.	P.O.	A.	E.	F.A.
Nationals	3	81	41	8	.938
Cleveland	3	78	36	11	.912
Nationals	2	54	28	8	.911
Detroit	2	54	19	4	.948

Long Hits and Total Bases.

	G.	B.H.	2B.	3B.	H.R.	T.B.
Nationals	3	23	2	2	0	29
Cleveland	3	15	5	2	0	24
Nationals	2	12	0	0	0	12
Detroit	2	25	2	0	0	27

ONE-SIDED VICTORY FOR LEESBURG CLUB

Special Correspondence of The Star.

LEESBURG, Va., August 12, 1907.

In a very one-sided game here on Saturday afternoon the local team defeated the Waterford nine by the score of 20 to 1. The carelessness of the home team in the last inning, whereby they made two errors, gave the visitors their lone run. The batteries were: Leesburg, Jackson and Alexander; Waterford, Curry and Hanvy. The score:

Leesburg.	R	H	O	A	E	Waterford.	R	H	O	A	E
Gibson, rf.	1	2	0	0	0	Hanvy, c.	0	2	6	4	3
Jenkins, ss	1	0	6	4	0	Units, ss.	0	0	0	2	3
Alexander, c	2	1	12	4	0	Divine, 3b.	0	0	4	2	2
Jackson, p.	3	1	0	3	0	A. Braden, lf	1	0	0	0	0
Littlej'n, 1b	3	2	12	0	0	Merch'nt, 1b	0	1	10	0	0
Oyster, cf.	3	2	0	0	0	R. Brad'n, 2b	0	1	1	1	0
Lynn, lf.	2	3	1	0	0	Curry, p.	0	0	0	3	0
Frye, 3b.	3	2	1	0	2	Beans, rf.	0	0	0	0	1
Castle, 2b.	2	1	1	2	1	Mullen, cf.	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	20	15	27	13	3	Totals	1	4	21	11	9

Leesburg	2	1	2	0	4	5	2	4	x—20
Waterford	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1—1

First base on balls—Off Curry, 9. Struck out—By Jackson, 14; by Curry, 11. Two-base hits—Frye, Castle. Sacrifice hits—Gibson, Jenkins (2), Littlejohn. Stolen bases—Alexander (3), Jackson, Littlejohn (2), Frye (2), Castle, Beans. Hit by pitcher—Lynn, Oyster, Castle. Wild pitches—Curry (5). Passed balls—Hanvy (3), Divine, Alexander. Umpires—Messrs. McAfee and Shawen.

TO DECIDE LOCAL AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP

Arrangements are being made for the annual post-season series between the winners of the amateur leagues of the District, which will be played, it is thought, at the American League Park, while the Nationals are out of town.

Every league, with the exception of the Sunday School, has decided to go into the tourney. The management of this organization will undoubtedly act favorably, it is thought, as soon as President Carpenter returns from his vacation.

Letters were sent out to the Capital City, Marquette, Sunday School and Departmental leagues, outlining the plans for the coming series. A schedule will be arranged to include one or more games between each of the four pennant winners. It is reported that a commission will be appointed to attend to all the particulars, to eligibility, dates of games and the selection of umpires. The first meeting of the commission will take place tomorrow evening at 8 o'clock.

BASE BALL NOTES.

The scene shifts today, and all the eastern clubs are in the west.

The greatest interest centers around Detroit and Cleveland, and the teams in those cities will furnish the news tonight.

Can Detroit continue its recent spurt on the home grounds? and Will Stovall be back with the Napoleons? are the burning questions.

Cantillon will probably pitch Gehring today, and also work O'Brien at first and may push Kay into the outfield.

Saturday's game would not have been played but for the fact that it would have thrown five games with Cleveland in three days on the next trip.

Mitchell of the Cincinnatis received a gold watch for being the first one of the Cincinnati club to record 100 hits.

Cincinnati landed seven straight up to the time that Brooklyn struck the town. Donovan's men took ten out of thirteen games from Hanlon's array.

Jimmy McAleer of the St. Louis Browns goes in for fat catchers. Spencer, Stephens and O'Connor all run to rotundity.

Larry Doyle of the New Yorks leads the National League batters, according to the latest averages. He has a percentage of .368 for sixteen games.

The Northwestern League appears to have the star base runner of the country. His name is Rowan, and he plays with the Spokane club. He has stolen fifty-four bases in eighty-four games.

It's lucky for the Standard Oil Company that it doesn't own a race horse or a losing ball club. If it did, it wouldn't be able to pay that $20,000,000 fine.

If he goes along at his present stride to the end of the season Frank Smith will lead the White Sox pitchers and the American League. He has won nineteen out of his twenty-four games.

Manager Griffith of the New York Americans has reached down into Texas for a third baseman. They say this one is bridlewise and that it will not be necessary to throw him down to get a pair of shoes on him.

Jim McGuire is making good in Boston. The team is playing a faster game than it has at any time this season. They made a strong stand against Detroit, took three games from the Naps, made the Browns behave, and they then almost smothered the Sox.

Newark has lost Eddie Collins, the fast Columbia College shortstop, who is held by Manager Connie Mack of the Philadelphia Athletics. Manager Burnham offered to permit Collins to name his own salary, but the player insisted on returning to Philadelphia in accordance with the terms of his contract with Mack.

Beginning at the ground and terminating at the highest point on his anatomy, young Mr. Johnson, the recent ray of hope for the bumped and battered Senators, has apparently proved to be one of those century plants, a highly touted slant-peddler from the scenes of marvelous triumphs who has made good from the breakaway.—Boston Post.

There is a sort of poetic justice about the Yankees going against Chicago, Cleveland and Detroit in a badly weakened condition when the Athletics need every game they can get. Do you remember the gang of painful misfits and bush-leaguers that Mack sent against the Sox when we were battling desperately to hold the lead last year?—New York Journal.

The Boston Nationals have sold Catcher Snook, the Lafayette College man, to Reading of the Tri-State, and have secured Azmusson, a youngster who has been playing with some of the strong semi-professional teams of Chicago and who is recommended by Jimmy Ryan, Jake Stahl and others. Jake Weimer has pitched to him, and says he is a crackerjack.

It is the opinion of not a few who have watched the American League games here that third base on the hilltop team has not been properly filled since Conroy was shifted from that position. They think a better combination would be Conroy at third and Moriarty in left field, provided, of course, there was a shortstop. At present too many ground balls slip past third base.—New York Sun.

LARNED AND CLOTHIER LIKELY TENNIS CHAMPIONS

The important Longwood tournament was completed Saturday, the final round in the singles resulting in the defeat of Robert Leroy by Clarence Hobart. Leroy was unable to keep up the pace set in his entirely unexpected defeat of Raymond D. Little, and succumbed rather easily to Hobart. The winner has decided not to challenge William A. Larned, holder of the Longwood cup for two years, and the former national champion therefore becomes permanent possessor of this highly valued trophy. After the unexpected defeat of William J. Clothier, the national champion, by F. C. Colston, Little was looked upon as the probable winner of the final round. But a long morning match with Clothier's conqueror tired him out, and the former international champion was compelled to yield the palm to Leroy in a hard-fought match.

As usual, the eastern championship in doubles was decided at Longwood, the event acquiring peculiar interest this year on account of the new method of deciding the national championship, which goes into effect, and the decision of Beals C. Wright and Holcombe Ward, the present champions, not to defend their title. Wright and Little formed a new team that was expected to win the title, but Larned and Clothier, never regarded as particularly strong doubles players, despite their proved excellence in singles, which has made each a national champion, proved unexpectedly strong and had an easy time in going through the tournament. In the final round Grant and Westfall of New York, considered as outsiders in the early stages of the tourney, showed fine class and gave their powerful opponents a stiff battle.

Larned and Clothier are more than likely to be the winners of the national championship, and their form this season has been such as to make it obvious that Wright and Ward at their strongest would find them hard to defeat. They will meet the winners of the western and southern titles at Bay Ridge for the national championship. The form shown by W. D. Grant and Nat C. Thornton, the southern champions, at Longwood was not such as to make them seem dangerous competitors, and the real fight is between Larned and Clothier and two eastern men who descended on Chicago and returned with the western championship, F. B. Alexander and H. H. Hackett. This is a strong team, and its members have been playing together long enough to be very formidable. Their victory in the west was achieved with the greatest ease, despite the fact that the western lawn tennis players strove hard to form a team strong enough to beat them.

This week the important tournament at Southampton will attract attention, and Miss May Sutton is expected to make her first appearance after her second conquest of Great Britain.

N. E. Church League Games.

The Ninth Street team of the Northeast Church League has arranged the following games for this week, all to be played on the league grounds at 13th and D streets northeast:

Monday—Navy team of the Departmental League.
Tuesday—The E. J. Ross Counsel team.
Wednesday—St. Joseph's, formerly of the Marquette League.
Thursday—Bethany, winners of the Church League pennant.
Saturday—Navy.

In today's game, Gray and Broome will be the points for Ninth, while Murray and Smith will be Navy's battery.

Frank N. Fahrney and Theodore W. Fahrney of Hagerstown, Md., comprising the firm of Fahrney Brothers, have purchased of McCardell Brothers the three-story brick building in North Potomac street, several doors north of the public square, for $16,000.

CROWDS AS BIG AS EVER AT SARATOGA

Empire City Has No Effect on Fortunes of the Spa Track.

SARATOGA, N. Y., August 12.—The first week of the midsummer meeting of the Saratoga Racing Association was a distinct success. The attendance was quite up to the average if not above that of recent years, and the racing was spirited and even brilliant in spots. A big crowd came up from New York on Friday night to see the Special and Travers stakes decided, as the attraction was greater than the opening of the meeting of the Empire City Trotting Club, near Yonkers. Many went back last night, but there was not a general exodus, and it does not look as if the meeting here would suffer, whatever measures of success may be won at Empire City.

Racing folk are watching with more than the usual show of interest the outcome of the first conflict of dates since the Jockey Club took the reins of government some twelve or thirteen years ago. The stay-at-homes have long complained of the closing of the New York tracks in August, and by force of circumstances their wish for racing is now gratified, but it will hardly occur again, even if the court of appeals sustains the ruling of the appellate division in the Empire City case. If there is a meeting near Yonkers next year it will hardly be in conflict with any other track, as the stewards of the Jockey Club are convinced that the best interests of the sport are conserved by breaking the long season from April 15 to November 15.

Three-Year-Old Fillies Weak.

The running of the Alabama stakes here on Thursday showed conclusively that the turf is weak in three-year-old fillies, in striking contrast to the remarkable strength in three-year-old colts. Kennyetto may train on and prove herself the equal of Running Water, Tradition, Beldame, Morningside and other good mares which have won the race, but her performance hardly indicated it. She is such a nervous, high-strung filly that it does not look as if she would be a good campaigner. Yankee Girl was not herself, having hardly recovered from a recent illness, but she came out of the race nicely, and is likely to turn the tables on her conquerors, and go into retirement at the end of the season as the champion of her age and sex. Gold Lady may also prove to be a better filly than Kennyetto. She handled her weight better than her size would indicate, and showed herself game and honest by fighting on after being forced to overcome the handicap of bad handling and interference, which would have discouraged a horse of the stoutest heart and brought about the defeat of a Sysonby.

The outlook is bright for the racing this week, as a number of rich stakes are down for decision, for which the best horses in training are eligible. The Delaware handicap, at one mile today may attract such horses as Charles Edward, the sensational record breaker at Brighton Beach; McCarter, the Saratoga handicap winner; Kennyetto, Vails, Running Water, Monfort, Suffrage, Superman, the Brooklyn handicap winner; Sewell and W. H. Daniel. The stakes, with only $1,500 added, may not be big enough to tempt Charles Edward's owner, but a strong field is sure to go to the post.

The Grand Union Hotel stakes of $10,000 is the fixture on Wednesday, and most of the good youngsters are eligible, including Colin, Stamina, Chapultepec, Beaucoup, Ben Fleet and Onatassa. Colin may not start, as he would have to make big concessions to his opponents, but aJmes R. Keene can depend on Masque or Peter Quince. The last named is said to be a good one, and not far behind Colin on work. Rogers may also send Harry Payne Whitney's highly tried Jersey Lightning to the post. The Huron handicap, at one mile and three-sixteenths, is on the card Thursday, and the field may be made up of McCarter, Charles Edward, Montgomery, Monfort, Vails and Cabochon, among others.

The Troy, a selling stake, will be the feature on Friday, while a feast is in store for Saturday, with three rich fixtures to be decided—the Shillelah steeplechase, with $2,000 and plate to the value of $500 added; the Hopeful stakes, for two-year-olds, at six furlongs, which, with ten starters, will be worth some $23,000, and the Great Republic stakes of $20,000, for three-year-olds and upward, at one mile and a quarter.

It will be the fifth running of the Hopeful. Delhi won for James R. Keene in 1903, while Tanya, Mohawk II and Peter Pan have won since then. The last named ran the distance last year in 1:12 1-5 with 130 pounds up, giving the first indication of his greatness. Colin is eligible this year, together with Chapultepec, Half Sovereign, Fair Play, Julia Powell, King James, Meelick, Stamina, Bar None and Beaucoup.

The fourth running of the Great Republic stakes may furnish a duel between Charles Edward and Ballot, as the others which are ready to start appear outclassed. Peter Pan is eligible, but there is little or no chance of his going to the post, which is cause for keen regret. A meeting between Peter Pan and Charles Edward would attract racegoers from New York in droves. Tangle, which won the race last year, may start. Sysonby and Delhi were previous winners of the stake.

NOVEL AGREEMENT BETWEEN YALE AND HARVARD

Yale and Harvard have entered into a novel experiment in their athletic relations for the coming year. They are to arrange for every branch of sport by itself, instead of making a general agreement and enrolling all of their athletic schedules under its provisions. At least such is the present outlook. Harvard has made no move to renew the general athletic agreement, which expired last February, and the Yale-Harvard events which have been arranged for next year have been without regard to any general arrangement.

Plans have been made for the usual fall and winter sports—foot ball, basket ball and hockey—but no eligibility rules have been mentioned, and each university will apparently enter its athletes under the rules which prevail at the university from which the athlete comes.

Plans for the opening of the foot ball season at Yale are being completed by Capt. Biglow. The faculty, which shut down on midsummer practice several years ago, has extended its edict to cover the usual fortnight's preliminary work just before the beginning of the playing season.

Two years ago Yale played her first game of the season the day before college opened, her candidates reporting for practice two weeks before that date. This year the team will meet at New Haven September 23 and 24, the day before work begins, and no game will be played until October 3, a week after the college doors are opened.

The outlook at Yale is the most brilliant in many years. Logically it is Yale's year on the gridiron again. Although last season's eleven won the championship, only two of its members, Capt. Biglow and Tad Jones, the quarterback, are sure of their places, because of the exceptional ability of the star freshman eleven of last fall, around which the 'varsity team of this fall will be built as a nucleus. Paige and Brides are, aside from Biglow and Jones, the only veterans who seem to have much chance.

The signature of John J. Mack, the Yale track coach and athletic trainer, has just been placed on a contract to renew his services at Yale. Mack has brought two foot ball elevens up to their big games in splendid condition, and he has done remarkably well with two inferior track teams. He is now regarded as a fixture at Yale.

HANDICAP MATCHES AT COLUMBIA GOLF CLUB

Notwithstanding the warm weather of last week the Columbia Club golf course was almost continuously occupied, and Saturday many took advantage of the cooler atmosphere to take part in two matches for handsome cups.

Dr. C. H. Davis won the handicap medal play. His gross score was 86, which, with a handicap of 18, gave him a net score of 68, 4 below par. J. M. Thurston stood second with a net score of 72, handicap 24. T. Pliny Moran made the same gross score as Dr. Davis, but his handicap was but 12 strokes, which gave him a net score of 74.

The scores of those who turned in cards follow:

	Out.	In.	Gross.	H'p.	Net.
C. H. Davis	44	86	18	68	
J. M. Thurston	52	44	96	24	72
T. Pliny Moran	45	41	86	12	74
R. B. Brown	51	42	93	18	75
F. F. Greenwalt	48	50	98	20	78
J. T. Hough	49	51	100	20	80

The first round of competition for the handsome silver cup offered by the house committee was also played Saturday. The match between R. B. Brown and Frank Govern was the closest of the afternoon, Mr. Brown winning in 21 holes, 1 up. W. J. McNalley and James Baird also played a close match, the former winning, 2 up and 1 to play. T. Pliny Moran was unable to be on hand for his match with B. C. Tallaferro and lost by default.

The summaries for the first round of play follow:

F. M. Phelps beat P. B. Hills, 9 up and 7 to play.
R. B. Brown beat F. Green, 1 up and 21 holes.
D. F. Weaver beat C. H. Weaver, 8 up and 7 to play.
M. E. Danforth beat D. K. Jackson, 2 up.
B. C. Tallaferro beat T. Pliny Moran by default.
J. C. Davidson beat E. H. Black, 7 up and 6 to play.
J. T. Hough beat E. S. Duvall, 4 up and 3 to play.
W. J. McNalley beat Joseph Baird, 2 up and 1 to play.

The pairings for the second round are as follows:

F. M. Phelps vs. R. B. Brown.
D. F. Weaver vs. M. E. Danforth.
B. C. Tallaferro vs. J. C. Davidson.
J. T. Hough vs. W. J. McNalley.

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COMET IN THE MORNING SKY

WONDERS THE BROOKLYN PASSENGERS SAW ON THE DEEP.

A Family of Whales Adopted the Ship as Grandfather and Frolicked Alongside.

NEW YORK, August 12.—The Insular Line steamship Brooklyn, in yesterday from Porto Rico, entertained passengers with spectacular sea, sky and other changes on the voyage. On the second day out a school of fourteen whales, apparently mistaking the steamship for their grandfather, nestled alongside, keeping her company for several hours, blowing and breaching and frolicking after the manner of cetaceans that have never been near Amagansett and know no fear. One too familiar creature that bumped against the starboard side got pelted with coal by a stoker, and, waving his flukes and splashing the liner, he headed off her course.

Discovers a Comet.

At 4:30 o'clock Friday morning Capt. McLean, who was in charge of the bridge, saw a luminous geyser-shaped form rise above the eastern horizon. Later, after all of the glowing figure was visible, the skipper knew it was a comet and one of the biggest he had ever seen. He had seen no account of a recently discovered comet and he decided that he probably was among the first observers of it at sea. It lost itself in the sunrise glare. At breakfast the skipper told his passengers about his celestial find and all of them got up before dawn Saturday and saw the comet rise and vanish. Its head pointed to the horizon line and it looked like a huge pyrotechnic shuttlecock descending.

Sight a Waterspout.

A school of whales and a comet on a five-day sea journey were considered pretty fair experiences until about 3 o'clock Saturday afternoon, while the ship was off the Virginia coast. The air was misty and held a hint of storm. Five miles dead ahead the passengers, most of whom were on deck, saw a waterspout swiftly swirl into being. The vision was dim and embryonic at first. Then it evolved into a massive pillar of spray and finally into a blackish column that looked as if it were holding up the empyrean roof. It seemed to be a mile high and and its pedestal was a ferment several hundred feet wide. It collapsed quickly and some of its aerial structure fell in spray on the deck of the Brooklyn.

About three hours before her adventure with the waterspout the ship passed part of the deck of a sailing vessel, attached to which was a winch.

The Cunarder Etruria also ran across deep-sea spectacles. On the fourth day out she sighted a great flock of Mother Carey's chickens flying south. Then two whales came along, followed by an immense school of dolphins.

MISER STERRETT'S FINE.

Wealthy, He Chose to Go to Jail Rather Than Pay.

ERIE, Pa., August 12.—James Sterrett, the rich and aged miser, who was fined on complaint of the health department for the insanitary condition of his rooms, preferred to go to jail to paying the fine and later the fine was remitted.

Two years ago Sterrett ordered the water shut off in his house. He explained in court that he washed in the park fountains and got his drinking water at his daughter's nearby. He makes his meals by buying a cup of coffee and eating all the bread on the tables at the restaurants. He was dirty and objectionable to other patrons and has been ordered out of a number of places.

Sterrett is now a temperance advocate, but he admits having made his money years ago by selling whisky in his grocery store. He built thirty houses and he says he gave fifteen of them away.

It is said that on his wife's death bed she pleaded with him to give her money to buy nourishing food, and he gave her a $2 counterfeit bill. Her dying words were: "James, why did you give me this? You knew it could not buy anything?"

Sterrett's relatives here refuse to have anything to do with him.

POOR, POOR CAPITAL!

This Makes a Noise Like Socialistic Antitoxin.

Labor's annual compensation in the United States is $10,340,000,000, while the annual reward of capital is only $3,534,000,000, thus giving labor three dollars to capital's one. This computation is made by the Engineering News from census bureau figures.

These figures are based on the estimate that $450 per annum is the average compensation of the worker. This being so, the Engineering News calculates that if all capital were confiscated and distributed among laborers, these men would each receive an increased wage of but 50 cents a day, besides being saddled with the responsibility of administration and the danger of lapse in values from various economic causes.

CONNIE MACK OF QUAKERTOWN, BEFORE AND AFTER.

The Athletics' Manager Before Collins Joined the Team.

The Same Manager After the Former Hubbite Had Struck His Stride.

THE RACE IN THE AMERICAN LEAGUE

From the Boston Globe.