

SPORTS OF THE HOT SEASON

Lead of the Big League Still a Matter of Speculation.

BOSTON'S SPURT GETS A SERIOUS CHECK

Cincinnati Braves and the Baltimore Orioles Continue to Come with Their Rush - Western Association Race Becomes Remarkably Warm.

While Cincinnati has been doing a bit of tobaganning, Boston has been on a slide herself during the past week. One week ago today the Bean Demolishers were thirty-seven points clear in the lead. At the conclusion of Friday's games they were but a dozen points ahead of the Reds.

The eyes of the baseball world, however, are probably not so much directed toward the struggle between these two leaders as upon the Orioles. The latter have been indulging in a phenomenal spurt which was checked for an instant on Friday. They had captured second place for a half-instant from the Reds and are now but a hair's breadth behind the Orioles.

With the exception of the Orphans all the other teams in the big league are running about as they were a week ago. The Orphans' great play of late, however, winning six successive games, and the setback that the Giants received at the hands of the Castaways, has given the Windy City crowd quite a boost up the ladder.

The past leaders of the Western league have also been indulging in a tumbling act during the last week. The Cowboys have not only been ousted out of first position, but on Friday were in no very good third position. Indianapolis succeeded for a day or two in keeping the leading place, but were forced out of it by the Brewers, who have been playing championship ball for several weeks past.

Base ball critics are still trying to find the cause of the slump in batting in the big league this year, but without success. Statisticians have figured out the fact that forty-eight players who guard the inner diamonds of the National league aggregations, but eight are batting above their last year's figures.

The following tables show the work of the twenty clubs for the games so far contested:

Table with columns for Club, Batting, and Fielding. Rows include Baltimore, Boston, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Chicago, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Washington, St. Louis, St. Paul, and Cleveland.

It is reported that next season will find all the players in the big league banded down since the dual protective association. It is said that the dual protective association result has been going on quietly for some little time past, but that it did not reach a very promising stage until the recent decision in the Holmes case was handed down.

Ex-Manager Anson and Henry Chadwick name the following teams as players who are sure pennant winners if they could be gotten together:

Table listing player positions and names: Anson's position, Chadwick's position, Nichols, Griffith, Breitenstein, Kirtland, McGuire, Tenney, Tenney, Dexter, Dahlen, Clarke, Lange, Keeler.

GOSSIP FROM THE GRIDIRON

Approach of the Season Brings Out the Effect of the War on the College Gladiators.

As the opening of the foot ball season approaches the walls of the foot ball captains over the ravages that the war has made in the ranks of the gridiron fighters rise higher. There is not a college of any account in the country whose foot ball ranks have not been depleted to some extent by enlistments.

cannot say that it has been hurt much more in this respect than any other. This, of course, matters up and will put the various institutions upon about the same footing as they would have been had no war occurred.

In past years this portion of the season ordinarily found some of the big eleven commencing their training at resorts, but nothing of the kind is being done yet this season. This is the result of the meeting of a committee consisting of representatives from each of the eastern universities.

Captain Outland of the Pennsylvania team has a tough-looking proposition before him. He has to lead his team to the top of the eleven to form a nucleus of this year's team. These four—Outland, Here, McCracken and Hedges—are all line men, which leaves the back field without a player.

Arthur Hillebrand of Lemars, Ia., who was one of Princeton's pitchers last spring, has been elected as captain of this coming year's foot ball team. Hillebrand has played right tackle since his freshman year and is known to possess a good head and clever generalship.

The new foot ball rules adopted by the rules committee of the eastern universities have been ratified by most of the western colleges and will govern the foot ball games in this part of the country during the coming season.

The University Medical college of Kansas expects to have a strong foot ball eleven in the western field this year. War has played some ravages with the line-up, but an excellent new attack is being put up by the men who were left over from last year.

FOR LOVERS OF GUN AND ROD

The chicken shooting season opens Thursday of this week, though in many parts of the state the shooting has been going on since the middle of July. In such sections the gunner who has respect for the law will find little sport on Thursday, for the birds have largely been killed off when weak of wing.

Chick shooting in no sense compares with duck, snipe or even quail shooting in the skill or physical exertion required and for this reason has often been dubbed the lazy man's sport.

On the other hand, what could be more pleasant than to witness the evolutions of an intelligent, well broken dog, as he circles around to get the benefit of the wind, back and forth, not forgetting any likely place where a bird might reasonably be expected to be.

With head erect and nostrils extended he drinks in the passing breeze. Suddenly he turns short, stops for an instant, as if the odor of the bird strikes those delicate nostrils, then straight forward at a lively pace.

had planted for him, but he was dead game. So was the chick. They fought for a full three-quarters of an hour and Gardner after ward said it was one of the toughest propositions he had ever tackled. He at last landed on the Chinaman's jaw and downed him.

The New York Herald recently remarked editorially: "The prize ring is dead, as it ought to be. The race of genuine square fighters—the Sayers, the Hennans, the Sullivans, from 'Yankee' to John L.—have passed away. The manly art is no longer practiced. The boxing matches of today are kinesthetic fights."

Griffith has returned from the coast to the east and has surprised his old friends, who have not seen him for some time. Jai did not see him from a trim lightweight to a heavyweight of the late years.

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PALAYER OF THE PUGILISTS

Corbett's Friends Urge that Now is a Nice Time for Him to Permanently Retire.

As time passes and critics are trying to gauge the effect that the Corbett tragedy will have upon the pompous champion, taking into account the statements made by Corbett to the effect that he did not care whether his match with McCoy was ever pulled off or not, the general sentiment seems to be that Corbett has reached the end of his career.

WITH HORSES AND HORSEMEN

Owners of the Kings of the Turf Complain that They Can Get No Races for Their Flyers.

The following is Ouida's tribute to the game of whist taken from "Chandos": "A man who has his intellect to perfection in whist has trained it to be capable of achieving anything that the world can offer. A campaign does not need more combination; a cabinet does not need more address; an astronomer royal does not solve finer problems; a continental diplomatist does not prove greater tact."

WHIST.

The following game with notes by C. Q. DeFrance was recently completed in the Nebraska chess tournament between Mr. DeFrance of Lincoln and T. N. Hartzell of Kearney:

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the favorite attendant of a widower acquaintance of Miller's and as rumor had it that the widower intended to take into his second wife, Miller asked Abalom if it were true. Abalom scratched his woolly pate for a moment and replied that he reckoned it was "Well," said Miller, "will he take a bride tomorrow? This somewhat puzzled Abalom for an instant, then an inspiration struck him and he said: "I dunno about a bride, sah, but when de ole missus was 'live he used 't talk a piddle to her, so maybe he talk a bride to de new one."

"An incident," says the Philadelphia Record, "which occurred on the trip north of the veterans of the Pickett division illustrated a very pretty way the charming character of Mrs. General George E. Pickett, who accompanied the remnants of her late husband's command to this city. The train left Richmond early in the evening, but it was nearly midnight when it reached Washington, where Mrs. Pickett joined the party.

Before the attack on Fort Donelson General Grant called a council of war to consider whether or not to attack at once or give the troops a few days' rest. The officers favored a rest, while Grant smoked and gave no opinion. "There was a deserter brought in this morning," the general finally said. "Let us see him and hear what he has to say." The first thing Grant did when the fellow came in was to open his knapsack. "Where do you come from, general then asked, "Fort Donelson." "You have six days' rations, I see; when were they served?" "Yesterday morning, sir." "The same rations served to all the troops?" "Yes, sir." "Gentlemen," said Grant, "troops do not have six days' rations served out to them in order for they mean to stay there; these men mean to retreat, not to fight; we shall attack at once."

LABOR AND INDUSTRY

The world's visible supply of raw sugar is 1,620,000 tons, against 1,668,000 tons last year.

Manufacturers of gloves and underwear in Germany are said to be receiving large orders from this country this year.

The Philadelphia engineering works is building a 300-horse power turbine Corliss engine for export to Yokohama, in Japan.

Philadelphians are beginning to use iron and steel beams and girders in the construction of private dwellings. This is a new departure.

The ten foremost envelope companies of Springfield, Mass., have been consolidated under the name of the United States Envelope company.

The United States has exported 395 locomotives during the last year valued at nearly \$2,000,000. Nearly \$2,500,000 worth of sewing machines were also sold and \$1,500,000 worth of typewriters.