

COMMENT

ALL IN READINESS FOR OPENING DAY

Benning Meeting Promises to Be Highly Successful.

BELMONT STABLE STRONG

Headed by Great Mare Beldame and Lord of the Vale—Officials and Jockeys Arrive.

In spite of the gloomy and foreboding aspect of the weather there was an air of activity at Benning this morning that betokened the opening of the racing season.

There were many visitors to the course, taking their last look at the horses in the hope of seeing or hearing something that would give a line of the events to come. There was little real work, but much useful galloping. Superintendent Strahan had his horse busy putting finishing touches on the equipment of the track. All that is needed now is sunshine to make the opening a great one.

Events All Filled.

Enough horses are on hand to fill every event programmed to the capacity of the course. The field may, however, be light in some races for the first few days, because of backward condition of some of the horses.

The handicap tomorrow should be a corking good race. The best horses that ever started in the event are carded to carry colors, and as a majority of them have been racing during the winter they are in prime condition.

The officials of the meeting are here, and will be by night. Paddock Judge Hall is here from New Orleans, and Associate Judge Joseph Murphy is due here this evening. Clarence McEwen is at his home in Baltimore, and will, as usual, make the trip daily on the Baltimore and Annapolis.

Mr. Belmont's racing president, Howard, who will preside at the stewards' stand, came over yesterday morning, and after looking the ground over expressed his belief that the meeting would be first-class in every particular.

Belmont Stable.

The sight of the colors of August Belmont, chairman of the Jockey Club, invests the meeting with much interest. Mr. Belmont's horses reached the track yesterday from Gainesville, where they had been wintered in care of Trainer John Whalen. All are two-year-olds, but one, and they were all bred at Mr. Belmont's noted nursery stud in Kentucky. They are closely related to the winners of other days, and will no doubt render a good account of themselves.

Three years ago Mr. Belmont sent a considerable sum to race here. Some of the developments of that lot were Toscan and Rosettini, both of which have had many races in their turf career. Toscan is a candidate for the handicap and one that is accorded a royal chance on a muddy track.

Since that year Mr. Belmont's stable has been on the decline until this season. He had charge of the subway construction in New York, or at least his hours were so crowded that he had no time to devote to racing. Last season he raced only three or four horses, but one of them, Lord of the Vale, made good in the Rich Saratoga Handicap and in a minor stake at Brighton. Lord of the Vale, by the way, won the Oaklawn and the Grand Consolation, the rich two-year-old feature of the Benning fall meetings. This season Mr. Belmont will have a large stable, headed by the peerless queen of the turf, Beldame. Not all of his stable is at Benning, but the performances of his youngsters here will be noted carefully.

Crowds Arriving.

The town is rapidly filling up with visitors, and when the trains from the North are in today with their loads of living freight will be filled to overflowing. John G. Cavanaugh will run a special train from New York, which will run as a section of the Congressional Limited and which will be largely patronized. The New Orleans and Hot Springs contingent of horsemen is a large one and they make no secret of the fact that they expect to get a large share of the money. It does not seem unreasonable that they may, as the horses are in good condition.

First Class Jockeys.

There will be no dearth of riders at the meeting. Already a number of prominent jockeys are on hand and others are due to arrive before the meeting begins. Burns, who did no riding during the winter, has been here some days, getting in condition. He will ride Buttons in the handicap, and will also have the mount on Oaklawn on the opening day, and any other horses that Will Shields may start for which he can do the trick.

Shaw also is here and has been hard at work. He does not fear but what he will be in condition to give a good account of himself. Redfern, and other high class jockeys will be on hand. O'Neil will come over tonight to ride Twicken in the Grand Consolation, but may not stay for the entire meeting.

TWO MEN ABSENT FROM WORK TODAY

UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA, CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va., March 22.—More cloudy weather prevails this morning, and it looks as if the showers may come any moment.

Knoll showed his versatility by gathering in a long one off of the left field fence.

Two players were absent from practice this morning, Third Baseman Hill and Shortstop Cassidy. The former has been removed to the Clermont Hotel to the university hospital. It was thought best to take him there, where it was more quiet, and where he could receive more attention. The ligaments of his knee are not healing as rapidly as could be wished, and as long as the weather is damp he will be kept indoors.

Joe Cassidy had a slight attack of lumbago last night, due to playing in the wet yesterday afternoon. Trainer Quirk applied a plaster and it is better this morning. He will be found back at work tomorrow.

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BOWLING

RATIFICATION OF ADVISORY BOARD

Georgetown Will Act on Pact With Virginia.

CHANGES IN COLLEGE LIST

Several Very Important Institutions Missing From Forty in List. Meeting Today.

Contrary to general belief the agreement for the resumption of relations entered into by the joint committee representing Virginia and Georgetown is not final.

The committee which was sent to Charlottesville by the Blue and Gray was not given absolute power to enter into a final agreement and all its actions are subject to the action of the advisory board, which is the highest athletic tribunal at Georgetown.

Advisory Board Meets.

This afternoon the Georgetown advisory board will meet at the college and the whole matter will be thoroughly discussed before the ratification of the board is given.

The most important business transacted at the Charlottesville meeting was the formation of the eligibility code, which will govern all players in the contests between the two institutions.

Objection to List.

The only objection to this code seems to be the list of colleges, as exclusively published in The Times of yesterday, which are to be considered colleges in an athletic sense. While this list contains forty of the most representative institutions in the country there are still many missing, and among the missing ones are several that will be most important in the relations between Georgetown and Virginia.

For instance, as the code at present stands a man may play five years at the Virginia Polytechnic Institute, which annually turns out football teams which compare favorably with both Georgetown and Virginia, and then enter either Virginia or Georgetown and put in a full year's making in all nine years in intercollegiate athletics.

Have Strong Teams.

This is true of not only V. P. I., but also of Virginia Military Institute, the University of Illinois, Williams, Holy Cross, Notre Dame, Clemson, Fordham, and a large number of institutions which in the athletic line, are equally as strong as either Virginia or Georgetown.

It is understood that at the meeting at Georgetown this afternoon this question will be brought up and thoroughly discussed before the advisory board will ratify the action of the committee which was sent to Charlottesville to meet the Virginia committee.

BLOOD POVERTY

The Greatest of All Afflictions, Breaks Down the Health and Invites Disease.

Blood poverty, or Anaemia, is due to a lack of health-giving properties in the blood. Instead of being rich, strong and pure, it has become infected with some poison or germ which has destroyed the rich, red corpuscles that furnish nutriment and strength to the body, and is reduced to such a weak, watery state that it is no longer able to keep the system in health or ward off the countless diseases that daily assail it.

Every part of the body is dependent on the blood for nourishment and strength, and when this vital stream of life becomes impoverished and run-down, the effect is quickly shown. The destroying of the red corpuscles takes the color and glow of health from the cheek, and we see pale, sallow faces, chalky, washed-out complexions, weak constitutions and a general broken-down condition of the health.

Blood poverty is often an inheritance, parents transmitting it to their children, and those so afflicted live a life of suffering and disease. They do not possess the natural energies that belong to their more fortunate companions who are blessed with a healthy, strong blood supply; they have weak bodies, soft, flabby muscles, brittle bones and scrofulous affections of various kinds. They are also more susceptible to Catarrh, Rheumatism and other blood troubles, because their blood does not possess the strength necessary to purge the system of the poisons and impurities which produce these diseases.

Long continued sickness is another cause of blood poverty. The blood becomes infected with the germs of disease, and when the body begins its work of recuperation, the blood, because of its impoverished condition, is unable to furnish the system with the nourishment and strength necessary, and Old Sores or Ulcers, skin diseases or some other blood disorder follows. Persons whose blood is poor and weak will find that if the trouble is not corrected there will be some serious blood disease later in life.

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RACING

Boxing and Wrestling Comment and Gossip

Jackson-O'Brien Fight Will Have Real Class. Measurements Show Gotch Smaller Than Jeffries.

Philadelphia Jack O'Brien and Young Peter Jackson, when they meet at the Fourth Regiment Armory in Baltimore on Friday night before the Eureka Athletic Club for ten rounds, should furnish a fight with more class than any other that has been pulled off in the Monumental City this season.

This scrap should be fast and furious if the men go at their work in the way in which they are capable. Each has an abundance of speed, O'Brien is one of the cleverest boxers in the world, and Jackson is a boxer of far more than ordinary ability. O'Brien not only has speed, but he can hit. Should he knock out Jackson he will accomplish a feat which will give good grounds for believing that in all around ability he is the king pin among the middleweights. The negro is remarkably hard to put away and can stand punishment that would kill the ordinary man. Joe Walcott hammered him in Baltimore on Thanksgiving night, 1902, until it seemed that flesh and blood could stand the strain no longer.

In the last five rounds Walcott literally made a punching bag of Jackson, raining blows on his sides and kidneys—and Walcott has a terrific short arm blow—but at the end of the twenty rounds the Baltimore negro still had a chance. Jackson can hit as hard as ever he had a chance. Jackson can hit like the kick of a mule, as O'Brien will testify, for Jackson has knocked him out, and if he still has the wallop he had before going to England O'Brien should carry many bruises back to Quakertown. In the one fight he has had since his return from cleaning up the Britishers Jackson did not appear to be in condition, and from the way in which he handled himself seemed to have trouble with his hands. Should his dukes be all right on Friday it will be a hard fight to pick.

The remarkable death of heavy-weight fighting material in this country is still causing the talk about a match between Frank Gotch, the great wrestler, and Jim Jeffries, to be considered more or less seriously. Gotch is due in town this afternoon for his match tonight with Americus at the Washington Light Infantry Armory. He sticks to the assertion he made when he was here to wrestle Joe Grant, that he was serious in his intentions to devote some of his time to boxing under a capable teacher and find out just how good he is.

Size does not mean everything in fighting—in fact, not as much as in wrestling—but it is a big help, and in measurements Jeffries has it on Gotch.

as will be seen from the following comparison: Jeffries. Gotch. Age.....27 25 1/2 inches.....Height.....5 ft. 11 1/2 inches 5 ft. 7 inches.....Reach.....74 inches 71 inches.....Weight.....155 135 4 1/2 inches.....Chest.....42 1/2 inches 42 inches.....Neck.....18 inches 17 1/2 inches.....Waist.....34 inches 34 inches

Jeffries has it on the wrestler by two inches in height and by twenty-two pounds. His reach is longer by 3 1/2 inches, which is not to be despised. They have the same waist measurement, but the mat game has developed Gotch's neck until it is half an inch larger than that of the boxing champion. The only other point where Gotch beats Jeffries is in age, and there he has the advantage of being two years younger, certainly not enough to amount to anything.

One thing in Gotch's favor is that he has been working at his specialty right along and has always been in condition, while Jeff has not had a fight for many months, and he trains it gross from the inactivity and lack of systematic training. The fighting champion has that the flesh and blood could stand the strain no longer.

The fight that is to be fought between Billy Jackson and Burt Clark, who was so rudely interrupted on the road the other night after it had gone six and one-half rounds, is still in the air. The men are breathing all sorts of fire and brimstone at each other, and each is anxious to have it out. Plans are on foot now to host it strictly in private before a select crowd of some score of sports who are willing to pay a good price to see the scrap, and it should be well worth the money.

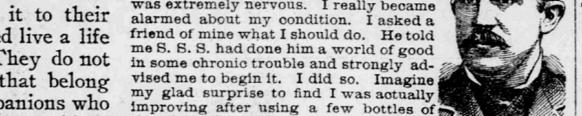
Clark's friends were more than pleased at the showing he made, and it is certain that if any more 10 to 4 money is offered on Peyton it will be grabbed up in a hurry. The cleverness of an improvement Clark showed in blocking was especially noticeable. Peyton has said to a number of persons that he was not shaming when he seemed in difficulty in the fifth and sixth rounds, but that he was really weaker by the terrific wallop he received in the side, followed by the bang on the neck that knocked him down.

Kid Sullivan has at last been matched with Young Corbett, and will have a real fight. Because Corbett was beaten by Battling Nelson he is by no means a dead one, but is still one of the most dangerous men in the lightweight class. The fact that he stayed nine and one-half rounds with the Dane proved especially noticeable. Peyton has said that he is still some pumpkins, for there are not many fighters who could have gone that far.

Sullivan shows some improvement in his work, but hardly as much as was expected when he went under the Herford wing, and if Corbett prepares at all to fight him the chances are the Washington scrapper will be beat up some considerable.

Gentlemen:—For several years I was a sick man. Just what was the matter I do not know, but I do know I was indeed a sick man and could get nothing that would bring me out. Last winter my trouble was at its worst. I was unable to work for several months, lost in flesh, had no ambition or energy whatever, and was extremely nervous. I really became alarmed about my condition. I asked a friend of mine what I should do. He told me S. S. S. had done him a world of good in some chronic troubles, and strongly advised me to begin it. I did so, and my glad surprise to find I was actually improving after using a few bottles of the medicine. Of course I continued with the medicine, with the result that it put me on my feet again and made me a well man. My blood had gotten very poor and weak, and I would have broken down and lost my health entirely had I not taken S. S. S.

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ATHLETICS

NEW WORLD RECORD IN DUCKPIN GAME

Charles L. Hutchinson Rolled 389 in Three Frames.

BEST PREVIOUS MARK 354

Washington Man Did Remarkable Work With Little Pins—W. T. Knight His Opponent.

The world's record in duckpins for three consecutive games was broken by Charles L. Hutchinson, of this city, last night.

This record-breaking feat happened at the Palace bowling alleys annex, in a match between Mr. Hutchinson and William T. Knight. The game was played with the regulation balls and pins, and was under the supervision of Mr. Strauss, manager of the Annex alleys.

The best previous score or record, so far as known, was made by W. G. Vickers, of Providence, R. I., in 1904, it being 351. Mr. Hutchinson's score was 389, thirty-five more than the previous record.

The score stood 116 in the first game, 149 in the second, and 133 in the third. Mr. Hutchinson is a clerk at the Raleigh Hotel. He belongs to the Eureka Bowling Club, which has been playing for some time a series of games with the Washington Post team.

JIMMY BRITT WANTED TO HAVE BOUT FIXED

SAN FRANCISCO, March 22.—Billy Nolan, manager of Battling Nelson, has made a statement that the Britt-Nelson match fell through because Nelson would not agree to fix the fight for Britt to win.

"It is not the bonus that is standing in the way of the Nelson-Britt fight," said Nolan, "but it is for no other reason than that the battling Dane declines to lay down to Britt. Before the forfeits were posted, and prior to the terms of the agreement being talked over, Willie Britt came to me and said: 'You know, Billy, this match will have to be fixed up for us before we sign any articles. Jimmy can't afford to take any chances, and Nelson will have to agree to quit or else there will not be any fight as far as the Britts are concerned.'"

"This line of talk staggered me and I told Willie that there would be no such arrangement entered into so long as I managed Nelson, and if Britt wanted to fight Nelson he would have to go in and win or lose on his merits. As soon as the Britts saw that they could not induce us to cook the fight tip so that no 'Britt gray' would be spilled they refused to post their forfeits and the international match with Jabez White began to assume a business-like look."

TOM ROLAND.

SPORTING COMMENT.

BASEBALL

Charley Moran, the former Senatorial shortstop, joined the St. Louis Americans at Dallas, Tex., on Sunday.

Doc Orbin, a former Pennsylvania baseball captain, has signed with the McKeesport team for this season. During Easter week he will go to Philadelphia to help whip the Quaker team into condition.

Gladfelter, last year's Pennsylvania first baseman, has signed to coach the Washington and Jefferson squad this spring.

Bill Clarke has been in town for several days trying to convince President Noyes that the local club should give him his release. Bill says he wants to manage a minor league team, which has made him an offer, but the Senatorial president wants to know what club it is, so it can be made to cough up a few dollars for the boy with the deep voice.

Captain Coughlin, of Detroit, is giving Sam Crawford a try out at first base on the Tigers.

McGraw says he has no faith in the spit ball. He says: "All the old pitchers will tell you this, and all this talk about raised balls, stop balls and a double curved ball is manufactured for the benefit of the easily beguiled public." What say you to this statement, Dineen and Ciesbro?

"Stop" ball, "fade" ball, "spit" ball, "whirligig" ball, "snake" ball—yet it's the same old ball and as good for home runs as it was ten years ago—New York Telegram.

Joe Kelly has shown up so well at first base during the early training in the South, that he will hold down the position for Cincinnati during the regular season.

Hope Ferris has put up the sum of \$50 with the Boston Americans who he will forfeit if he is caught smoking a cigarette before June 1.

The first player to receive his "you may go" this season was Pitcher Metcalf, who was released by the New York Americans because he was indifferent and lacked ambition.

Outfielder Charley Jones says the Washington club has offered him less money than he has been receiving in a minor league; hence he refuses to sign. The Philadelphia Press, "Punny," isn't it when Jones has been training with Washington for ten days.

MISCELLANEOUS

The Memphis track officials have followed the lead of the Benning people, and have announced that in the future no grandstand commissioners will be allowed to operate at the Tennessee track.

Auto makers are enjoying a most successful season this year in Pennsylvania. From the first of the year up to March 1, 15,574 licenses have been issued in the Keystone State.

Much credit for bringing the national regatta to Baltimore goes to Claude R. Zappone, of this city, who is Southern delegate on the executive committee of the National Association of Amateur Oarsmen. Mr. Zappone worked for months in the interests of the Monumental City, and the Baltimoreans are free in giving Mr. Zappone most praise for the coup.

Arthur F. Duffey, the former Georgetown sprinter, has at last struck his goal and he is showing up most of the Australian sprinters.

S. P. Johnson, one of the greatest chess authorities in America, and who held several championships, died in Chicago the other day of diabetes.

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