SPORTS OF THE BASEBALL DIAMOND AND THE PRIZERING

BRITT AGREES TO FIGHT GANS FOR HIS TITLE

Clever Californian Boxer Yields to Public Opinion and Wipes Out Color Line

Yosemite Athletic Club Has Fitzgerald Matched With the Man From Baltimore

JIMMY BRITT has withdrawn his objections to fighting Joe Gans of Baltimore, the colored boxer, who holds the title to the lightweight boxing championship of the world.

Willie Britt, who manages the business affairs of his brother, made the announcement last night. He has wisely noted the trend of public opinion and has come out boldly and thrown down the gauntlet to the best boxer in the world in his class.

"My brother will fight Gans at the lightweight limit, 133 pounds at the ringside, for the championship whenever he cares to enter the ring. We have drawn the color line in the past and we would continue to do so if this man did not bar the way to the championship."

Before Britt could announce his change of attitude regarding Gans, the Yosemite Athletic Club officials matched Gans and Fitzgerald to fight twenty rounds in this city on Friday, the 29th inst. The articles were drawn up and signed here by Harry Weeden, who represents Fitzgerald, and by the club officials. They were then mailed to Al Hereford, Gans' manager. The details of the match were arranged by wire. The men agree to weigh 133 pounds at 3 o'clock on the day of the fight.

What effect, if any, Britt's manly stand will have on this arrangement remains to be seen. Britt made the mistake of drawing the color line too strongly originally and has found it embarrassing to recede from his position. Had he defeated Fitzgerald inside of five rounds he could continue to maintain his stand, but the margin was so close that he could not dictate the conditions under which he would fight.

Jim Corbett is due here next Friday night and will commence a two weeks' engagement at the Orpheum on the following Sunday afternoon. He will then settle down quietly in training quarters and will condition himself gradually for his fight with Jeffries. It is possible he may secure a cottage near Croll's Gardens, in which he will reside during his training.

Racing at the Butchers' Picnic.

Harry Corbett was the successful bidder for the pool selling privileges at the butchers' picnic. It is the intention to put on five running races with good purses in addition to the usual novelty races on the programme at this meeting.

Quintessence Wins a Rich Stake.

LONDON, May 1.—Quintessence won the 1000 guinea stake at the Newmarket first spring meeting to-day. Sunrise was second and Skyscraper third. Twelve horses ran.

COURT OF APPEALS WILL BE OPEN NEXT WEEK

Important Idaho and Alaska Mining Cases to Be Argued During the Session

The May session of the United States Circuit Court of Appeals will begin next Monday. United States Circuit Judges Gilbert, Ross and Morrow and United States District Judge Hawley will sit throughout the month. Among the many important cases on the calendar is the famous "Stemwinder" mining case from the District of Idaho, which involves one of the most valuable mining properties in the United States. Several important cases will be heard from the Territories of Hawaii and Alaska, as well as from the various States comprising the Ninth Circuit.

United States Senator W. B. Heyburn and many prominent lawyers of the Pacific Coast will be present during the session. Opinions will be handed down in a large number of cases which were submitted during the February session. Great interest is taken in the meetings of the Circuit Court of Appeals, in view of the fact that by the act creating the court it is in effect in the majority of cases the Supreme Court of the United States for the Pacific Coast States and Territories.

OFFICERS AND CREW OF U. S. S. MARION RECEIVE

Annual Reception and Ball Is Given in Celebration of Dewey Day.

The annual reception and ball given by the Naval Militia of California, in celebration of Dewey day, was held last evening on board the United States steamer Marion. The famous old ship was beautifully decorated with flags and greens. Artistically hung from every available point throughout the ship were numerous Japanese lanterns lighted by electricity, which swung gracefully with the motion of the dancers.

The scene was most unique. Jackies with their sweethearts mingled with their officers, who were decked in full regalia. More than 500 couples took part in the grand march, which extended in a large circle about the deck of the ship, which, spink and span, rang with the music and joyous laughter of the happy guests.

The guests of Captain Commander Thomas A. Nerney and his wife were: Mayor Schmitz and Mrs. Schmitz, Mr. and Mrs. Roncoveri, Commander George Bauer and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Lilienthall, Lieutenant T. S. Harbe, Mrs. Venvorst, Lieutenant Hemp, Miss Tanforan, Chief Engineer Kingsland and the officers from Mare Island and the training ship Pensacola.

To-Day's News Letter.

No other San Francisco paper ever contained such an attack as is made in the Looker On department of to-day's San Francisco News Letter upon an aspirant for the Presidential candidacy. It does not mince words, but in bold, vigorous, truthful language lays bare a black and revolting record. It is the most classic "scorch" ever penned, and the chances are that by to-night News Letters will be hard to find. Other good things are not neglected. Clever comment is made on the Crocker family row. Secrets of the Episcopal Convention are told. David E. Gordon contributes another paper on pioneer country journalism. An amusing account is given of an investigation held by city officials. Finance, insurance, automobiling, drama, literature, politics, society are treated in the News Letter's incomparable manner. It is the brightest, snappiest weekly in the West.

Burned by Boiling Asphaltum.

James Herbert, residing at 1212 Washington avenue, a workman employed by John McDonald, the city contractor, while attending to a kettle of boiling asphaltum at Seventh avenue and I street, Sunset district, was severely burnt about the hands and face yesterday afternoon. It was Herbert's duty to look after the kettles in which the asphaltum is dissolved prior to being spread on the street. While so doing he opened the door of the furnace, when an explosion took place, sending a quantity of the melted material all over him. His injuries, which are painful, were dressed by Dr. Maher at the Park Emergency Hospital.

SAN FRANCISCO COUNTY CRICKET TEAM ON FIELD

First Match of New Local Club Will Be Played To-Morrow Against Pacific

Wearers of Black and Red Look Forward to a Hard Game on Alameda Ground

SAN FRANCISCO County will make its debut on the cricket field to-morrow at Webster street, Alameda. Herold B. Richardson will captain the team, which will be chosen from the following: B. Kortlang, E. G. Sloman, E. J. Stratton, P. G. Cox, R. A. Hooker, V. S. Showell, E. Petersen, Henry Roberts, E. H. Cookson, T. J. A. Tiedemann, P. Johns, A. D. Reynolds and J. Lewis. This is a most formidable team, being strong in all departments of the game. It is possible Arthur Dickerson, one of the best wicket-keepers that has ever been resident on the Pacific Coast, will be included in the team.

The Pacific Club will put a stronger team into the field than that which represented it last Sunday in the opening match of the season against the Alameda eleven. The eleven representatives of the scarlet and black will be H. C. Casidy, captain; John Myers, A. W. Wilding, H. G. Macartney, F. Bennion, W. Petherick, Dr. O. Taylor, E. T. Langdale, J. J. Theobald, E. H. M. Lannowe and W. Jamieson. John Myers will keep wickets and with F. Bennion and E. T. Langdale will add to the batting strength of the team.

The Pacific eleven lost the first match of the year last Sunday largely through poor fielding. F. Stahl, who scored 39 runs for Alameda, should have been caught behind the wickets when he had made half a dozen runs. Besides this, while the Alameda batsman secured all the runs possible, the Pacific batsmen failed to obtain several runs that might have been made with a little more activity between the wickets. The winners of last season's pennant will have hard work to retain the premier position this year.

HILDRETH'S FAVONIUS A WINNER AT WORTH

Beats Mimo and Dan McKenna at Seven Furlongs—Results on Other Tracks.

ST. LOUIS, May 1.—Kinloch Park closed its spring meeting to-day. Results:

First race, five and a half furlongs—Mike Strauss won, Chorus Boy second, Parnassus third. Time, 1:08.

Second race, five and a half furlongs—Hideaway won, Loca second, Silver Fringe third. Time, 1:08.

Third race, six furlongs—Malster won, Father Wentker second, Bridge third. Time, 1:14½.

Fourth race, two miles—Compass won, Charles D second, Bank Street third. Time, 3:34.

Fifth race, one mile and twenty yards—Boaster won, Albert F. Dewey second, Chamblee third. Time, 1:42½.

Sixth race, one mile and a sixteenth, hurdles, gentlemen riders—Mrs. Grahman won, Itacatira second, Helen Paxton third. Time, 1:55.

CHICAGO, May 1.—Worth results:

First race, four and a half furlongs—Milkirk won, Trapsetter second, Jim Ferrin third. Time, :56 3-5.

Second race, five and a half furlongs—Harvester won, Howendobler second, Mauiano third. Time, 1:09 3-5.

Third race, one mile—Cornhall won, Moroni second, Pyrrho third. Time, 1:43 2-5.

Fourth race, seven furlongs—Favonius won, Mimo second, Dan McKenna third. Time, 1:29 3-5.

Fifth race, five and a half furlongs—Joe Martin won, Miss Hume second, Fake third. Time, 1:08 4-5.

Sixth race, four furlongs—Lady Free Knight won, Maggie Leeber second, Chartan third. Time, :49½.

NEW YORK, May 1.—Jamaica results:

First race, five furlongs—Silent Water won, Moorhen second, Eletea third. Time, 1:02.

Second race, handicap, six furlongs—Sacchrameter won, Fufuria second, Illyria third. Time, 1:14 3-5.

Third race, the New Town Stakes, selling, six furlongs—Cameron won, Demurrer second, Ascension third. Time, 1:13 4-5.

Fourth race, four and a half furlongs—Contentious won, Model second, Bullam third. Time, :55.

Fifth race, one mile and seventy yards—King Raine won, Erpest Parham second, Barbara Frietchie third. Time, 1:47.

Sixth race, six furlongs—The Guardsman won, Black Hussar second, Mort Mullen third. Time, 1:15.

NASHVILLE, Tenn., May 1.—Cumberland Park summary:

First race, one mile—The Wizard won, Kim second, Postman third. Time, 1:44¼.

Second race, four and a half furlongs—Birdpond won, Katie Powers second, Anglee third. Time, :55½.

Third race, six and a half furlongs—Charley Thompson won, Grand Marias second, Bummer II third. Time, 1:21.

Fourth race, one mile and a sixteenth, selling—Discus won, Planeur second, Handcuff third. Time, 1:49¾.

Fifth race, five and a half furlongs—Governor Sayers won, The Goldep Prince second, Kentucky Fox third. Time, 1:08½.

Sixth race, five and a half furlongs, selling—Vogue won, Khaki second, Little Duchess third. Time, 1:08.

WOODLAND HORSEMEN FORM DRIVING CLUB

Will Promote Three Days' Racing for Various Classes of Horses Next Week.

WOODLAND, May 1.—The preliminary steps for the organization of a driving association have been taken. It is proposed to hold three days' racing on the 7th, 8th and 9th inst. There will be running, trotting, pacing, steeplechasing, hurdle and bicycle racing. A committee consisting of Walter Mastin, T. S. Spaulding and T. P. Schwartz has taken the matter in charge. The races will be programmed for Yolo, Sacramento and Solano horses.

Sacramento Athletes Are Victors.

WOODLAND, May 1.—The Sacramento Valley Interscholastic Athletic League held a field day here to-day. Teams representing Chico, Marysville, Sacramento, Auburn, Dixon and Woodland contested. Two special trains brought excursionists from various points. The attendance was 1500. Sacramento was first in five events, second in two and third in two. Woodland first in two, second in four and third in six events. Marysville first in three, second in one and third in one. The final score was: Sacramento 33, Woodland 28, Marysville 22, Dixon 9, Auburn 6 and Chico 1. Woods for Sacramento scored 15 points. Gregg for Woodland 13 and Kelly for Marysville 13. This evening the Woodland High School pupils are entertaining the visitors at a reception and ball. A number of medals were awarded. The excursion trains left for Sacramento and Marysville at midnight.

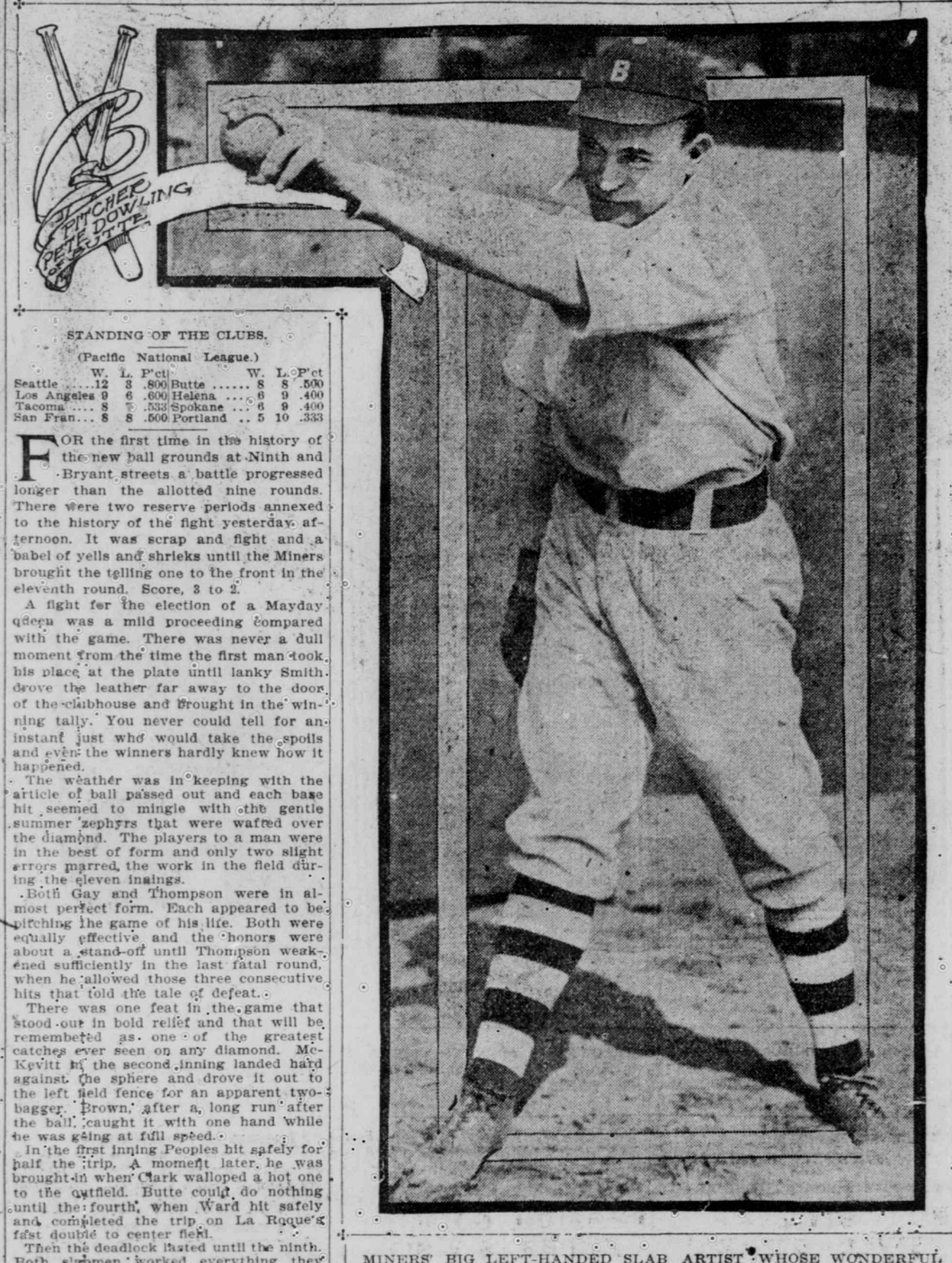
ANNOUNCEMENT.

OUT MAY 3, 1903.

THE ROOSEVELT ART SUPPLEMENT ADVERTISED TO BE ISSUED ON MAY 10, 1903, WILL BE ISSUED NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 3.

MINERS WIN GREAT BATTLE; SENATORS TRIUMPH AGAIN

Eleven Innings of Exciting Ball, Replete With Startling Plays and Long Drives, Marks the Long Contest at National Park. Hogan's Muff of a Fly Saves Oakland From Coat of Whitewash



MINERS' BIG LEFT-HANDED SLAB ARTIST WHOSE WONDERFUL WORK IN THE BOX HAS LANDED MANY GAMES FOR HIS TEAM SINCE THE SEASON OPENED.

STANDING OF THE CLUBS.

(Pacific National League.)

	W.	L.	P'ct		W.	L.	P'ct
Seattle	12	3	.800	Butte	8	8	.500
Los Angeles	9	6	.600	Helena	6	9	.400
Tacoma	8	7	.533	Spokane	6	9	.400
San Fran.	8	8	.500	Portland	5	10	.333

FOR the first time in the history of the new ball grounds at Ninth and Bryant streets a battle progressed longer than the allotted nine rounds. There were two reserve periods annexed to the history of the fight yesterday afternoon. It was scrap and fight and a babel of yells and shrieks until the Miners brought the telling one to the front in the eleventh round. Score, 3 to 2.

A fight for the election of a Mayday queen was a mild proceeding compared with the game. There was never a dull moment from the time the first man took his place at the plate until lanky Smith drove the leather far away to the door of the clubhouse and brought in the winning tally. You never could tell for an instant just who would take the spoils and even the winners hardly knew how it happened.

The weather was in keeping with the article of ball passed out and each base hit seemed to mingle with the gentle summer zephyrs that were wafted over the diamond. The players to a man were in the best of form and only two slight errors marred the work in the field during the eleven innings.

Both Gay and Thompson were in almost perfect form. Each appeared to be pitching the game of his life. Both were equally effective and the honors were about a stand-off until Thompson weakened sufficiently in the last fatal round, when he allowed those three consecutive hits that told the tale of defeat.

There was one feat in the game that stood out in bold relief and that will be remembered as one of the greatest catches ever seen on any diamond. McKevitt in the second inning landed hard against the sphere and drove it out to the left field fence for an apparent two-bagger. Brown, after a long run after the ball, caught it with one hand while he was going at full speed.

In the first inning Peoples hit safely for half the trip. A moment later he was brought in when Clark walloped a hot one to the outfield. Butte could do nothing until the fourth, when Ward hit safely and completed the trip on La Roque's fast double to center field.

Then the deadlock lasted until the ninth. Both slabmen worked everything they had and kept the batters in a quandary. Whenever any one would get on the bases fast fielding prevented a score. In the ninth, with two out, Clark sent the ball far away out to Ninth street over the center field fence for a homer.

It seemed the fun was at an end, but not so. La Roque, the first man up for the Miners, rapped out a triple to the clubhouse and a long fly from the bat of McKevitt brought him to the front and tied up the result again.

The tenth inning brought nothing and in the eleventh Helena was again blanked. Piggy Ward opened the Miners' half of the eleventh by drawing a pass. La Roque hit an easy pop to Peoples, who, in his anxiety to complete a double play, muffed the ball. This forced Piggy at second. McKevitt sent La Roque around to second on a hit to the fence and a moment later Smith let drive one to the clubhouse, and the game was but a memory, with one man out. The score:

Helena—	R.	H.	P.	A.	E.	Butte—	R.	H.	P.	A.	E.
How, 3b.	0	0	1	3	0	Mult, 1f	0	0	0	0	0
Pee's, 2b	1	1	4	2	0	Kane, 3b	0	0	2	2	0
Cle, 1b.	1	2	9	2	0	P Wd, 2b	1	1	3	2	1
Fra'y, rf	0	2	3	0	0	La R, 1b	2	3	21	0	0
Fin'y, cf	0	2	2	0	1	McK, rf	0	1	0	2	0
Car'ch, c	0	0	7	1	0	Smth, c.	0	2	2	0	0
Graw'n, 1f	0	0	4	0	0	Brock, s	0	0	2	4	0
Bras'n, s	0	2	0	2	0	McG, cf	0	0	2	0	0
Tho'n, p	0	1	1	1	0	Gay, p.	0	2	1	5	0
Totals.	3	10	31	11	1	Totals.	3	9	33	15	1

*One out when winning run was scored.

RUNS AND HITS BY INNINGS.

Helena	1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 0 0—2	
Base hits	3 1 0 0 1 1 1 0 1 1 1—10	
Butte	0 0 0 1 0 0 0 0 1 0 1—3	
Base hits	0 0 0 2 1 1 1 0 1 1 2—9	

SUMMARY.

Stolen bases—Flannery, Brasino. Home run—Clark. Three-base hit—La Roque. Two-base hits—Peoples, Frary, La Roque and Smith. Sacrific hit—Brockhoff. First base on called balls—Off Thompson 2, off Gay 4. Left on bases—Helena 10, Butte 7. Struck out—By Thompson 8, by Gay 2. Hit by pitcher—Howlett. Double plays—La Roque (unassisted), Gay to La Roque, Gay to Brockhoff to La Roque. Time of game—1:45. Umpire—Houston.

STRICKLETT IN FORM.

His Pitching Proves Too Much for McCloskey's Men.

LOS ANGELES, May 1.—Stricklett's pitching was too much for the McCloskeyites to-day and Reilly's men won out in a good game. Score—Los Angeles 4, San Francisco 1. San Francisco's only run was made in the first inning on singles by Houtz and Perham and Hollingsworth's error. Los Angeles scored one in the third, one in the fifth and two in the eighth. The last two resulted from a single by Stricklett and a home run by Gannon. Score:

		R.	H.	E.
Los Angeles	0 0 1 0 1 0 0 2 0	4	8	1
San Francisco	1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0	1	7	1

Batteries—Stricklett and Hansen; Pfeister and Zearfoss. Umpire—Warner.

TACOMA, May 1.—To-day's game was a pitchers' battle in which the little Tiger southpaw, who has yet to see his eighteenth birthday, had all the best of it and was wholly invincible. Score:

		R.	H.	E.
Spokane	0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 2	0—2	5	0
Tacoma	0 0 1 0 0 0 0 0 2	x—3	6	0

Batteries—Carney and Zaluskey; Baker and Byers. Umpire—Colgan.

SEATTLE, May 1.—Tredway and his big bat broke up the party again to-day, clubbing the ball so hard that he drove in four of the five runs. The game was snappy, Portland maintaining a lead until the sixth, when the locals tied the score. Portland got the lead again in the seventh and then Tredway clinched the game with a terrific drive. Score:

		R.	H.	E.
Seattle	0 0 0 0 0 3 0 0 2	5	7	2
Portland	0 2 0 1 0 0 1 0 0	4	9	3

Batteries—Buechle and Stanley; Quick and Anderson.

EXCURSION.

Russian River Redwoods.

On Sunday next at 8 a. m., via Sausalito Ferry, North Shore Railroad, sale of lots at beautiful Mesa Grande Park for cottage building and camps. $2 round trip. Particulars at 626 Market st.

STANDING OF THE CLUBS.

(Pacific Coast League.)

	W.	L.	P'ct		W.	L.	P'ct
Los Angeles	22	6	.786	Seattle	12	16	.429
Sacramento	17	11	.607	Oakland	12	20	.375
San Fran.	17	13	.567	Portland	6	20	.231

CAPTAIN DEVEREAUX of the Oakland team was an unwilling spectator of yesterday's game at Recreation Park. He had donned his uniform and was prepared to take part in the fray of the afternoon when he was served with a temporary injunction issued by Superior Judge Melvin of Oakland at the instance of the Helena National Club. It is alleged Devereaux signed with Helena last winter.

With the regular third baseman away from his corner and Baxter again on the injured list, Oakland was considerably weakened and the Senators won easily, though not by a large margin. On ten hits in eight innings the semi-locals were enabled to get but a single runner around the circuit, their safe sticking coming inopportunely and being lacking when needed. Young Brown, the up-country pitcher, was to a certain extent responsible for the dearth of tallies on the Oakland end and but for an unlooked for muff by Hogan in the eighth would have shut out the Lohman bunch.

There was an opening for a pretty triple play in Oakland's half of the first, when two batters had safely made the initial and second bags. Brashear attempting to sacrifice, popped up an easy fly to Casey, who instantly doubled up the runner at first. O'Hara had gone up toward third and had Townsend's throw down been good the side would have been retired.

Some good bits of clever fielding aroused the spectators, McLaughlin's circus catch of a long fly being the pretiest play of the contest.

In the second Townsend singled, went to third on Hogan's sacrifice and Casey's out and scored on Sheehan's safe one. In the fourth Eagan and Townsend each gauged Graham for a cushion. Hogan hit to O'Hara at third and the fielder, seeking to retire Townsend, threw to second, but the base was not properly protected. The ball went down to the fence and both runners came in. In the fifth Doyle was hit by a pitched ball and finished on McLaughlin's hit to center field.

Oakland's lone tally was brought about by Graham's single, O'Hara's sacrifice, Brashear's hit and Hogan's muff of Murdock's fly. The score:

Oakland—	R.	H.	P.	A.	E.	Sacramento—	R.	H.	P.	A.	E.
O'Har, 3b.	0	3	3	0	1	Doyle, cf.	1	0	0	0	0
Lohmn c.	0	2	3	2	0	McLin, lf.	0	1	4	0	0
Brshr, 1b.	0	1	11	0	0	Eagan, s.	1	2	3	4	0
Mdck, rf.	0	0	0	2	0	Tnsd, 1b.	1	2	11	2	0
Jhnsn, 2b.	0	0	1	8	0	Hogan, rf.	1	1	0	1	1
Krger, lf.	0	1	4	0	0	Casey, 2b.	0	0	2	4	0
Fillmn, s.	0	1	4	0	1	Shehn, 3b.	0	1	1	3	0
Gortn, cf.	0	0	1	0	0	C. Ghm, c.	0	0	6	4	0
O. Ghm, p.	1	2	0	2	0	Brown, p.	0	0	0	0	0
Totals.	1	10	27	14	2	Totals.	4	7	27	18	1

RUNS AND HITS BY INNINGS.

Sacramento	0 1 0 2 1 0 0 0 0—4
Base hits	0 2 0 2 1 1 0 1 0—7
Oakland	0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 1—1
Base hits	2 0 2 1 2 0 1 2 0—10

SUMMARY.

Stolen base—Casey. Two-base hits—McLaughlin, Eagan. Sacrifice hits—Hogan 2, Fillman, O'Hara. First base on errors—Oakland 1, Sacramento 1. First base on called balls—Off Graham 1, off Brown 3. Left on bases—Oakland 8, Sacramento 4. Struck out—By Graham 3, by Brown 4. Hit by pitcher—Doyle. Double plays—Casey to Townsend; Townsend to Casey; O'Hara (unassisted). Time of game—1 hour and 40 minutes. Umpire—Levy.

SEATTLE IS VICTORIOUS.

Beats San Francisco by Superior Hitting in the First Inning.

SEATTLE, May 1.—Seattle won the third game in the Pacific Coast League series here to-day by good hitting in the first inning. Score:

		R.	H.	E.
Seattle	2 0 1 0 0 0 0 0 0	3	6	3
San Francisco	0 1 0 0 0 0 1 0 0	2	6	2

Batteries—Smith and Wilson; Hodson and Leahy. Umpire—McDonald.

PORTLAND, May 1.—Shields pitched gilt-edged ball to-day, but costly errors by the Browns gave the Angels a victory after eleven innings. Shields kept his hits well scattered and struck out nine men. Score:

		R.	H.	E.
Los Angeles	0 0 0 1 0 2 0 0 0 0 1	4	6	1
Portland	0 0 0 0 2 1 0 0 0 0 0	3	7	6

Batteries—Gray and Spies; Shields and Van Buren. Umpire O'Connell.

FRACTURED SKULL MAY HAVE CAUSED DEATH

George Lang Dies After Being Released From Hospital as Drunk.

Upon the post-mortem examination to be performed to-day by Autopsy Surgeon Bacigalupi will depend the final solution of the question of whether or not George Lang was allowed to suffer for nine hours in a cell of the City Hall prison with a fractured skull, after having passed under the eyes of Dr. W. P. Harvey, surgeon at the Central Emergency Hospital. He was incarcerated from 6:45 o'clock Wednesday night to 3:55 a. m. Thursday, booked as a common drunk, and at 11:45 yesterday morning he died at the City and County Hospital, after evincing every symptom of a fractured skull.

Lang fell off a northbound car on Pine street, near Hyde, at 6 o'clock Wednesday evening, while in a drunken condition. He was carried to the Emergency Hospital, and after being treated there for ten minutes it was decided that the jail was the proper place, and the supposed drunk was locked up by Officer A. M. Smith. But Officer J. M. Dwyer, on his morning rounds, found Lang unconscious and bleeding from the ears. He was taken back to the Emergency Hospital and thence to the City and County Hospital at 6:30 o'clock Thursday night. He died yesterday without gaining consciousness.

Dr. Harvey, the physician who attended Lang at the Emergency Hospital, says: "I do not believe that this fellow died of a fractured skull. When he was first brought in to us he had nothing worse than an aggravated jag. None of the symptoms shown were those of a fractured skull or I certainly would have held him."

Baseball at Presidio Grounds.

A baseball nine from St. Ignatius College will play a nine from Sacred Heart College this afternoon at the Presidio Athletic Grounds. The game will be called at 2:30 p. m. The teams will be made up as follows:

St. Ignatius—V. White, R. Flanagan, Mangan, Ryan (captain), Haynes, Nealon, Herrernan, Whelan, L. Flanagan.

Sacred Heart—Burke, Bohn, Brady, O'Connor, Domergue, Rippon, Watson, Conway, Keene.

In the Warsaw jail is a wholesale bigamist named Vladimir Litwinecki, who is known to have gone through the marriage ceremony with seventeen women, all of whom are alive.

MISS BEYFUSS' INJURED ANKLE ENDS CONTEST

Sprain Is Sustained in a Match Game on the California Tennis Club Court

Women's Class Singles Tournament Develops Interesting Work With the Racket

THE women's class singles tennis tournament commenced on the California Tennis Club courts yesterday proved an interesting event. The second and third classes were played and the honors were carried off by the Beyfuss sisters, Miss Anita and Miss Vera.

In the second class Miss Anita Beyfuss won the first two sets in the final match and had a lead of 3—0 "love" in the third, when she sprained her ankle and was forced to retire. Her opponent was Miss Bessie Valleau of Alameda. For a beginner the latter made an excellent showing. She has a good style of play, but is lacking in experience. The match was close, but Miss Beyfuss was ahead at all times and looked to be a sure winner when she was forced to retire. The match will be finished two weeks from to-day.

In the third class Miss Vera Beyfuss, the smallest player in the tournament, beat Mrs. R. N. Whitney in the final after an exceedingly hard struggle. The winner won the first set 6—4. In the second Mrs. Whitney fought desperately and won by a score of 19—8. Miss Beyfuss took the third, 6—3.

There were eight players in the second and seven in the third class. The matches resulted as follows:

Second class: First round—Miss Bessie Valleau beat Miss Dorothy Weed, 6—4, 6—2; Miss Alicia Mills beat Miss V. Crocker, 6—3, 6—4; Miss Anita Beyfuss beat Mrs. Holmes, 10—8, 6—3; Miss Merns beat Miss Reuck, 6—4, 6—3.

Second round—Miss Valleau beat Miss Mills, 6—3, 4—6, 6—1; Miss Beyfuss beat Miss Merns, 6—2, 6—1.

Final—Miss Beyfuss vs. Miss Valleau, 6—4, 6—4, 3—0 (postponed).

Third class: Preliminary round—Miss Durkee beat Miss Bessie Gardner, 6—3, 6—2; Miss Vera Beyfuss beat Miss Helen Naylor, 6—2, 6—2; Miss D. Mills won from Mrs. Burnett by default.

First round—Miss Beyfuss beat Miss Durkee, 6—3, 6—4; Mrs. R. N. Whitney beat Miss Mills, 6—0, 4—6, 6—0.

Final—Miss Beyfuss beat Mrs. Whitney 6—4, 8—10, 6—3.

EXPERT KYTKA DECLARES HANDWRITING IDENTICAL

Says Blakeley Penned Answers Which Lieutenant Dougherty Had in His Possession.

Theodore Kytka, the handwriting expert, at the request of Mayor Schmitz, examined the copies of the examination papers which Lieutenant Frank Dougherty stated under oath were given him a week ago last Friday evening by William Blakeley, and compared them with the handwriting of Blakeley taken Thursday at the Mayor's office. As a result of his examination Kytka stated that an attempt to disguise the handwriting had been made, but to his mind all the copies and the sample of Blakeley's handwriting were the work of the same person.

Kytka will further continue his investigation by examining some of Blakeley's handwriting in the books of the County Clerk's office. Kytka's report forms some evidence that Blakeley probably perjured himself in statements he made in the late investigation made by the Mayor.

Mayor Schmitz stated yesterday that before anything further is done in the matter he would submit the entire facts to the District Attorney in order to ascertain if Blakeley can be examined by the Grand Jury on a charge of perjury. On the advice of the District Attorney the whole matter will be laid before the Grand Jury, either by the District Attorney or the Mayor.

An investigation of the accusations made against Commissioner P. H. McCarthy, involving him in the milk inspectors' examination, will be taken up to-day in the Mayor's office.

The Mayor has declared the position of Commissioner Mershon to be vacant and the Civil Service Commissioners have been ordered to destroy the old examination papers and to prepare as soon as possible for a new examination.

TRANSOM BURGLARS EACH ENTERS PLEA OF GUILTY

Owing to Their Youth Judge Lawlor Intimates He Will Suspend Sentence.

James Powers, alias James Cadler, Edward Morris and George A. Williams, the transom burglars, who were arrested for entering the premises of the American Shirt Factory, at 1608 Market street, in the morning of March 14, pleaded guilty before Judge Lawlor yesterday. The Judge decided that the crime was burglary in the first degree.

The Judge said that owing to their youth he would continue the cases for sentence till May 9, and expressed the hope that as the police did not know of any prior crimes committed by the defendants they might meantime receive an offer of honorable employment to save them from following a life of crime. If that were done he would suspend sentence pending their good behavior.

A letter had been received by the Judge from United States Senator Hawley asking that a good attorney be secured to defend Powers, who had an honorable record in the navy and had helped to support his widowed mother. The Senator said he did not know anything of the merits of the case, but representations had been made to him on behalf of Powers.

CHICAGO FAILS TO BAT IN A SINGLE TALLY

Pitcher Sudhoff Has the Windy City Players Completely at His Mercy

Jones and Malarkey Batted Hard in Game Between Brooklyn and Boston

NATIONAL LEAGUE.

CINCINNATI, May 1.—Sudhoff was in fine form to-day and allowed Chicago only three scattered hits. Hardin was knocked out of the box in the third inning. Attendance, 1000. Score:

	R.	H.	E.
Cincinnati	6	10	0
Chicago	0	3	4

Batteries—Sudhoff and Peitz; Hardin, Wicker and Kling. Umpires—Johnstone and Holladay.

BROOKLYN, May 1.—The home team defeated the Bostons in the final game of the series here to-day. Jones and Malarkey were batted hard, fifteen safe hits being made off the latter and thirteen off Jones. Attendance 1500. Score:

	R.	H.	E.
Brooklyn	9	13	2
Boston	5	13	3

Batteries—Jones, Ritter and Ahearn; Malarkey and Moran. Umpire—Moran.

PHILADELPHIA, May 1.—New York pounded Fraser's curves hard to-day and had little difficulty in winning. Attendance 1300. Score:

	R.	H.	E.
New York	11	11	0
Philadelphia	3	8	1

Batteries—Matthewson and Bowerman; Fraser and Roth. Umpire—O'Day.

AMERICAN LEAGUE.

NEW YORK, May 1.—New York again outplayed Washington to-day. The weather was too cold and windy for good baseball. Orth was hit hard in the first and fifth innings. Attendance 1000. Score:

	R.	H.	E.
New York	8	15	1
Washington	3	10	4

Batteries—Howell and O'Connor, Orth and Clark.

CHICAGO, May 1.—The locals captured the opening game here to-day from Detroit by timely hitting and good base-running. Attendance 3800. Score:

	R.	H.	E.
Chicago	5	8	2
Detroit	1	8	2

Batteries—Flaherty and McFarland; Eason and McAllister.

BOSTON, May 1.—Dazing base-running was as disastrous for the Philadelphias to-day as it was for the home team. High winds converted easy outs into safe hits. Attendance 2752. Score:

	R.	H.	E.
Boston	4	7	2
Philadelphia	2	8	1

Batteries—Dineen and Criger; Bender and Powers.

CLEVELAND, May 1.—Walker went to pieces in the eighth inning and St. Louis tied the score. Moore took his place in the ninth and forced in the winning run with a base on balls. Score:

	R.	H.	E.
Cleveland	8	12	4
St. Louis	9	8	2

Batteries—Walker, Moore and Bemis; Sudhoff, Donahue and Sugden.

TERRIBLE BURNS CAUSE DEATH OF AN AGED MAN

John F. Crosby, While Smoking in Bed, Drops Lighted Match on the Bedclothes.

As a result of terrible burns received early Thursday morning John F. Crosby, who resided at 38 Prentiss street, died in great agony last night. The unfortunate man, who was 68 years of age and a carpenter by trade, resided with his niece, Mrs. Mary Arnold.

About 1 o'clock Thursday morning she detected the odor of burning cloth and traced it to the room occupied by her uncle. She called her son, Thomas Arnold, who hurried to the scene. The deceased was writhing on the floor in great agony, and the room was filled with smoke. The bed clothes were found to be on fire, and with the assistance of her son Mrs. Arnold succeeded in extinguishing the flames and removing the injured man to a bed. Dr. Hughes was called and did everything to alleviate the sufferings of the injured man.

Notwithstanding the efforts put forth to save his life, he died last evening. The Coroner's office was notified and Deputy Charles Meehan made a thorough investigation. Upon the direction of Dr. Leland the bereaved relatives were allowed to have the body taken to a local undertaking establishment.

It is only a matter of conjecture how the deceased set the bed clothes on fire, but it is supposed that he was smoking in bed and after lighting his pipe threw a lighted match among the bed clothes, which blazed up in an instant, enveloping him in flames.

PIONEER INSTRUCTOR IS DEAD IN LONDON

A letter was received in this city yesterday announcing the death in London on February 16 of Alfred Lowndes, formerly a resident of San Francisco. Death was sudden and due to heart failure. Lowndes was well and favorably known by the pioneers of the city, to which he came in the early '50's. He conducted the first private school here, a fact that can be readily recalled by many prominent citizens to whom he acted as tutor.

Later he entered the wine business and was the original California wine merchant in the city. He finally went to London in 1893, where he represented a big handler of California wines. Returning to San Francisco, Lowndes identified himself with the News Letter as a special writer, and when he went back to London in 1901 he continued writing for the San Francisco papers.

He was 60 years old and leaves a wife and four children. Two daughters are married, one to a British army officer and the other to an officer of the British navy. One of his sons is a surgeon and the other a barrister. Mrs. Lowndes was formerly Miss Hoff of this city, daughter of William C. Hoff and a sister of the mother of Judge Carroll Cook.

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