

THE OPENING EVENT.

WILL BE A GREAT SEASON.

That's What O. P. Caylor Says About This Year's Baseball—A Few Words About the Prospects of Pittsburgh and Other Cities.

Great Prospects for the Inaugural Baseball Game of the Season in This City.

O'NEIL'S PLEASING FORECAST.

The Cleveland's Again Defeat the Local Team in an Interesting Contest at Atlanta.

CAYLOR'S ESTIMATE OF THE SEASON.

Fitzsimmons and Smith Fail to Make a Match—General Spring News.

Of course everybody who is a baseball admirer is waiting anxiously for Wednesday, as far as Pittsburgh is concerned. That day is the opening day of the National League season.

A day that many authorities tell us will open one of the most enthusiastic seasons in the history of the game. It is needless to say that Pittsburghers are brimful of the brightest anticipations of the season and President O'Neil and his colleagues are certain that the opening game, provided there is fine weather, will be very great indeed.

Wednesday's game, the opener, which will be between Pittsburgh and Chicago, will commence at 3:30 and it will be preceded by a grand parade of the two teams, representing the press and a few friends. The parade will start at the principal streets of the two cities and will start out at 2 o'clock in the afternoon. Everything is being done to make the affair a great success. Reserved seats will be sold to-morrow at ordinary prices and the grounds have been put into really first-class condition. The infield is all sodded close up to the grand stand and the seats generally have all been improved. The private boxes will not all be finished until the club goes East. Speaking of the matter yesterday President O'Neil said: "We expect to have one of the greatest opening days ever seen in Pittsburgh in the history of baseball. I cannot say, of course, who our best pitcher will be as that belongs entirely to Manager Hanlon. He knows what condition our pitchers are in, but he thinks we cannot fail to have a great one. He even goes further, and thinks we can win three or four games in the first week. We are content if we can only keep even for a few weeks. If we can manage to win as many games as we lose until about June, we will win the pennant, because I am certain that we will have the greatest team in the country before the season closes. As for the Cleveland team, I never underestimate them, but I am sure that they will not be better than we. "If we have nothing new about King," continued Mr. O'Neil, "there is a little hitch, but it will come out all right. I cannot explain what it is. A gentleman interested in club affairs stated that King wants some extraordinary conditions in his contract. I do not know what those conditions are, but he wants more money, which will be granted under any consideration. His desire for \$500 advance was granted, and so was his request to be exempted from the reserve rule. His last demand relates to principles that President O'Neil feels he cannot concede. But it is expected that King will be here to witness the opening game."

KNOCKED OUT AGAIN.

Looked Like a Good Game, but Still Cleveland Won It.

SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH. ATLANTA, April 18.—The Pittsburgh and Cleveland clubs played an interesting ball game here today and the latter won by a point. The Pittsburgh pitchers were hit hard, particularly the star pitcher, who was hit by a home run, the fielding on both sides was bad. The truth is neither team seemed to care much about doing their best. Score: Pittsburgh, 3; Cleveland, 4.

ASSOCIATION GAMES.

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DIDN'T MAKE A MATCH. The Smith Party and Fitzsimmons Agree to Meet in Chicago.

John Quinn, the boxer of Ed Smith, met Bob Fitzsimmons and Mr. Ross yesterday afternoon at the Seventh Avenue Hotel to try and make a match for a battle between the two pugilists referred to. Mr. Ross represented Fitzsimmons in the conversation that took place.

The meeting was the result of a guarantee on the part of Fitzsimmons to fight on Friday evening in Chicago. He was willing to fight on the middle-weight championship of the world. As soon as the parties met Mr. Ross stated that he was not in a position to do so. But he offered to pay the expenses of Mr. Fitzsimmons to Chicago and back, and would guarantee a match to be made there on Monday night. The following conditions: That Smith's fight should be on a Monday night. That Fitzsimmons should be paid \$100,000 for the fight. That Smith should be paid \$100,000 for the fight. That Smith should be paid \$100,000 for the fight.

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MAY EIGHT HALL. An exciting and noisy game of football took place at Bradlock yesterday afternoon between the Lawrenceville and Bradlock teams. The game was one of the League championship contests attended in the city.

A TIE AT BRADLOCK. The Football Game There Remarkable for Wrangling and Excited Noise.

These conditions, although extremely unfair, were agreed to by Smith's representative except that part which referred to Mr. Quinn's going to Chicago. He stated that a good representative there to meet Mr. Ross on Monday night, and that he would guarantee a match, as he was not in a position to do so. But he offered to pay the expenses of Mr. Fitzsimmons to Chicago and back, and would guarantee a match to be made there on Monday night. The following conditions: That Smith's fight should be on a Monday night. That Fitzsimmons should be paid \$100,000 for the fight. That Smith should be paid \$100,000 for the fight.

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WON BY A LAP. Nevertheless, the Judge of the Match Declines the Foot Race a Draw.

SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH. LONDON, April 18.—Frank P. Slavin and Charles Mitchell are on the Germanic sailing boat "New York" accompanied by George Langford, Moore, Mitchell's father-in-law, backer and chief adviser. It is only just to say for Slavin that the reputation he seems to have in America as a star sailor has not been earned. He is a man who talks but little of what he is going to do and generally does what he says. He is one of the best of the "pags" outside of the ring and his extraordinary, as any person will testify, who witnessed his fight with Jim Smith at the Madison Square Garden, is a man who has a purpose struck him with brass knuckles and clubs whenever he got close enough to the other man.

On the whole, it is a pretty sure thing that Slavin will be a success in the ring. He and Mitchell intend to give exhibition bouts and accept challenges. They intend to fight to a finish anywhere in the United States, and to the victor the victor will be given. Mitchell will be on the stage after his American tour, so that the present agreement is a well-known sporting man.

Slavin and Mitchell. A Few Kicks and True Words About the Australian Heavyweight.

THE DRUMMERS' CLUB will hold a meeting in the city of Pittsburgh on Monday evening, May 2. All interested are invited to attend. GEORGE ULAM, pitcher, and Ed Keating, catcher, of the Pittsburgh Pirates, will be attended by the Southwestern, Conn., club this week. The opening game between the Fayetteville, Allegheny, and Bellefonte Stars, of Bellefonte, Pa., will be played on Monday evening, May 2. The game will be played at 8 o'clock. The Fayetteville Stars will be the home team. The Bellefonte Stars will be the visiting team. The game will be played at 8 o'clock.

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