

BASEBALL RACING ATHLETICS BOXING

FAVORS LOCAL BACKING FOR NEW YORK CLUB

Johnson Willing to Have Gotham Parties Finance American League Team in That City.

Stockholders of the Old Baltimore Baseball Club to Fight National League's Rival in the Courts.

President Johnson, of the American League, is not averse to having the New York Club backed by Gothamites. He announced in Chicago yesterday that he was willing to have New York parties finance the American League Club in that city, as it has always been the policy of his organization to have local backing for a club, when it is to the advantage of the league.

"If these capitalists wish to take the franchise and carry on the undertaking along the same lines we have laid out," said Johnson, "we may be able to do business with them. Our plans in New York involve greater expense than is usually put into a baseball plant on account of our intention to get the best and to make a permanent investment of it."

"Ever since we began operations in New York we have been more embarrassed than otherwise by the number of people desirous of backing a club there. Some of them have been non-residents, others have not been acceptable to the club owners, while some of our own members have shown a disposition to want the club for themselves."

"But it has always been the American League's policy to prefer local backing whenever that seemed to promise best results for the league and for the advancement of baseball. So far the league has retained full control of the matter, just as we have in putting new clubs into other cities. It was the same in Boston and St. Louis, and in the latter city plans were well advanced before the right kind of men were found to take the franchise into their own hands."

"I see it claimed we cannot build a plant there in time to open the season unless started right away. We can commence it as late as April 1, and open the season if necessary. We did it in St. Louis when everybody said we could not, and we had to get steel there. We did not get possession of the Huntington Avenue plant in Boston until after March 1. But we had the plant ready for use, and played out the full schedule."

"Fredman and Brush have been and are working tooth and nail against us in New York, but we have been protected against them for over five months in anticipation of every possible move they could make. If it were not for the necessity of dealing with them we would have announced our plans in full weeks ago."

"I do not know what proposition this new syndicate has to make, but we already have two sites, either one of which is available. One is better than the other, and that is the one we intend to use, but we are holding the other in reserve against any emergency."

More trouble ahead! As if Fredman and Brush had not given Ban Johnson and his organization enough trouble in New York, now the Baltimore Baseball and Athletic Association stockholders will fight Ban Johnson in the courts for the Baltimore franchise. They say it was nothing short of downright robbery to transfer the franchise to New York at the end of two years, when it was awarded to Baltimore for a term of ten years.

The suit will be pressed with a view of getting a decision that the franchise has been illegally taken from that city. The receivers will ask the consent of the court to join with the stockholders. Several attorneys to whom the question has been put are of the opinion that such a decision would throw grave doubts on the title of the city to which the place formerly occupied by Baltimore in the American League will be given, and that it would be possible to press still further the suit in the city so selected.

The National Cycling Association held its annual meeting in New York yesterday. The attention of the delegates and track owners was occupied principally with motor paced racing. At a subsequent conference the track owners arranged for the championship motor paced circuit. Radical measures were adopted in reference to the pacing machines.

A meeting of the American national body and the International Cyclists' Union on February 14 was declared desirable for the purpose of framing uniform rules, in view of the constant interchange of visits between Europe and the United States. A new rule was established as a basis for foreign acquiescence.

A maximum limit for motor pacing machines of sixteen inches in width was set, exclusive of handle bars and pedals for footrests, the last named between extremities. No restriction as to the use of tandems or singles was set, though the latter will be generally used to three inches as a matter of safety. The entire rule relating to pacing machine construction will be put in force for a term of three years.

The establishment of a paced circuit was agreed to and the winner shall be recognized by the N. C. A. as the national champion. This title has not hitherto been officially bestowed in this branch of the sport. After the N. C. A.

conference the track managers met and formed the National Paced Circuit, with Col. F. R. Wendelbacher, Providence; E. F. Damon, Boston; J. E. Kennedy, New York; and Philadelphia; C. R. Klosterman, Baltimore and Washington, and the chairman of the N. C. A. board of control, as its executive committee.

February 12 is the date set for a meeting of the executive committee at Boston for the purpose of framing a schedule of races from June 1 to August 31. Twelve out of the fifteen cities will be selected: Revere Beach, Charles River, Providence, Worcester, Lowell, Springfield, New Haven, Hartford, New York, Philadelphia, Atlantic City, Baltimore, Washington, Richmond, Va., and Pittsburgh.

Racing is to be promoted at Madison Square Garden, and Jacob A. Veltz stands ready to build a coliseum at Richmond, Va.

Twelve of the leading pace followers, including two foreign cracks, and three substitutes in addition are to be signed. The schedule will give each track at least one race and each rider at least three races a week. There will be three competitors in each race and the pilots will count three, two, one. Fifteen tracks, six clubs, one promoting organization and the Professional Riders' Union were represented at the N. C. A. meeting.

Following are the officers who were elected: President, C. B. Bloemcke, Newark, N. J.; first vice president, F. R. Wendelbacher, Providence, R. I.; second vice president, P. T. Powers, Jersey City; secretary, R. A. Van Dyke, C. R. C. A., New York; board of control, A. G. Hatchelder, chairman, New York; R. F. Kelcey, Boston, Mass.; N. E. Turgeon, Buffalo, N. Y.; C. Ross Klosterman, Baltimore, Md., and Harry Hartley, Jacksonville, Fla.; special representatives (Rocky Mountain district), John M. Sharp, Salt Lake City; (Pacific Coast district), C. W. Carpenter, San Francisco; A. R. C. U., O. S. Kimble; board of appeals, Abbott Bassett, L. A. W., Boston, Mass.; M. L. Bridgman, N. Y. A. C., New York; Horace S. Fogel, Philadelphia; S. A. Miles, Chicago, and Albert Mott, Baltimore.

All tracks were warned against allowing A. A. McLean, of Boston, to participate as a promoter under penalty of forfeiture of franchise. F. L. Howe, of Boston, was suspended.

The Western Jockey Club will not follow in the footsteps of the Coney Island and Brooklyn Jockey Clubs and bar Gold Heels from the events in which he has been entered. The Westerners refuse to assume a similar attitude to the Jockey Club in not recognizing the turf firm of E. A. Arnold & Co., owners of the sun of The Bard-Heel and Toe.

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Hughey Jennings, a good judge of ball players, predicts that Soberg of Pittsburg will be one of the greatest stars in the business inside of four years.

The story sent out during the past week that Hedges of St. Louis would agree to sell Dick Padden and Jesse Burkett certainly stirred up folks down around Cincinnati, Hedges took an ax and the next train to St. Louis.

McRoy, private secretary to Ban Johnson, has been working overtime since the American president took sick.

Americus and Grant Draw at the Lyceum. The wrestling contingent witnessed two of the finest welterweights in the country do mat work at the Lyceum Theater last night, when Americus, of Baltimore, and Joe Grant, of this city, met.

Americus, who is meeting all comers this week, contracted to throw the local boy in a fifteen minute bout. He worked like a Trojan to accomplish the feat, but at the expiration of time Grant was still there. Americus was the aggressor of the better part of the match, as Grant was only there to stay. Friday night these two men will meet again under similar conditions.

Tonight Frank Lynch, who stayed eleven minutes Monday, will try for the money, and this afternoon Max Wiley, the champion lightweight of the country, will essay to stay the limit.

ALLEGED SMALLPOX CASES IN LOMBARD COLLEGE. GALESBURG, Ill., Feb. 3.—At a meeting of the faculty of Lombard College it was decided to close the school for several weeks to allay public alarm over several cases of what the board of health calls smallpox among the students.

In a public statement the faculty says that none of these cases is severe, and all are confined to two houses. BRITISH TREASURY FIGURING ON INCOME TAX REDUCTION. MANCHESTER, Feb. 4.—The treasury is making preliminary estimates for the budget on the basis of a 3 penny reduction in the income tax and the exemption from taxation of those having an income less than £250.

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION REFUSES TO CHANGE DATE

Henley Regatta to Be Rowed on July 2, as Announced.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 4.—Regardless of the arrangements for other regattas to be held on the Schuylkill, the "American Henley" will be rowed on July 2. The board of stewards of the American Rowing Association has not only refused to change the date originally set for the regatta, but has announced that no further consideration will be given to any proposition for a change of date.

This is the ultimatum of the board of stewards as promulgated in the following statement given out last evening: "It was officially announced by the board of stewards of the American regatta that the date of the regatta would remain as announced—July 2, and that nothing further would be done in regard to the matter of changing the date. The discussion in regard to a change in the date arose on account of the proximity of the People's Regatta, on July 4, and the probable selection of July 19 and 21 for the holding of the National Regatta in Philadelphia."

It was said last night that the announcement was the result of a mail vote taken since the meeting of the board in this city last Saturday. The decision will be a surprise to all men who are interested in the promotion of rowing as a sport. With Philadelphia likely to get the National Regatta on July 19 and 21, it was regarded as certain that the board of stewards would take advantage of the opportunity to add to the success of the "American Henley" by making it the leading attraction in a great rowing carnival during the week beginning July 4.

It is evident from the action taken by the stewards that they intend making their regatta as exclusive an affair as the English Henley, and will consider only the interests of the "American Henley" rather than the success of rowing in general.

As the stewards do not offer any explanation of their refusal to change the date of the regatta it may be inferred that they think none is necessary. This is only another evidence of the fact that the American Association is in the field for itself, and not for the benefit of aquatic sport in general.

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SHARKEY AND MUNROE SIGN ARTICLES

Will Meet Before Club Offering Best Inducements.

NEW YORK, Feb. 4.—Jack Munroe, whose fighting reputation hinges on the fact that he knocked down Jeffries in a sparring exhibition, and Tom Sharkey met today, and signed articles for a match before the club offering the biggest purse. After much talk each side posted \$2,500, and decided to open bids for the fight on March 3.

Sharkey said: "It's a pity to beat up such a fine young man as Munroe, but it's me who'll take the conceit out of him. Munroe will have no doctrines or anything else after I get through with him."

Munroe did not say much, but it is known that he regards Sharkey as a "has been," and thinks he is beginning at the lowest round of the ladder when he takes on the ex-saltier. Munroe will continue on the stage for several months yet before he goes in training, and the fight probably will not take place for six months.

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BOY ESTABLISHES A NEW SWIMMING RECORD

Harry Lemoyne Travels One Hundred Yards in 1:01 2-5.

BOSTON, Feb. 4.—Harry Lemoyne, the seventeen-year-old Brookline athlete, last night, at the aquatic carnival, lowered the world's indoor swimming 100-yard record from 1:05 3-5, held by E. C. Schaefer, N. Y. A. C., to 1:01 2-5. Lemoyne was strong at the finish, and says he can go faster. It occurred in the third heat of the 100-yard handicap.

The carnival was well patronized by society and consisted of relay races, water polo, and a 500-yard handicap, won by Greene, of Boston, in 7:42 1-5.

The submarine event was won by W. B. Boyce, who did 160 yards. McKenzie, N. Y. A. C., won the dive, and did remarkable work.

HERRICK'S NOSE BROKEN IN WRESTLING MATCH

Losses to "Cuban Wonder" in Two Straight Falls.

Frank Herrick and the "Cuban Wonder" engaged in one of the most groveling wrestling matches seen in New York in a long time last night. Herrick was not only thrown, but sustained a broken nose during the match. Each man scaled at 162 pounds, and was in fine fettle. The contest was of the fiercest order from start to finish. The "Cuban Wonder" won in two straight falls. He downed Herrick in 32 minutes the first time. In the second bout he pinned his opponent's shoulders to the mat, after 43 minutes of wrestling.

Both men are well known in Washington. Herrick wrestled here with Joe Grant for an hour in a bout which resulted in a draw.

Lunacy proceedings were also instituted yesterday against the following persons: William Alexander, John J. Sullivan, John Myers, Noah A. Briley, George H. Carroll, William H. Miller, Edward V. Tarman, Eliza Forrest, and Cora W. Fridley.

JUDGMENT IN SAVINGS BANK SUIT

Over a hundred suits against the Capital Savings Bank, instituted by the persons who had small deposits in that bank at the time it closed its doors, are now pending in the justices' courts. The first of these cases was heard Monday afternoon by Justice Mills, who granted a judgment for the plaintiff, H. Guess, in the sum of \$25.

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REFUSES BIG OFFER TO SELL M'CHESNEY

"Boots" Durnell Turns Down Bid of \$35,000.

NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 4.—Charles Durnell, trainer and part owner of McChesney, this morning stated positively that the horse was not for sale. Fire Brothers, a New York racing firm, who a few weeks ago made Durnell & Herz an offer for the son of MacDuff-Manola Mason yesterday renewed their offer. Fire Brothers were willing to pay \$30,000, then \$25,000, but both offers were declined. Their last proposition, which was made yesterday, was \$35,000. This was also refused.

Judging from what Durnell said today he will never part with McChesney, as it was the son of MacDuff who placed him on his feet after having become embarrassed recently. The other reasons why McChesney will not be sold is that Durnell, who was ruled off the French turf, will be reinstated this year by the French Jockey Club and granted a trainer's license. This will permit McChesney to race on the New York tracks after the Washington Park meeting. Then again MacDuff, McChesney's sire, who is a Kentucky Derby winner, has been destroyed. This adds value to McChesney for breeding purposes.

EAST HAS GOOD CHANCE TO GET GOLF MEET

Women May Play for Championship at Atlantic City.

NEW YORK, Feb. 4.—With two Chicago clubs after the women's national championship, and the Atlantic City Country Club the only applicant in the East for the event, the women are preparing a petition to present to the executive committee of the United States Golf Association asking that at the annual meeting, February 17, it be made known to the delegates that the ladies prefer an Eastern course this year. Therefore, it does not look as though there was much prospect of the event going West.

Two different Chicago clubs have put in applications for the event, and there is spirited rivalry between them. The Chicago club, with a fine eighteen-hole championship course at Wheaton, Ill., was the first in the field, and, despite the fact of a strong rival in the East in the Atlantic City Country Club, the Onawentia Club, of Lake Forest, Ill., has also made application for the event, and the two rival Chicago clubs will have their representatives at the meeting to plead their claims on the women.

AMUSEMENTS. NEW NATIONAL THEATER

Tuesday Afternoon, February 10, 1903, at 4:15 o'clock. THIRD CONCERT WASHINGTON SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA REGINALD DE KOVEN, CONDUCTOR. ASSISTED BY MME. FRITZI SCHEFF Of the Grau Opera Company, New York City. PROGRAM: I—OVERTURE, "Der Improvisator" D'Albert II—CARMEN, Recit. et Aria; "Micaela" Bizet MME. FRITZI SCHEFF. III—Symphony, Op. 90, A Major (Italian), Mendelssohn I—Allegro Vivace. II—Andante Con Moto. III—Con Moto Moderato. IV—Saitarello. IV—SONGS WITH ORCHESTRA (a)—Wiegandli Ries (b)—If No One Would Marry Me Liza Lehman MME. FRITZI SCHEFF. V—a.—VALSE (Dornroschen) Tschaiowsky b.—CORONA MARCH Tschaiowsky

The ticket sale is now in progress at the Amusement Ticket Bureau in E. F. Droop & Sons' Music House, 925 Pennsylvania Ave. Reserved Seats - - 75c, \$1.00, \$1.50 and \$2.00

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THE COURT RECORD.

Court of Appeals—Present, the Chief Justice, Mr. Justice Morris, and Mr. Justice Sheard. Seward A. Hazelton was admitted to practice.

1229—Mallory et al. vs. Frye; mandate stayed pending petition for certiorari to United States Supreme Court, on motion of John Ridout, of counsel.

1276—Lappin vs. District of Columbia; passed until March.

1278—Bohel, Gwynn, McKenney Company vs. Costello; motion to dismiss appeal submitted by H. E. Davis, in support of motion, and by Levi H. David, in opposition thereto.

1290—Thompson vs. District of Columbia; argument commenced by H. E. Davis, for plaintiff in error, and continued by E. H. Thomas, for defendant in error.

1295—Cruik vs. Owens, excurator; argued by E. H. Thomas, for appellant, and by J. P. Earnest and Chapin Brown, for appellee.

1297—Donaldson vs. Ulmfeider; motion to dismiss appeal submitted by W. H. White, in support of motion.

1298—Lesh vs. Lesh; motion to dismiss postponed until the hearing of the case on its merits.

Patent appeal No. 292.—In re application of Hermann A. Klemm; decision of Commissioner of Patents affirmed, opinion by Chief Justice Alvey.

vs. Lucas; recommended to examiner for further proof. Circuit Court No. 2.—Justice Clabaugh vs. Smith et al.; on trial.

Criminal Court No. 1.—Justice Anderson—United States vs. James Robinson, larceny from the person; verdict not guilty. United States vs. Garrett H. Jackson, larceny; on trial.

Probate Court—Justice Barnard—Estate of Hester Rich; petition for probate of will filed. Estate of George M. Jones; order of sale. Estate of William Wherry; account passed. Estate of Maria Gockeler; do. In re Earl R. Wilkerson; do. Estate of George E. Mason; order of sale. Estate of Maria J. Deveraux; proof of publication. Estate of Agnes M. Riley; order for publication. Estate of Henry Kenzla; caveat filed. Estate of William W. Galt; collector authorizing to make certain payments. Estate of Thomas Bouquillon; will partly proved. Estate of John Jacoby; administrator directed to pay claims of John Miller & Co. Estate of Arthur W. Sweeney; petition for letters of administration filed. Estate of Thomas Bouquillon; will admitted to probate and letters testamentary granted to Desire C. De Walt, bond \$10,000. In re Robert Mead et al.; petition for appointment of guardian filed. Estate of Daniel P. McCartney; will dated December 18, 1894 filed. Estate of Edw. J. Carroll; order for publication. Estate of Annie H. Doherty; sale ratified finally. Estate of Rosa M. Nourse; will dated June 4, 1886 filed. Estate of William M. Seton; order of sale. Estate of William Clippert; will partly proved. Estate of Matilda J. Wherry; proof of publication. Estate of Uriel H. Hutchins; order appointing Harry M. Packard administrator. In re Estate of F. Clark; will partly proved. Estate of Thomas Bouquillon; petition for probate of will filed. Estate of Daniel P. McCartney; petition for probate of will filed. Estate of William Clippert; will partly proved. Estate of Matilda J. Wherry; proof of publication.

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AMATEUR SPORTS. Courtney's policy at Cornell is to permit each candidate who possesses the grit to keep on rowing until he is able to determine whether or not the candidate has in him the making of an oarsman.

Thirty-five men have answered the call for candidates for the Harvard water polo, diving and swimming relay teams.

Spraker, the intercollegiate champion high jumper, and one of the mainstays of the Yale track team, has left college and is very ill with kidney complaint at his home.