GENERAL SPORTING GOSSIP

WHAT IS TALKED OF IN BASE-BALL AND ATHLETIC CIRCLES.

News and Personals of the Local Clubs-The Approaching P. A. C. Election-Latest Reports About the Personnel of the Nationals-The Perfidious League.

Now, then, all for the National regatta. A joint athletic meeting means dollars for the

Smithson is the coming sparrer of the Potomac Athletic Club, says Carciofini.

The new eight of the Columbia Club will probably arrive about the last of this or the first of next month.

Sewell, of the C. A. C., now that Congress has adjourned, will have more time to give to his gymnasium work. He is, next to Dashiell, the best in the club.

The friends of Mympo Jones, of the C. A. C., regard him as one of the best sparrers in that organization. He does not care to make his appearance just yet.

What has become of John Irwin, of the C. A. C. ? Has he concluded to assign his titles and retire to private life? He is too expert to do this at this early day.

Dyer, of the C. A. C., formerly stroke of the Potomac crews, lately made a reapplication for admission into the ranks of his old club, but on Wednesday last he withdrew it.

Capts. Stinemetz and Zappone were fortunate personages last week in the estimation of their clubmates. They acted as judges at the exhibition of the female physical culture classes and escaped with their lives.

One of the features of the next athletic meeting of the C. A. C. will be the second appearance of Messrs. Taylor and Van Hook in a scientific assault-at-arms. Mr. Taylor believes he will reverse the affair next time.

Mr. G. E. Sawyer, of the P. A. C., has re turned from Boston, where he was a guest of the B. A. A. On Wednesday he resigned his position as a member of the board of governors, which also earries with it his position as second lieutenant.

At the last meeting of the Passaic River Navy, held at Newark, Capt. Zappone, of the Potomac Athletics, was selected to referee their regatta on Decoration Day. This is the second time the Passaic Navy have called on the Potomac's captain to fill the position.

The Harlem River Association have determined not to conflict this year with the Passaic River Navy in the date of their spring regatta, Decoration Day, and have appointed a committee to select another date. This is wise, as the Jerseyltes always drew the best clubs to

On account of the reception tendered the ladies at their club-house on Thursday, the Columbia Athletics postponed their entertainment of last night until Saturday night of the present week. This is unfortunate, as it brings both that and the one of the Potomac Athletics on the same evening.

At the next athletic meeting of the Potomacs Professor Carciofini will present his class in sparring for the first time and expects to make a good impression. One of his best men, a middle-weight, will appear against the best sparrer of the class in the District, while the others will be pitted against one another.

Walter Loveless, of the Y. M. C. A., is beyond question the finest club-swinger in this vicinity, and no one questions his title to that of amateur champion. He is also one of the cleverest wrestlers of his weight, and is regarded as one of the best-built men that ever appeared in public. His exhibition at the P. A. C. on Saturday night was a revelation.

Bobby Elder, of the C. A. C., will probably take up single-scull rowing this season on a venture, as he believes himself capable of be-coming a good sculler. Bobby generally makes a success of everything he undertakes. He made his debut here in 1884 as a member of the Pennsylvania gig crew, and since that time has been a prominent feature in all aquatic affairs

There is a strong rivalry being engendered between the A. A. U. and the Amateur Base Ball League, of New York and vicinity. The last-named organization consists of clubs from Staten Island Athletics, Staten Island Crickets, Orange, and several other prominent organizations, and they are trying to induce the New Jersey Athletics to join them. The New York papers are filled with acrimonious state-ments from both sides, each charging the other with maintaining professional and semi-professional players on their teams, and the end is watched for anxiously by the lovers of honest amateur base ball.

The recent sparring encounters at our athletic clubs have awakened a lively interest in the sport-the best of all exercises when properly handled; and there is a great rivalry existing among some of our best exponents of the art. There is a young sparrer in Georgetown, named Bateman, who is regarded as a perfect hurricane for his weight, (120 pounds,) and he is anxious to meet the best at that weight. The instructor of the Potomac Athletics, Professor Carciofini, has a pupil with him from Cincinnati, named Adams, and he says he will match him against Bateman for a fifty-dollar medal. Adams is in business here, is not in any of the athletic clubs, so the match will probably be made. It will make a splendid meeting, will be a finish fight, and only a certain number of invited guests will witness it; that is, if ar-Professor Carciofini says Adams is rather clever, and, though fnexperienced in such affairs, will make a good fight

The annual election of officers of the Potomac Athletic Club takes place on the first Wednesday in April. Already there is some canvassing going on for the line officers. The members of the club elect only the governors, who in turn select the various officers, a feature that is ob-jectional to nine-tenths of them, and which would have been changed long ago if proper attention had been given the subject. Dr. Finley is president, and it is not known whether he intends running again. A large contingent is very anxious to see Judge R. A. Dyrenforth fill the position. Mr. O. P. Schmidt as secretary and Charles Warden as treasurer will be reflected, as both are hard-working and efficient officers. For captain the present incumbent, Mr. Zappone, is, of course, a can-didate, and wants to be reëlected, having now filled the post for seven years. It is likely that Lieut. Fischer, a prominent oarsman since 1883, will enter the field against Mr. Zappone and will make a strong fight. A large percentage of the members believe that the election of a new set of officers would have a beneficial effect on the organization and they are working on

BASE BALL.

The American Association still lives.

Well, the Association still holds its own. The Nationals will play practice games dur-

ing April with the Columbia Athletics, George-

town College, Waverleys, and other strong teams in this locality. The League is urging dishonesty among

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players. The League has struck its colors and hoisted

the black flag. Carsey, whom THE HERALD spoke of three

weeks ago, has been signed. Paul Hines will play centre-field for the Nationals. Paul is all right.

Sam Wise will play with the Baltimores as second-base. Sam is a popular player.

George Keefe is getting himself in fine trim and says he will pitch the greatest game of his The American Association, to its credit, has

not committed any dishonesty. Can we say as much for the League? Sam Wise, the old reliable ball-player, formerly with the Bostons, Buffalos, and Washing-

tons, has signed to play in Baltimore. When John Ward hears the news he will hie himself to a secluded spot and whistle soft and low. He will sigh to be with the boys.

There is great competition between Keefe and Becannon and Al. Reach for the privilege of furnishing the American Association with balls for the championship series.

The story that the National Club is after Kflroy, the pitcher of the Baltimores, is denied by Director Scanlon. If Kilroy is too weak for Barnie, what do the Nationals want with him?

Sealed proposals for the privilege of selling score cards, cigars, etc., at the National Baseball Park, will be received at the club headquarters, 408 Ninth street, until Monday,

It seems to be the opinion of the ball cranks hereabout that the National team as far as selected is a strong one. The New York Sun says that Boston and Washington will fight for the lead in the Association. The League will place a club in Cincinnati to

fight the one of the Association. That city is a twenty-five cent place, and, with Aaron Sterns at the head of the Association and Louis Kramer to assist, the League will be in the soup, so

A limited number of season tickets for all privileges for the National base-ball games here have been placed on sale at the club's headquarters, 408 Ninth street. The price of these ckets will be \$20. They will be transferable, entitling the holder to admission to grounds and grand stand.

St. Louis is a bad place for the League agents just now. Mark Baldwin went to that city to induce several of the St. Louis team to jump their contracts, and President Von der Ahe procured a warrant and had him sent to prison to answer a charge of conspiracy. That's the stuff, and it is to be hoped Baldwin will be made to pay the full penalty of the law.

The National Club has engaged up to date the following players: Maguire and Cook, C. Bakeley, Keefe and Carsey, P. McQuery, 1b.; Dunlap, 2b.; Smalley, 3b.; Hatfield, ss., and Beecher, Hines, and Visner, fielders. They have yet another battery in view, and then they will be ready for the opening series. If they secure Chamberlain and Cross, or O'Brien and Cross, they will have a strong aggregation.

In some quarters there is a disposition to criticise the National Club because of the engagement of Paul Hines to play centre-field. This criticism seems to be quite without justification. Hines is an honest and conscientious player. The cry of "back number" is absurd in his case, for in his thirteen years of professional life he has always stood among the first ten of the star batsmen of the country. He is a Washingtonian, and will play with his heart

The past week of stormy weather retarded the work on the new ball park. The contractor had hoped to have placed the grand stand in position, but now it will require the present week to accomplish it. The set back, however, will not interfere with the opening games the first of April, as the contractor is confident he will have everything in readiness. The field is all cleared, and the only trees left standing within the inclosure are on a ridge that shields the Freedmen's Hospital building from

Jack O'Connor signed a contract to play in the Columbus Association team and received advance money. On Wednesday an agent of the Pittsburg League waited on him and made an offer of an increased salary if he would jump his contract and sign with them. O'Connor telegraphed the Columbus people that unless they increased his salary (\$600) he would jump into the League. The Columbus people refused to listen to him and he did sign with Pittsburg. This is a sample of the work the agents of the League are carrying out. League are carrying out.

The latest report at base-ball headquarters yesterday was to the effect that Manager Trott had about given up hopes of securing Chamber-lain and Cross, the Athletic battery, and was devoting his attention to other available men. Con Daily, the catcher of the Brooklyn Players' team of last year, may be engaged, as he is deemed a very acceptable man in every respect and is at present anxious to come here and play. Director Scanlon has his nets out to capture Sowders, the crack pitcher of the Bostons. He would make a decided acquisition to the Na-

Will Hart, of the Gas Company, says he is an authority on base ball, and when he sizes up a player and puts his approval on him it goes. He says Carsey, the new pitcher of the National Club, will be the leading one of the team, and that the blonde-haired Pacific Coaster will become a great favorite here. In this opinion Hart is borne out by Tommy Burns, the great Chicago player, who says Carsey is the coming man. Every one hopes that Hart's opinion will pan out correct.

The National Club have issued their annual season tickets, and they are on sale at Scanlon's and other prominent places. They are in book form, and have coupons attached for seventy games, not only entitling the holder to regular admission, but also to a seat in the grand stand. As these season tickets sell for \$20, it will be seen that the price of admission and grand stand is reduced to twenty-eight cents per game. Another strong inducement to purchase season tickets is the fact that they are transferable, so if a club desires to purchase one or more they can do so without any fear of molestation at the gate. This generosity of the directors will meet with the approbation of the

There was a rumor current yesterday that the League people had begun to decipher the handwriting on the wall and were eager to take the back track for safety. The promulgation by President Kramer of the list of players who had signed contracts with the Association teams fell like a thunderbolt among them, and there was a scurrying of forces to "mend fences." The New York Sun, hitherto the great daily organ of the League, came out in a leader yesterday raking that organization fore and aft. There is something in the wind, for yesterday telegrams were flying in every direction. Presidents Abell and Byrne, of the New York and Brooklyn teams, had wired President Von der Ahe to meet them in New York to consult about the

matter. The next forty-eight hours will probably witness some curious deals in the base-ball world, and the American Association will come out right side up with care.

Winter Horse-Racing. GUTTENBURG, March 7 .- The track was heavy and soft as was expected. Old Sol's rays grow more powerful every day, and the hard ice foundation of the track is gradually giving way. First race—Six furlongs. La Grippe, 40 to 1, won, Repeated second. Time, 1:24. Second race—Six and one-half furlongs. Lamar won, Flagrant second. Time, 1:301. Third race—Six furlongs. Catherine B. won, Golden Reel second. Time, 1:23. Fourth race-Five furlongs-Athalaric filly won, Affinity colt sec-Time, 1:00%. Fifth race-Seven furlongs. Neptunus won, Fernwood second. Time, 1:374. Sixth race—One mile. Count Luna won, Facial B. second. Time, 1:54. GLOUCESTER, N. J., March 7.—The races to-

day resulted as follows: First race-Six and one-half furlongs. Prince Albert won, P. J. H. second. Time, 1:281. Second race—Seven furlongs. Euna won, C. second. Time, 1:00. Third C. second. Time, 1:00. Third race— Three-fourths of a mile. Endurer won, Monday second. Time, 1:21. Fourth race-Four and one-half furlongs. Alderman Mac won, Appomattox second. Time, 581. Fifth race— Six and one-fourth furlongs. Long Island won, Chieftain second. Time, 1:25. Sixth race—Six Batchellor won, Hamlet second. furlongs.

Anti-Gambling Law of France. Paris, March 7 .- All the betting booths and stands at the Auteuil race course have been removed, and 600 policemen and two companies of infantry are on guard on the grounds. Twenty prison vans are ready to convey to the jails any persons guilty of violating the anti-gambling law several of the newspapers of this city suggest that the government make arrangements by which meetings may be held on the different race tracks under the supervision of the authorities, the funds accruing to go to the municipal authorities and the government to tolerate the Paris Mutuel.

BANK WRECKERS CONVICTED.

Work and Dungan Sentenced and Taken to

the Penitentiary. PHILADELPHIA, PA., March 7 .- Work and Dungan, who were convicted on the charge of misappropriation of bank funds last week, had made application for new trial, and to-day had been set for the argument of it. When the two wreckers came into court this morning they held a consultation with their lawyers, the result of which was the withdrawal of the motion for a new trial. The withdrawal of the motion for a new trial was unexpected, but the next move of the two defendants was the surprise of the day. They were also under indictment for conspiracy in falsifying the entries of the bank's books and the trial on the charge had been set for next Tuesday. After Judge Arnold had granted the application for the withdrawal of the motion for a new trial, counsel for the defendants arose and said that his clients desire to change their pleas on the conspiracy indictment to which they had pleaded not guilty and enter a plea of nolo contendre, meaning that the defendant will not contend. The pleas were formally entered, and the district attorney stated that under the laws of the State of Pennsylvania a plea of nolo contendre was virtually a plea of guilty, and that the defendants stood as if convicted of the offense plea of nolo as charged in the bill. To instruct the court in the nature of the offense charged the district attorney called the expert accountant who had gone over the books, and he briefly testifled to the manner in which the falsifications had been carried on. The convicted wreckers were then sentenced to the penitentiary, to which they were at once taken.

POTOMAC RELIEF CORPS.

A Pleasant Time at the Installation of the Officers-Elect.

The public installation of officers-elect of the Department of the Potomac, Woman's Relief Corps, took place last night at Grand Army Hall. There was a very large crowd present, and the beautiful hall was tastefully decorated with flags, potted plants, and bunting, in honor of the occasion. The installation was conducted by Commander-in-Chief Veasey, and in his speech he alluded in a highly complimentary manner to the work of the noble women in the War of the Rebellion. Mrs. Ida V. Hendricks, the president-elect, spoke in response to the speech of Commander Veasey and showed how the Woman's Relief Corps had accomplished much good for the G. A. R. Mrs. Lydia Mason, vice president, Mrs. Barnes, junior vice, and Miss Collings, warden, were also installed. There was some excellent singing, Miss Rosafy sang the "Star Spangled Banner," while the Army and Navy was represented in an allegorical style by soldiers and sailors. Adjt. Gen. Emery also spoke, and altogether the meeting was a complete success.

Bottled Beer Flying Around. One of Portner's large double teams, loaded down with bottled beer, made things lively last night about 7:30 o'clock at Tenth street and Pennsylvania avenue. The horses became frightened, and dashed off at a lively pace, sending wagons and carriages in every direction. For a square beer was thrown in every direction, and at Tenth street and Pennsylvania avenue the team ran into car No. 13, smashing the rear platform and breaking the iron brake completely off. The team was caught at Tenth and F streets.

Bicycle Record Broken.

Luckily no one was injured.

DETROIT, MICH., March 7 .- The six-days' bicycle race, eight hours per day, terminated to-night amidst the greatest excitement. Ashinger and Reading came in neck and neck as the gong sounded. The following are the totals and awards: Ashinger, 733 miles and 10 laps, gold medal and 40 per cent. of gate receipts; Reading, 733 miles, 25 per cent. of gate receipts; Martin, 659 miles; Shock, 605; Clark, 420. The best previous record for forty-eight hours' work is 717 miles. Ashinger thus breaks the record by something over sixteen miles.

Completely Buried in Snow. DENVER, Col., March 7 .- Reports from the San Juan country and Conejose Range state that the country is completely buried in snow. Railroads and toll roads are so blockaded that all traffic has been suspended, and can't be resumed for weeks. The fall of snow has been the heaviest for years, and covers the ground in many places twenty feet deep.

High Water and the Mails. SAN FRANCISCO, March 8 .- Assistant Superintendent Flint, of the Railway Service, said to-day that trains will run through on the line of the Southern Pacific Railroad to-morrow from Yuma east. Mails diverted on account of high water from Gulf States have been ordered returned to that line.

Bribed By Would-Be Pensioners. BANGOR, ME., March 7 .- Dr. Charles Fuller, of Lincoln, is charged with receiving bribes from applicants for pensions. He is one of the most prominent residents of the town, and special examiner for the United States Pension

THE HEARST FUNERAL TRAIN.

Departure from This City Last Night En Route to San Francisco.

The remains of Senator Hearst were removed from his late residence yesterday afternoon to the car prepared for them, and left Washington on a special train over the Pennsylvania Road for California last evening. The train is composed of five Pullman sleepers and day coaches besides the car in which rests the casket upon a catafalque, elaborately draped with mourning emblems. Upon the heavy outer oaken case were beautiful fioral offerings sent by the deceased Senator's friends in Washington and his colleagues in the Senate. The funeral escort consists of the following Senators and Representations. sentatives: Senators Stanford, Pugh, Stock-bridge, Vance, Faulkner, Bate, Berry, Barbour, and Sawyer, and Representatives McComas, Milliken, Geary, Sherman, Tucker, Gibson, Washington, and Catchings, with Sergeant-at-Arms Valentine in charge of the party.

Besides the Congressional committee were Mrs. Hearst, her son William, Miss Hough, Mrs. Hearst's private secretary, Miss Wynn, Miss Sanderson, Mrs. Stanford, the wives of Representatives Geary and Clunie, Mrs. Pugh, Mrs. White, daughter of Senator Sawyer, Mr. Nash, and John Wedderburn, the late Senator's private secretary. Mr. Robert Parke, as the representative of the Pennsylvania Road, has charge of the train, which will reach Chicago at 9:30 to-night and San Francisco at noon Thursday, where the funeral will probably be held Friday

A HEROIC MOTHER.

Rescued Six of Her Children From Death,

But the Other One Perished. HALIFAX, N. S., March 7 .- The house of John Babcock, at Bay Roberts, N. F., was burned to-day. Mrs. Babcock went through the flames six times for her children, rescuing one each time, and then had to leave one to its fate and jump, breaking one of her legs. She and several of the rescued children were severely burned.

Heaviest Snow of the Winter. KANSAS CITY, Mo., March 7 .- Specials received from many points throughout Kansas say that the heaviest snow of the winter fell to-day, averaging six inches on a level.

Earthquake Shocks in the Northwest. SEATTLE, WASH., March 7 .- A distinct earthquake shock was felt in this city at 7:30 to-night. The vibrations were from north to south. No damage was done.

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