Local Bowling, Foot-ball, Pool and Boxing

World of Sport

Up-to-date Foot-ball, Fighting, and General Athletics

All yesterday afternoon and evening the rooms at the Spokane Amateur Athletic club were filled with members and their lady friends.

During the afternoon music was rendered by Hoppe. During the musical entertainment a basketball game was played between a picked team from the Gonzaga college and the S. A. A. C. The Gonzaga team won.

Aquatic sports were held all afternoon. Many people who did not care for basketball went to the tank room and watched the small boys swim.

The open house was a grand success.

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Tom Shevlin, the big Yale halfback who has been at the game of hearts with Miss Elizabeth Sherley, who is said to be the prettiest woman in the blue grass state, has stoped the game owing to too many referees. Shevlin met Miss Sherley some time ago and has been paying attention to the beautiful young lady. Miss Sherley left her home and went to Baltimore for a visit. While there some men called on her. The halfback would not stand for other men going to see his girl and told her so. She stated she would see any of her friends that she chose, and Shevlin left on the next train to get into condition for the coming football year.

Shevlin, it is said, states there were more men at Miss Sherley's house tnan on the football team, but the rules of the love game were entirely different from those of the national game.

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Manager Lajole of the Cleveland team has been trying out a new baseball. A manufacturer is making a ball which is hollow in the center and, from reports, it is better than the ball in use at present.

The center of the ball is filled with compressed air which is supposed to keep the ball from getting soggy. The ball can be re-covered at any time and will hold its shape.

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In the last five years the Michigan team has played 55 games of football in which they made 2746 points. With these points the average would be 48.8 per game

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The New Year's handicap at Oakland was won by Proper. Proper was the favorite in the betting and outran Gregor K and Lubin. Bearcatcher was scratched.

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Frank Bonner, one of the best known baseball players in the U. S. died in Kansas City Dec. 31. He was 41 years old.

Bonner has been a professional player for the past 20 years and was on the old Baltimore team when it won the pennant three years in succession.

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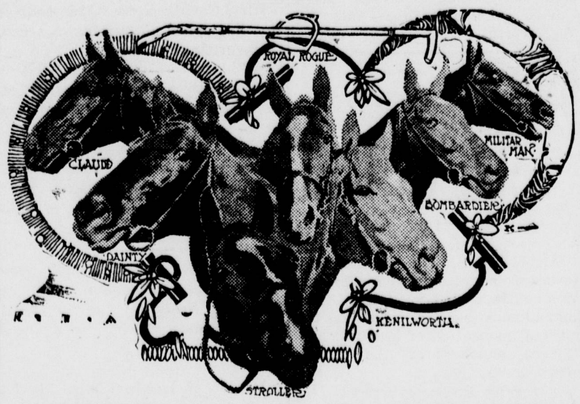
The first of the weekly shoots to be held at the Country club was pulled off yesterday. A new trap was tried out and four to work satisfactorily. Several of the best shots in the city were present.

LAWN TENNIS ON THE RIVERIE

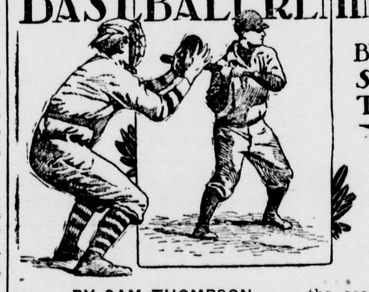
NICE, Jan. 2. — The usual New Year's lawn tennis tournament opened here today. It is for the club championships, which are now held by Miss Vera Warden and Mr. J. B. Alexander. The lawn tennis courts are never closed in this city and are in excellent condition all the year round. The golf club of Nice, which a rather recent addition, is also flourishing and a number of matches will be played during the months of January and February.

REMARKABLE SYMPOSIUM OF EQUINE ARISTOCRACY



SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 2.—Here is a group of seven of the best handicap horses on the coast. Dainty, Claude, Stroller and Military Man have scored sensational victories on all the metropolitan tracks, and Bombardier, while never in the best form in the east, always managed to hold his own. He is a high class mud runner and a winner of the California Derby. The prominent turf correspondent, Frank Skinner, once owned Bombardier.

BASEBALL REMINISCENCES



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Former member of the Philadelphia and Detroit Teams.

When Pete Browning quit the game one of the greatest batsmen that ever faced a pitcher passed from public view. He hit them high or low and in any direction. He was a natural hitter, and that's what makes a batsman. It's the fellow who drives the ball into the right field or the left, who pushes it out just over the infielders and not far enough for the outfielders, that gets the hits. The man who continually drives the ball in one direction is handicapped, for his weakness is soon discovered and the players into whose territory he will probably hit the ball will be on the alert more than ever.

Browning stood a little behind the plate and swung to meet the ball fairly.

You have seen batsmen swing at the ball and turn clear around when they missed it. Peoule would say, "Gee, if he had hit that ball it would have gone to the fence." The chances are the ball would have popped up into the air, for such terrific swings are bound to throw a batsman off his stride and lessen the chance to land squarely on the ball.

Probably you have noticed other batsmen grasp the bat pretty well up the handle and seemingly just tap the ball. Yet it sped far into the outfield almost on a line for one, two or three basses, and you were surprised, because you thouht he didn't hit the ball hard at all. And he didn't, but he hit it square on the nose. That is what counts.

You can't teach a man to be a good batsman if he isn't a natural hitter. Good base ball players are born not made. There are thousands of average players, but the stars are in the big leagues. Experience polishes the natural ability of the born player. Practice may improve his guift, but if playing does not come to him naturally, he will never acquire anything like the perfection sought after by all men who follow the game as a business.

Any man, fan or player, can tell you offhand what a player needs to become a good batsman, but if the faculty for hitting the ball, as McGraw says, "where the players ain't," isn't born in him he will never become a top notcher.

Most of the funny saying that pass into current base ball history come from the minor leagues and country town clubs. When Arlie Latham passed out of big league company the only original and genuine witty man of the diamond in the cities passed away. Since I have been connected with the coaching of the Detroit A. C. club and we have gone on trips into the interior where the real village cut-up flourishes like a bay tree of emerald hue, I have discovered the true source of the stream of witty sayings that flows from town to town across the nation.

The colloquiasisims of the country town are carried to the cities by the minor leaguers who are drafted in the spring, and the quaint charm and homely turns of the sayings are eagerly seized upon by the fellows who are used to hard pavements and big buildings and who draw their inspirations from funny papers that circulate mostly in barber shops.

Do you know what is the greatest enemy of the promising young base ball player? It is being a good fellow. If they had a graveyard and painted over the archway leading to it the words "Here Lie Blasted Hopes, Wrecked Ambitions, Early Promises Ufulfilled." what a melancholy array of headstones would greet the eye. How many promising youngsters have you known who have fought their way from the ranks of the minors for a trial with the big fellows, and after a brief sojourn they have fallen back to the lower level and finally disappeared from public view altogether?

What did it? In a majority of cases their downfall could be traced to the sole fact that they were "good fellows." They traveled a pace that undermines the batting eye, or unsteadies the nerves—that made them unreliable at critical moments. How many young fellows have I tried to save in my career on the diamond! I found them all good listeners, but few would heed hard-headed advice. They liked the life—and so they traveled the road that is flower-lined and rose-tinted at the beginning, but thorny and uninviting at the end.

Base ball is more of a business now than it was in the days when I entered it. Then it was more of a lark and we liked to travel around "to enjoy the scenery." Why, back in the early '90s you would hardly have suspected that the Detroit club was a base ball organization. We were like a party of gentlemen on a pleasure trip. Nowadays the ball player, if he is at the top of his class, is paid better than college presidents, newspaper editors and other men of intellectual pursuits. Among the best paid men of yesterday were Brouthers and Richardson, who received $4000 each and White and Rowe, who were paid $3500 apiece. The men whose names are never recalled by old time fans drew small salaries compared with the money paid the lesser stars of today.

AMERICAN ENTERPRISE IN ECUADOR

(Scripps News Association.)

NEW YORK, Jan. 2.—The republic of Ecuador is to have a new railroad and American engineers will build it with American material. The line is to be called the Forrecarrill el Curaray and is to open up a country which is at present without railroad facilities. Chas. H. Moore of the Erie railroad, who has made the survey of the line, will be the chief engineer of construction. The government of Ecuador will build and operate the road. The route will be from Ambato, the point at which the trade of the interior of Ecuador concentrates, to San Antonio, which is situated at the head of navigation of the Amazon.

INCREASING WAGES OF THE MILL HANDS

(Scripps News Association.)

BOSTON, Mass., Jan. 2. — Beginning with today the 30,000 hands employed by the American Woolen company of this city will have their wages increased 10 per cent. The increase becomes effective in the 30 plants of the corporation which are located in seven states, and it is expected that several mills, not owned by the company, will grant a similar advance.

The Scotia Worsted Mills of Woonsocket, R. I., controlled by an independent concern and employing 175 hands, has also increased the wages of their men 10 per cent beginning with the new year.

IMPORTANT SUPREME COURT CASES

(Scripps News Association.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 2.—A number of highly important cases have been set for a hearing today. One of the most important cases which will come up today is the rehearing in the cases of Lincoln and of Walker Barnes & Co. against the United States, involving questions of Philippine tariffs. Oral arguments will be heard today. If the decision is confirmed on rehearing, it will mean the refunding by the government of several million dolars paid by the plaintiffs.

The Wisconsin Paper Trust contempt cases have been advanced for today by the supreme court and with them the appeal in the St. Paul cases in which fines for contempt were imposed by Judge Vandeventer. Another case, which is to be caled today is the case of the United States against Senator Clark of Montana, involving the alleged illegal acquisition of timber lands.

TEACHING WOMEN FARM ECONOMICS

(Scripps News Association.)

ITHACA, N. Y., Jan. 2.—Beginning with today the college of agriculture of Cornell university is adding one more facility for the benefit of farm women, by offering them a winter course of 11 weeks in home economics for the especial benefit of farmers' wives and daughters.

FIRST OF THE GRAFT TRIALS

(Scripps News Association.)

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 2. — The trial of John W. Hill, former chief of the bureau of filtration, charged with conspiracy to defraud the city, was called for a hearing in the common pleas court today. It has been arranged that the case shall have precedence over all others in which public contractors are involved. The city is represented by District Attorney Bell, Assistant District Attorney Wallerstein and City Solicitor Kinsey, while eGorge S. Graham and several other prominent attorneys represent the defendant.

MOROCCO AGREES

(Scripps News Association.)

PARIS, Jan. 2.—Morocco has agreed to the date of Jan. 16 for the international conference on Moroccan affairs.

ROCKEFELLER INSTITUTE READY FOR THE OPENING

(Scripps News Association.)

NEW YORK, Jan. 2.—The Rockefeller Institute for Medical Research is almost completed and will be ready for its opening within a few days. This institution was founded by John D. Rockefeller in 1901. The immediate cause of his action was the death of his little grand-daugnter five years ago, by dysentery. He felt that a place in which this and other diseases might be studied by experts would be of great service.

A site was obtained in this city, at the foot of east 66th street. It covers 26 city lots, and the main building, five stories high, provides for physiological, chemical and pharmacological laboratories, gives the third and fourth floors to experimental pathology and bacteriology, and the fifth to photomierography and general photography. The first floor contains the library and assembly hall and the necessary administration offices. Besides the main building there are several smaller buildings for special purposes. For the building and equipment Mr. Rockefeller has given $3,000,000 and it is understood that any endowment needed in addition to what has been given, will be added. The possibilities of good results from an institution thus equipped and maintained are almost beyond calculation. It is expected to offer such opportunities for original work of a most useful kind as cannot be had elsewhere in the country, and it is expected that scientists in this country will avail themselves of this rare opportunity.

KAISER'S BILL ABOUT READY TO GIVE KING EDDIE A REAL HARD SLAP ON THE WRIST

"FOOL," "RAKE," "UNSCRUPULOUS" ARE SOME OF THE DESPERATELY HARD NAMES THEY ARE CALLING EACH OTHER—SOME FUN FOR TWO NATIONS.

LONDON, Jan. 2. — Friction is increasing between the courts of Berlin and London, owing to mischief making tale bearers who are repeating unpalatable sayings of the kaiser about his royal Uncle Edward.

The kaiser is irritated by the large amount of newspaper space given over to King Edward's influence in European politics and recently he said to a number of German court followers:

"It is too ridiculous for that old rake of an uncle of mine to pose as controller of the destinies of a great empire."

This remark was repeated to Edward, who replied:

"That young fool, William, has committed the great mistake of meddling with my business. He will have to be taught better manners."

King Edward's cause has been taken up by Mr. Balfour who said that England would crush any monarch who tried to emulate Napoleon and dominate Europe, and by Lord Lansdowne who has referred very plainly to the kaiser as an unscrupulous potentate.

The kaiser has been made fighting mad by these references and on many ocasions he talks disdainfully of the amours of King Edward, all of his remarks being faithfully conveyed to the British monarch.

ONE OF THE VERY FEW PHOTOGRAPHS EVER TAKEN OF KING AND KAISER TOGETHER.

A few days ago the kaiser ostentatiously slighted the English ambassador in Berlin, Lascelles. Lascelles reported the incident to his government and was recalled to England immediately. It was officially stated that he had taken leave of absence, but the slight ofered to him was the real reason of his departure.

Efforts are being made to reconcile the two rulers, but hitherto without result.