Dolly Gray Is Slated for Minors---Latest Sporting News and Gossip

GRAY HAS PITCHED HIS LAST GAME HERE

Nationals' Southpaw Sure to Be Found in Minors in 1912.

CINCINNATI IN HOLE FOR A MANAGER

Griffith Leaving Has Put Club in a Bad Way—Kling Seems to Want to Retire.

BY J. ED GRILLO.

Dolly Gray is one player on the list of the Washington club who will never don a National uniform again. Gray, who came here in the spring of 1908, has never made good, though given every opportunity to do so, and he was notified when the past season closed that he was not to return, and that he would be notified in due time as to what disposition would be made of him.

In the deal which gave Washington Moeller, Spencer and Foster from Rochester the local club bound itself to turn over Groom and Lelivelt, providing waivers could be secured on these players. If waivers could not be had a cash consideration was to satisfy Rochester. It may be, however, that Rochester will accept Gray for one of the two players mentioned, for it is not likely that the local club will be able to get waivers on either Lelivelt or Groom, even if Griffith should want to part with them, which is not likely.

Gray came here touted as the best left-hander on the Pacific coast, and out in that section they cannot understand why he has failed in big company. But, though he was carried for three seasons, Gray, aside from showing an occasional flash, did nothing huge to warrant his retention.

Ban Johnson's plan to have but one meeting of the two leagues during the winter, at which the schedule and all other business can be attended to, will meet with opposition from those club owners who like to have an excuse for spending several weeks in New York during the off season.

When Griffith accepted the Washington proposition he left the Cincinnati club in a lurch, for it is learned on good authority that all deals for a successor to Griffith had been called off and a decision reached to retain him for another season. Now the Cincinnati club has got to hustle to get a manager, and it is not finding the task an easy one. Miller Huggins seems to be the popular choice, but Roger Bresnahan of the Cardinals, of which team Huggins is a member, expects to get enough in the way of players for Huggins to make his team a championship possibility, and there is a hitch of course. The same thing holds good for Chicago, from which team Cincinnati would like to get either Evers or Tinker.

McGraw has never lived down his reputation for being a rowdy ball player, though during the past season he gave the umpires less trouble than any other manager in the circuit, not being suspended a single time.

The Athletic victory is classed as one for clean base ball by some writers who hold McGraw responsible for the Snodgrass spiking affair, which was a much exaggerated crime after all. Baker is being spiked a good deal and it is because he makes no effort to get out of the runner's way. He was not injured by Snodgrass, though he might have been, and it is extremely doubtful if the effort to do so was essential.

If that veteran catcher, Johnny Kling, means what he says, it looks as if his retirement from base ball could result. He is quoted as saying that if he were not appointed manager of the Rustlers next season he would give up the game. As President Russell of the Hub team has already appointed Tenney manager for another year and expressed his intention of standing back of the once great first baseman there seems to be no hope for Kling. The latter probably did not enjoy his summer with the tail-enders after having caught for the great Cub machine. His loss will not be felt severely in Boston, however. Kling failed to shine with his former brilliancy during the season just passed, and the Rustlers have a fine young backstop in Rariden.

The Giants, who sailed for Cuba November 18, are raising a wail, and Frank Bancroft, who will be Joseph Nestor's Mentor to the trip, is trying to figure out whether the Cubans meant to have fun with the boys or merely mixed things. The Cubans have sent word that nine staterooms have been reserved on the Havana boat, "three persons to a stateroom." This would be all well and good but for one circumstance. Eight of nine of the Giants have their wives along, and the list of twenty-seven is made up to include the ladies as well as some eighteen players. How, then, are the staterooms to be arranged so as to get three people in each room? Bancy is wearing off his brain-cap trying to make diagrams whereby this wonderful arrangement can be made, and goes to New York Tuesday, just to have a talk with the Giants and the steamer people.

HAL CHASE TO LEAD HIGHLANDERS IN 1912

New York Leader Takes Blame for Poor Showing of Team.

Special Dispatch to The Star.

NEW YORK, November 9.—While Hal Chase was not the best manager in the world last season, Owner Farrell is going to go through with him next season. There have been rumors jerking their way around the base ball atmosphere to the effect that Chase would do only his first base work and give up the position of manager. But it looks as if it might as well be laid at rest so far as next season is concerned. Chase is trying to set his cogs for a winning team for 1912.

There are not many changes in view for the Yankee line-up. Chase is trying to land a second baseman and another good man to take care of center field. Whether he will be successful in the trades the coming winter remains to be seen. When the subject of manager is talked of to Chase all he says is:

"I know that I was not the best manager in the world last season, and perhaps far from being a good one. I have been told by my friends that I was too good a fellow to handle a ball club, and that I did not have the right temperament to be at the helm. However, I think I will do better next season. I observed a great many things while I was on the job the last season. The experience did me a great deal of good. Yes, we have the talent, and if we land another good man to play second base I think we will be playing up around the leaders all next season. I may as well take the blame for not being up there last season."

Mordecai Brown Is Mentioned as After Reds' Managership

Special Dispatch to The Star.

CHICAGO, November 9.—Garry Herrmann, president of the Cincinnati base ball club, seems determined to land one of the Chicago Cubs to manage his club in 1912. Joe Tinker and Johnny Evers have been mentioned as possibilities. Now comes the report that Herrmann would like to secure Mordecai Brown.

Mordecai admitted he has heard from the Reds' owner. He added that he would gladly take hold of the Cincinnati club to manage it if he could secure his release from the Cub team. President Murphy declined to discuss the subject, but declared he thought Brown would make an excellent leader because of his experience, level head and coolness in a battle.

FINISHED FIRST LAP OF SECOND SEASON

Northeastern Duckpin League Booming Along, With Bennett Company in Lead.

The Northeastern Duckpin League has finished the first lap of its second season. The A. J. Bennett Company's team has a good lead. The Hilltops have been spilling the pins very successfully, and hold high game with 620 and high set with 1,762. W. Du Busky of the Bills holds both high individual game (161) and high set (390), while Halley of the Fatimas has highest individual average with 117.3 pins. Hagan of the Atlantics leads in strikes with twenty-two, and John Loveless of the A. J. Bennett Company, with spares, having fifty-one to his credit. Following are complete records:

STANDING OF THE CLUBS.

	Games.	Won.	Lost.	Pct.
A. J. Bennett Co.	21	17	4	.809
Atlantics	21	15	6	.714
Bills	21	14	7	.667
Hilltops	21	13	8	.619
Lincoln Laundry	21	12	9	.571
Fatimas	21	10	11	.476
Capitol Hills	21	9	12	.429
Easterns	21	8	13	.381
Rosedales	21	4	17	.190
Crescents	21	3	18	.143

AVERAGES OF THE CLUBS.

	G.	Pins.	St.	Sp.	HG.	HS.	Avg.
A. J. B. Co.	21	16502	67	225	664	1706	553-9
Hilltops	21	11565	58	227	620	1762	547-16
Fatimas	21	11054	61	183	583	1622	526-8
Atlantics	21	11029	76	176	570	1597	525-11
Easterns	21	11037	59	195	593	1643	525-9
Cap. Hills	21	10315	45	200	583	1589	510-15
Bills	21	10209	57	155	561	1614	514-15
Linc. Laun.	21	10569	68	156	584	1626	503-10
Rosedales	21	10221	42	155	565	1552	486-18
Crescents	21	10081	38	159	531	1492	480-1

High club game—Hilltops, 620.
High club set—Hilltops, 1,762.
High individual game—Du Busky, 161.
High individual set—Du Busky, 390.
Highest individual average—Halley, 117.3.
Greatest number of strikes—Hagan, 22.
Greatest number of spares—J. Loveless, 51.

A. J. BENNETT CO.

	G.	Pins.	St.	Sp.	H.G.	H.S.	Ave.
Ricketts	15	1,728	11	54	131	363	115-3
Kamm	6	680	4	15	127	350	113-2
J. Loveless	21	2,347	16	51	136	372	111-16
McCarthy	20	2,205	16	29	137	347	111-14
Lewis	15	1,650	10	31	129	361	110
Oehler	15	1,643	7	33	129	316	109-8
S. Loveless	8	808	4	11	129	253	101

EASTERNS.

Price	18	1,941	8	39	150	349	107-15
B. Poston	21	2,248	16	49	125	336	107-1
Janowicz	20	2,139	15	39	137	363	106-9
Miller	21	2,222	13	38	127	370	105-17
S. Poston	9	943	3	21	116	340	104-7
Ketzler	6	598	3	9	110	313	99-4

BILLS.

W. Du Busky	18	1,981	9	40	161	390	110-1
Lakin	21	2,228	16	37	131	352	106-2
Neller	21	2,222	12	29	137	363	106
Burhans	6	608	3	9	109	322	101-2
M. W. Campbell	14	1,410	5	24	115	322	100-10
Mace	9	886	2	19	109	305	98-4
T. Du Busky	9	877	3	11	103	293	97-4
W. J. Campbell	6	561	4	5	108	302	93-3

HILLTOPS.

Miles	9	1,026	6	27	128	374	115-1
Elliott	18	2,018	15	39	137	361	112-2
MacAloy	18	2,006	17	33	138	362	111-8
Woodfield	12	1,327	4	28	125	355	110-7
Reid	18	1,958	9	40	131	358	108-15
Hawksworth	6	625	4	9	113	325	104-1
Ackton	18	1,859	6	40	126	344	103-8

ATLANTICS.

Carroll	8	877	4	18	142	351	109-5
Salb	14	1,559	11	26	126	342	100-4
Hagan	21	2,291	22	36	130	357	109-2
McCarthy	20	2,105	12	37	125	347	105-5
Horrigan	15	1,559	11	26	125	332	103-14
Draeger	6	657	3	9	113	323	101-1
Knockey	20	1,969	12	23	122	311	98-9

LINCOLN LAUNDRY.

Rosser	9	941	9	21	130	362	110-1
Ferguson	21	2,275	15	42	131	361	108-7
Kelly	21	2,262	16	24	118	358	108-3
Fenton	18	1,835	9	27	128	341	101-17
Grist	11	1,082	8	13	118	320	98-4
Kemp	9	874	5	7	121	319	97-1
Van Ness	9	872	4	12	108	299	94-5

FATIMAS.

Halley	12	1,407	12	28	156	378	117-3
Michaud	6	653	8	17	136	358	114-7
J. Riston	12	1,284	8	27	129	334	107
Wells	12	1,272	4	24	126	336	106
Van Ness	6	633	4	12	140	334	105-3
Worden	15	1,559	10	25	123	327	99-6
Eiseman	18	1,855	13	27	127	324	103-1
Fegan	12	1,225	5	20	132	328	102-1
McIlroy	9	849	2	10	105	292	94-3

CAPITOL HILLS.

McCormick	21	2,233	12	42	143	340	107-6
Slye	21	2,218	10	40	131	333	105-13
C. Poston	19	1,953	9	37	131	324	102-16
Risley	21	2,149	4	43	127	324	102-7
Holmes	13	1,306	2	27	117	327	100-6

ROSEDALES.

Noble	15	1,544	6	29	128	328	102-14
Murphy	9	920	6	11	124	323	102-2
N. Loveless	12	1,223	7	24	124	350	101-11
Stanton	12	1,171	3	21	130	321	97-7
Keons	12	1,118	3	12	112	320	92-2
Junghans	12	1,117	2	15	109	305	93-1
Pennington	20	1,828	6	21	107	299	91-8

CRESCENTS.

Taft	9	936	0	20	125	331	104
Symanoski	18	1,824	11	31	124	331	101-6
Hettinger	15	1,487	4	24	129	322	99-2
Prender	20	1,882	4	24	118	311	91-2
Breenhan	10	1,050	4	16	113	296	92-4
Richenbacher	11	985	4	12	106	289	88-6
Mulvey	12	1,038	6	14	107	299	86-6

PLAYERS IN LESS THAN SIX GAMES.

Roberts	3	335	3	6	131	355	118-1
Adams	2	221	2	4	123	221	110-1
Brown	3	307	2	5	124	307	102-1
Sweeney	2	252	1	8	87	252	84
Pitts	3	297	3	3	99	297	99
Snook	4	382	3	4	105	294	95-2
Bauer	3	325	0	10	119	325	108-1
Kapp	4	346	1	2	98	268	87
Layman	3	291	4	4	109	291	97
Shipley	2	206	1	3	115	206	103
Laughan	3	292	2	3	110	292	97-1
Jay	3	316	3	5	111	316	105-1
Kilroy	2	292	3	0	116	292	101
Cooper	4	359	1	3	97	280	89-3
Rollins	3	287	0	5	111	287	95-2

BOWLING BATTLES.

NORTHEASTERN DUCKPIN LEAGUE.

Bills.	1st.	2d.	3d.	Hilltops.	1st.	2d.	3d.
Du Busky	112	116	109	Reid	99	86	108
Campbell	93	98	110	McAloy	100	109	111
Burhans	86	110	84	Miles	88	103	111
Lakin	99	113	95	Acton	98	115	102
Nally	89	107	109	Elliott	129	99	88
Totals	440	545	537	Totals	514	512	520

E. R. Y. M. C. A. MORNING DUCKPIN BOWLING LEAGUE.

Ticket Office.				Union Station.			
Lackey	87	98	114	Miller	114	120	96
REWins	76	87	88	Bundy	93	114	81
Southard	85	120	91	King	85	84	97
Underwd	85	85	128	Smith	85	85	81
Totals	333	400	413	Totals	377	403	355

Benny Henderson of Portland, Ore., who is slated for Cleveland next season, could not be good the season through and was suspended by the Portland management. His fall from grace, it is said, will result in dropping efforts to have him reinstated so that he can join the Naps.

SURE NOT TO BE A NATIONAL NEXT SEASON

"DOLLY" GRAY.

PERTINENT COMMENT ON Happenings in Sportdom

BY J. ED GRILLO.

The outcome of the national commission's probing of the ticket scandal during the world's series will be watched with interest, and yet the chances are that it will result as have so many previous similar investigations, with a whitewash. That there was something wrong in New York so far as the world's series tickets were concerned there is no doubt, but unless all signs fail the evidence to prove this will not be so easy to produce.

This year's experience should bring about one resolution on the part of the commission, and that is that in the future it will not allow any club to handle its tickets during the world's series. In fact, no one can understand why the New York club was allowed to do this when it had been announced years before that the commission would dispose of the tickets during all world's series.

Under existing conditions there is no chance to prevent ticket scalping. It is possible for any one to put a lot of boys in line and purchase hundreds of tickets to be sold at advanced rates later. The Pittsburgh club seems to have solved the problem, however, and it is trying to have the city council pass an ordinance making it a felony to sell any ticket at advanced prices. Such a law would absolutely eliminate the scalpers and protect the public.

It would seem that Capt. Anson was deserving of something better at the hands of the present club owners of the National League than to have Charley Murphy for his sponsor in his efforts to become president of the National League. Whatever chance Anson may have had vanished just as soon as Murphy went behind his boom. Incidentally, Murphy should be familiar enough with conditions in his league to realize that there is not a chance for Anson, and he should not humiliate the veteran by announcing his candidacy.

There was a time when champions of the prize ring were willing to split purses 75 and 25, but that sort of a division is not in favor with the present day title holders. Jack Johnson, for instance, wants $30,000, win, lose or draw, while Ad Wolgast makes a similar demand for a bout with McFarland. It would seem that if Wolgast has any confidence in his ability he would be willing to make terms which McFarland could accept, but this he has carefully avoided. Tim Hurst, who has been mixed up with the pugilistic game, gave vent to the following the other day, which hits the nail on the head: "If Wolgast is a real champion why doesn't he meet all comers on a winner take all basis or a 75 and 25 per cent division of the purse? When McAuliffe, Lavigne, Erne and Gans in turn held the lightweight title they never thought of demanding the lion's share of the money. They were willing to fight for it, which should be the policy of all title holders. The idea of Jack Johnson asking for $30,000, win or lose, is a fair sample of the way these fourflushers are allowed to have their own way."

So many versions have been given of how the Athletics beat Mathewson that the impression may be created that the Giants' great pitcher was batted to all corners of the lot. But such was not the case. Mathewson was hit hard in but one game. He won one and he would have had two to his credit had the team behind him been able to get any runs. Baker's home-run drive, which tied the score in the ninth inning of the third game, would have been wasted had the Giants been able to get more than one run for Matty. True, Matty lost two of the three games he pitched, but he gave a splendid exhibition of pitching nevertheless. About the only way he could have beaten the Athletics was to shut them out. Mathewson really deserves more credit for his work in the series than he is getting, but the fact that he lost naturally gives his performance an entirely different aspect.

It is not often that a manager will blame himself for his team's failure or admit that his knowledge of the managerial art was not what it should have been, but Hal Chase takes this position and thereby establishes a precedent. Chase admits that he was to blame for the Highlanders' failure in the pennant race, but having been assured that Owner Farrell will continue him in the job, he promises to do better next year.

Perhaps the only reason that Farrell retained Chase is because of the scarcity of competent men to handle ball teams. Incidentally, Chase is right when he says that he gathered a lot of information last year which will help him next.

There is perhaps no stronger argument to back up the prediction that the Athletics will win the American League pennant again next year than a perusal of the official averages which show the tremendous strength of Connie Mack's team. Here are found four of the champions' pitchers among the first ten, and this fact, together with the remarkable hitting strength of the team, surely will make it hard to beat. It may be argued that the pitchers will go back, but leave it to Cornelius to keep that pitching staff up to a high standard. He has a lot of youngsters on hand whom he is developing, and when it comes to making stars out of unknown material Mack has been conceded to be in a class by himself.

CY MORGAN HAD A JOKE ON PADDY LIVINGSTON

"The fans used to kid me a lot about my batting," said Cy Morgan of the world's champion Athletics and the king of spit ball pitchers, the other day, "so I thought I might as well have a little fun myself and all summer there was a little side game on that I enjoyed a lot.

"My battery mate is always Paddy Livingston and no better catcher ever caught my curves. I'll have to hand this to Paddy. There were times when I did not know where a particular spit ball was going to end up, but Paddy always did and many a wild pitch he has saved me by a sideway leap after one that was going away to roost. Now, Ty Cobb and Eddie Collins never need bother a lot about my trespassing on their batting thrones. I have been knocked out three times by wild pitches and I guess that is what makes me pull away from the plate. The fellows in the press box used to have a little fun with me by applauding whenever I came up to bat. They would yell, 'Touch all the bases, Cy!' and 'Run slow so that Paddy can beat you home!'

"One day Paddy singled. You know he can lift them when he gets that beer of his under a ball. I came up to the bat and saw Paddy on first. I singled my bat and run sign. Paddy looked amazed and wigwagged that he had not understood the sign. I repeated it and then set myself as though I was going to take one everlasting punch at the next ball pitched. Ed Walsh of the White Sox was pitching against us. Ed threw the ball to Billy Sullivan and Paddy hoofed for second under full steam. I made no effort to hit at the ball and Sullivan returned it to McConnell, who was playing second base. I yelled, 'Run, Paddy, run; slide, Paddy, slide!' and needless to say Paddy was caught ten feet from the bag. But it certainly was funny to see Paddy making a bee line for that bag and then dig up a hole in the path so deep that Manager Duffy protested. That was a cue to me, and always after this I would signal to Paddy when he was on first that I was going to hit. He would yell he was not going down, and he would sing out to Harry Davis to make me switch that sign, but I used to give it to him all the time. "One day in Boston Paddy singled and I came up next. I passed out the sign and Paddy yelled, 'Not on your life; I don't go, see?' You handed it out the last time and wanted me break a bell running to second.' Now the queer part of this is that Paddy did go down and he 'crossed' Billy Carrigan so badly that Billy stood with the ball in his hands and watched Paddy steal that base. In the league averages Paddy gets credit for a stolen base, but I can claim an assist out of that stolen base, and I am going to take up the matter with President Johnson in the future and see if a batter ought not to have some credit when he deliberately takes a swing at a ball when he knows he cannot hit it and it advances the runner."

THIS RECORD MAY STAND.

Beatty of Columbia Puts 16-Pound Shot 48 Feet 7 3-8 Inches.

NEW YORK, November 9.—In the first of a series of handicap events to be held at Columbia University, R. L. Beatty, '14, established a new collegiate record in the shotput yesterday afternoon on South Field. He put the sixteen-pound weight a distance of 48 feet 7⅜ inches, which is 2 feet 2 inches better than the former record, made by W. F. Kreuger of Swarthmore in 1907. H. S. Babcock, '12, who took second in the event, was not in Beatty's class, and his handicap of ten feet did not bring his figures up to Beatty's. Beatty has bettered the mark of yesterday in practice, and once in an interclass meet, when he did 49 feet 2¾ inches. The latter performance, owing to the shot being a shade under weight, was not allowed.

REPUBLICAN WINS

Not Politics This Time, But a Thoroughbred at Marlboro.

GOOD DAY FOR UTTERBACK

Owner Gets First, Second and Third. Gun Cotton the Class in the Steeplechase.

As if to keep up the spirit of the general election, W. B. Carson slipped over his bay gelding, Republican, in the slow going at Marlboro yesterday by the narrowest kind of a margin. In every respect the race impressed those who saw it with the fact that it closely resembled another of the day before, in which Phillips Lee Goldsborough of the republican party defeated his opponent in a rattling finish.

As in the greater event of politics, the winner was satisfied to remain quietly in the background until thes howdown came, and then he marched in a victor. The difference between the two races was that at the southern Maryland race course those who desired could see exactly how the thing was done and could explain it when the result was bulletined. At Marlboro the defeated ones took their medicine like sports, but even while this performance was being enacted many of the spectators were telling the whys and wherefores of another victory, in which the Republican gloried.

Marylanders especially took a timely hunch that it was about time for Republican to come across, and they are richer today because they played the horse. Some of them declared after the race that they made up enough on Republican to pay wagers they had placed on Gorman.

Corking Good Race.

Be that as it may, the race of Republican at Marlboro was a corker. He beat Ernest Utterback's Feramorz by slightly more than an eyelash, and did it by saving for one last good effort. Of the horses Republican was better and showed it. Feramorz was fast at certain stages of the race, but he did not do his best and proved a big disappointment to Mr. Utterback, as well as to those the owned had advised to go with him. Lesbos was a good third, but should not have figured so well. As a result of his manner of running, Jockey Clement drew a two-day suspension. Lesbos tried to take up the whole right of way several times during the running of the race, and it is doubtful to many minds whether the horse or rider is most to blame. The defeat of Marshland was the severest setback to the talent.

Although Feramorz was beaten in his race, Ernest Utterback was by far the most successful owner at the course. In the first race Sir Evelyn was third, in the fifth Hedge Rose was second, while in the sixth Black Branch, a comparative outsider, cashed first money for the Virginia horseman at 5 to 1.

The racing opened with a seven-furlong dash for six starters. Dr. Barkley was said to be fit and ready, and was indeed. However, Dennison gave the horse a bad ride, and the son of Margrave, in addition to this, was pocketed and cut off until he was lucky to be third. Joe Rose won the race, and while his victory is not to be sneered at, he would never have figured had Dr. Barkley got half the show which was deservedly his. From a good start the battle for honors developed into a mad plunge, and the favorite, Dr. Barkley, suffered worse than any other entrant. Dr. Barkley took the place away from Sir Evelyn by a bound just before the wire went over the horses' heads.

The second race, another of the seven-furlong sprints, saw the overthrow of Mr. Carson's Muff, a well played favorite, which figured all during the betting at 13 to 20. Chippewayan proved to be the class of the field and was in front nearly all the way. Kilderkin was second, which reduced the son of Ingoldsby to third place. Sir Edward was well liked, but, as on the day before, was completely outclassed.

Gun Cotton in Front.

The Chesapeake steeplechase went to Gun Cotton, who was underestimated by the layers, who were bold enough to put him up in chalk at 8 to 5. Gun Cotton ran as she does every time she gets the fat end of a purse. Laying behind her field, she fenced beautifully twice around the inner course, and moved away in the final stages to beat The King. Gun Cotton was the target for a plunge. Garterman, who was next best played to the favorite, was third. The Speaker, O. K. and Helen B. all came to grief before the race was finished.

AD WOLGAST TO TAKE TRIP 'ROUND WORLD

"No Chance for Fight in America Just Now," Says Lightweight Champion.

NEW YORK, November 9.—Ad Wolgast, champion lightweight pugilist of the world, will join the ranks of the globe trotters. After his fight with Freddie Welsh Thanksgiving day at a club in Los Angeles, Wolgast will leave for a trip around the world, going first to Australia.

Before starting for his trip to Los Angeles yesterday Wolgast said:

"I have abandoned all hopes of obtaining another match in America for a year. I have not met any representative of McFarland in Chicago and there is little or no chance for a match between us. Matt Wells has sailed for England, and as he has made no definite arrangements to return here I would simply waste time waiting for matches in this country, so I will take a trip abroad and see what fights I can pick up in foreign lands."

While Wolgast is fighting in the lower part of California Thanksgiving day Packey McFarland will be busy with Tommy Murphy at Jimmy Coffroth's club in San Francisco. Packey has just accepted the terms offered by Coffroth.

DE ORO IN LEAD.

Defeats Wheeler in Second Block of Billiard Match.

CHICAGO, November 9.—Alfred De Oro, champion three-cushion billiardist, last night increased his lead over George Wheeler, Chicago challenger for the title, by defeating Wheeler in the second block of their three-night match, 50 to 33.

To gain the championship Wheeler must win tonight's match by 87 to 50.

Starting with a lead of 19, gained Tuesday night, De Oro showed his championship form by steady and brilliant playing. He made high runs of 9 and 8, and ended with an average of .819. Wheeler's best runs were 3 and 4, and his average was .550.

At the Sign of the Moon.

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Queensberry Retells One of Ted Sullivan's Old Stories.

FOOLED SCRAPPY DARKIES

Marquis Also Figured in a Fake Hold-Up and Lost a Friend.

By the Marquis of Queensberry.

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CHICAGO, November 9.—I have just been told a most amusing story anent the Queensberry rules. It is so funny and outrageous that were it not for the source from whence it comes it could be incredible, but when I tell Star readers it comes from that great old base ball player and sportsman, Ted Sullivan, they will, like me, believe it.

A wise negro, who lived down in Virginia in a big colored community, wanting to get rich quick, struck on the idea of posing as my late father's agent, just at the time when the boxing craze was at its height in New York, and the same craze had just begun to spread among the darkies in Virginia along the Rappahannock river. He gave out that Sullivan, Corbett, Fitzsimmons and others paid as high as $5,000 to $10,000 to my father for the use of his rules, according to the importance of the match, and that he was the sole agent for the disposal of the rights of using the Queensberry rules. He demanded and got from $50 to $200 per fight from the other negroes. He thoroughly frightened the darkies by telling them it was illegal to use the rules without a license, as they were patented. He declared that the United States government protected my father in his rights as to the rules, and showed a cable signed Queensberry giving him the sole rights to deal in the rules.

For months this ingenious darky collected a handsome revenue along the oyster towns of the Rappahannock river. Did you ever hear of such nonsense? But more power to the darky's elbow, for if he was clever enough to fool his brothers to such an extent he deserved all he got.

Darkies have a great sense of humor, but they don't always like being fooled themselves, and if you ever do pull off a real joke on a darky beware. He will never forgive you. Some twenty-five years ago I was playing at being a cowboy out west, and on the ranch we had a negro called "Green." Green was a comical looking little man, and he had lost all his toes by getting them frost bitten in a blizzard, and this, added to his peculiar appearance, as he walked in a most uncouth way. He was one of the vainest men I ever saw. He loved to dress up and then go and show himself to the white folks.

Green always boasted of his wonderful bravery and of the strenuous things he would do if ever attacked by highwaymen. One day when he had gone to this self-same high river to fetch the mailbag I lay in a creek one mile from the ranch and held him up with a shotgun, using blank shells. I fired two barrels over his head and bade him throw the mailbags out, which he did, and, galloping the horses home in the wagon, reported that he had been held up by a band of six armed and masked men.

When I trotted in twenty minutes later with the mailbag his rage was awful to see, and he had to be held back for fear he would attack me with a razor. Before that he had been devoted to me, but afterward never forgave me for making a fool of him, and I verily believe if I had not left shortly afterward for another ranch that he would have rather more than shaved me with his razor some dark night.

Queensberry.

BIG RACE TOMORROW.

Two-Mile Endurance Stakes Has High-Class Field.

CINCINNATI, Ohio, November 9.—The weights for the Latonia endurance stakes, at two miles, for horses of all ages, were announced today. The race will be run tomorrow and will be the crowning event of the fall meeting of the Latonia Jockey Club. The weights are:

High Private, 121; Meridian, 116; Bonnie Kelso, Countless, Star Bottle, Gov. Gray, 114; Pinkola, 112; Cherryola, 111; Markie M., 110; Star Charter, Herkimer, 108; Fireman, 107; Aylmer, 106; John Furlong, Stone Street, Milton B., John Reardon, Royal Report, Princelike, 105; Messenger Boy, 103; Azo, 102; Auny Port, 101; Princess Callaway, Foxy Mary, 99; Swamanoa, Volthorpe, Star O'Ryan, 98; Starry Night, Forehead, 96; Melton Street, Mockler, Beachsand, 95; Naughty Lad, Mud Sill, 93; Single File, Archduke, Feather Duster, 90.

GRASPING SCRAPPERS MAY BE BARRED FROM ALL BIG CLUBS

Western and Southern Promoters Likely to Issue Blacklist Against Contract Breakers.

BY T. S. ANDREWS.

Special Dispatch to The Star.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., November 8.—It is about time that the boxing promoters of the country got together and combined in some manner to protect the fans from being imposed upon by insincere performers. The new boxing commission has set a splendid example in calling some of the boxers to account for not living up to their contracts, and the promoters might follow suit now and see that boxers who fail to give honest exhibitions be barred from their clubs. Jack McGuigan, manager of the National Athletic Club at Philadelphia, has taken the bull by the horns and has announced the barring forever of four men who had an idea that they could dictate terms and box as they pleased for the crowd. D. J. Tortorich of New Orleans has followed suit and has barred a couple of men, and it is up to the New York clubs to get busy and bar several more. When these fellows discover that they are being gradually worked out of all clubs they will probably take a tumble to the fact that they must act on the square with all parties.

The New York commission might go still farther and see that boxers who have violated their contracts in other parts of the country are barred from that city and state. Take, for instance, the case of Hugh D. McIntosh of Australia. There are four prominent boxers in the states now who have all signed contracts to go to Australia, and then, after putting the man to a few hundred dollars in expense through cables, etc., they calmly say they will not go. They do not offer to reimburse the promoter for the expense he has been put to in arranging the details and the loss he is put to in arranging for steamer passages and advance advertising.

The New Orleans clubs have been treated in a similar manner by three other boxers, but Promoter Tortorich intends to take the matter up with the New York commission and protest against these men being permitted to fill dates there until they have fulfilled their southern contracts.

And while the promoters are at it they might as well come to some agreement about the paying of exorbitant purses to boxers. If a boxer is given a fair percentage it is up to him to take a chance as well as the promoter, for a boxer is worth only what he can draw at the gate, the same as an actor. These high purses are hurting the game as well as demoralizing the ranks of all boxers. The few stars want to hog everything in sight and expect the promoters to fall for it. Some promoters are willing to stage a big event just for the glory, but they will get wise in time and then refuse to be held up like a lot of pinheads.

Young Corbett gained fame and fortune in the boxing world all in one day, but he never was able to retain it for any length of time. Joe Mandot, the little French lad of Mem