

Gossip and Comment

A local paper last night stated that Al Ackerman has been stepping Charlie Conkle for a long time. This is not true, as the sporting editor of the Times has received two or three challenges from the Ohio grappler since last fall and at least one of them was published on this page. The others were turned over to Conkle, who said he was not ready to fight. Once they met in weight championship, which he lost to "Demon" Bart here in 1906.

Although both Conkle and Ackerman have held the welterweight title within the past five years, they have never yet wrestled to a finish. Once they met in what was to be a finished match, but after wrestling three hours both agreed to quit and the referee declared the bout a draw. After Bart took the title from Conkle, Ackerman won from the "Demon," and then won the Ludwig award. In this match Ackerman beat heavily on himself, it is said, and lost money and the championship. Conkle claims the title yet, by reason of his defeat of Ludwig at Kansas City. This claim appears to be well founded, as Ackerman—not Conkle—has figured as the challenger.

As a general rule, when a man attains a position of prominence and has managed to surround himself with the world's merchandise, he is received into the most exclusive circles and asked to take out membership in a golf club, not so, however, with John J. Johnson, who, since having climbed to the peak, has received many a rude jolt and rebuff.

D. S. Gillies, founder and president of the Hamilton Driving Club, reports that the prospects for a successful season are bright. He says the officers of the Maple Leaf Amusement Co., the lessees of James' track, have offered favorable terms for the use of the track and that matinees will be held as usual during the summer. The annual meeting of the club will be held at the Waldorf Hotel to-night.

London Free Press: Although no fresh story has come to the fore for a month or so the fact remains that the wise ones are confident that before the snow flies next winter the city will boast a mile track and an assured place on the Canadian racing circuit.

For a time at least racing has been abolished in the United States. Hundreds of horses if they had not found some place to race would have been sold for one-cent to five-cent value to hand trucks. They will invade Canada this summer, and Johnny Canuck will see such racing as he has never seen before. Now one more good live city like this one would help the Canadian circuit out wonderfully, and would almost keep the whole summer filled in Canada, and these nags would not have to work twelve hours a day for their hay and oats. Twenty days of racing a year would not be too much in this city, split into spring and fall meetings.

The men are here to finance the deal, and two sites in mind. It all depends, according to the dope handed out by a man on the inside last night, on just what dates the O. J. C. will give to London or what inducements may be held out. The town is ripe for a place on the racing map, and the proposition if handled right would pay.

Perhaps in no other branch of sport is it so difficult to get a line on what a player is going to do as in bowling. More particularly those in the so-called novice of the local trundlers that several of the entries accepted by the C. B. A. novice committee yesterday were let in rather light so to speak, it appeared to the committee, as it will to any fair-minded person, that tournament bowling, especially away from home, makes it as easy for one bowler who knows how to hit the head pin as another, and many old-timers will tell you that the teams that were let in thus were often left at the post—Toronto World.

A Toronto handbook man's odds on the Marathon Derby in New York, April 3, makes Johnny Hayes, the winner at Shepherd's Bush, the rank outsider, and Tom Longboat, who finished in a motor car, favorite, the quotations reading as follows, to win and place:

Even, 1-2, Longboat.
5-2, even, Shrub.
5-2, even, Dorando.
6-1, 2-1, Maloney.
12-1, 8-5, Stg. Yves.
12-1, 4-1, Hayes.

Charlie Nichols, the old-time pitcher, says that Ward Miller, a young outfielder, who was in the Wisconsin League last season, is a second Ty Cobb. The Chicago Nationals recently asked for waivers on Miller, but Pittsburgh claimed the youngster. Miller's dazzling speed on the bases was backed up by a husky batting average as a minor leaguer.

Joe Tinker pays a great tribute, to Frank Chance as a manager in a signed communication in a western exchange. Here are some good things he says: "Chance's harmonizing is what wins championships. He's the original peace-maker among the boys. He is the greatest manager in the country because he is square with his men. Chance can lick his weight in wildcats and bluff the heart out of opponents by sheer force of mental strength and courage. Chance is the daddy of them all—because he is the gamest, truest and squarest. He is a good friend and a bad enemy."

Arlie Latham, great ball player once, humorist always, and at present professor of coaching with the New York Giants, was made an umpire in 1906 in the Tri-State League.

One day at Harrisburg, Pa., a friend met Arlie, and rode out to the grounds with him. "Arlie, you don't appear to be as funny as you once were," said his friend. Latham only smiled and replied: "Wait until you see me judging balls and strikes, and you will think I am funnier than ever."

At 85, Ends His Life.

Cobourg, March 22.—Thomas Redner, aged 85, cut his throat with a razor yesterday morning, severing the wind pipe and jugular vein. He had breakfast with the family of his son-in-law, J. A. Platt, and going to his room, ended his life. No cause is known.

Wm. Riley, one of the three smugglers of Chinese from whose boats six Chinese were drowned in November last, pleaded guilty in the United States District Court, Buffalo, to the indictment charging him with smuggling Chinese into the country, and was sentenced to one year and one day in the Erie County Penitentiary.

TOURNEY IS STARTED.

Military Teams at C. B. A. Opening.

Rather Poor Scores Made by Soldiers.

Mayor McLaren Made a "Strike."

The third annual tournament of the Canadian Bowling Association opened last evening at the Hamilton Bowling & Athletic Club alleys, under rather auspicious circumstances. There was a large crowd of spectators present to see the balls rolled. The opening ceremonies were participated in by Mr. H. J. P. Good, of Toronto, Honorary President of the Canadian Association; Mayor Mc-



WALTER P. THOMSON,
Chairman of the Tournament Committee of the Canadian Bowling Association.

Laren; W. P. Thomson, chairman of the Tournament Committee; and W. V. Thompson, Chicago, one of the best known bowlers in America, each of whom made a few remarks predicting the success of the tournament. Mayor McLaren, Mr. Good, Mr. Thompson and Mayor McWhirter then lined up and each won a ball down the alleys, and the tournament was off to a good start.

The Mayor was the only one of the quartette to make a strike, and he was given a rousing cheer.

Last night was military night, and five men from the officers' and sergeants' messes of the Thirtieth and Ninety-first Regiments occupied the six alleys. No records were broken, but the scores were, on the whole, fairly good. The alleys were in perfect condition, and for a first night everything passed off satisfactorily.

The Thirtieth Sergeants' No. 1 team made the top score of the night, 2,291, and Lieut. Dalley, of the Thirtieth officers' team, was high man with 524.

The scores in full are as follows:

13th Sergeants—
Freeman 94 132 135 381
Ferguson 82 122 138 342
Mitchell 109 163 98 370
Goodwin 164 163 139 426
Woodcroft 123 162 124 409

91st Sergeants—
W. Rollo 105 131 139 375
N. Bechil 137 117 142 416
J. Cummings 108 108 98 310
W. Smith 110 114 164 388
L. McKenzie 143 124 166 433

91st Officers—
W. H. Seymour 109 146 104 359
H. Ewel 139 118 135 412
W. Stewart 119 153 139 411
J. Chisholm 137 126 135 398
Dr. J. Dickson 107 142 164 413

13th Officers—
A. F. Zimmerman 130 155 184 469
F. Dalley 189 148 187 524
S. C. Mewburn 126 132 99 357
W. Gibson, Cashman 113 164 186 463
W. Marshall 118 122 128 368

13th Sergeants, No. 1—
C. O. Nichol 122 130 132 374
C. A. Shaw 167 130 115 412
F. Nash 105 144 154 403
A. McGinty 166 125 125 416
W. A. Harvey 105 162 148 415

The schedule for this evening is as follows:

I. H. C. vs. Sweet Caporals, both Toronto.
Dominion B. & A. C. vs. Some Thompsons, Hamilton.
Hamilton Gun Club vs. Hamilton Terminus.

Toronto, March 23.—The local C. B. A. Novice Committee met yesterday afternoon and accepted the following entries for the novice tournament at Hamilton. The list:

Eatonias—E. Williams (capt.), W. Bowman, George Wolfe, S. Hewgill, W. Beamish, W. McGowan.
John Macdonald & Co.—D. Craig (capt.), W. Halton, W. Rough, J. Phillips, A. Campbell, W. Rumble.
Globe—E. Daymont, L. Parkes, W. Beer, Gibson, Cashman.

Lumber Co.—T. Fraser (capt.), Dug. Cooper, N. Peters, W. A. Fraser, A. Cates, F. H. Cates.
Toronto General Trusts—H. Hewson, T. J. McGuire, H. A. Calder, C. E. Robin, J. H. Burt, W. A. Simmonds.

Western Cattle Market Lums—Chas. Mabee (capt.), W. Bedson, J. Zeagman, W. Turpin, Joe Doyle, George Bedding.

Prospects—C. Brooks (capt.), J. Booth, P. Canfield, Bloxham, Stoneburg, Robinson.

Stationites—T. Merihan (capt.), J. Lehan, W. Lehan, E. Duggan, C. Zeagman, Gibson, Cashman.

Old Boys—T. P. Phelan, John Main, W. W. Worthington, Sam McBride, Phil Wakefield, Tom Gibson, R. Dissette, Laurels—C. Webster (capt.), A. Easton, G. Easton, J. Cameron, A. Archambault, C. Robinson.

World—W. Williams (capt.), J. Findlay, C. Wilson, D. Johnson, W. Lee, Herb. Cameron.

James Langmuir Co.—M. Sinclair

(capt.), W. Hastings, R. Baird, D. Baird, C. Dinwoody.

Philip Carey Co.—O. A. Cole (capt.), H. Rowell, A. Disette, G. Duthie, W. Dewar, P. H. White, J. Hyte.

Jennings' Colts—Chas. Jennings (capt.), George Johnson, F. C. Richardson, W. McIlveen, W. Rogers.

Vance's Pets—Thos. Vance (capt.), George Duncan, George Stronach, Chas. Dawson, James Egan, Herb. Peters, J. Benesites—L. Robertson (capt.), F. Aylesworth, Bat. Strath, C. O. Knowles, Ridley Wylie, Col. White.

Sellers-Gough—Jas. McGrath (capt.), W. Griffiths, D. Sellers, W. Askland, A. J. Griffiths.

Kimpton's King Pins—Chas. Kimpton (capt.), Ed. Oke, Jas. Langskill, D. Radcliffe, Alex. Hutchinson, Frank Everist, sen.

White & Co.—Geo. Alcott (capt.), Geo. Everist, W. Stringer, E. Haver, James Thompson, Ed. Jordan.

News—A. Quayle (capt.), A. V. El-Bott, R. Wilson, F. Elliott, W. Williams, Emmett's Shoe Strings—H. N. Emmett (capt.), J. L. Chisholm, J. T. Bunney, F. H. Staughton, C. Wilson, H. Richards.

Royal, Cans—E. R. Sutherland (capt.), R. Poulter, J. Chantler, Gordon Sale, C. McKenzie, E. Quicke, which it will be our pleasure and privilege to present to-morrow.

St. Michael's College—Bob Dissette (capt.), J. Timmins, J. LeFlamme, J. Disette, Charles Roach.

Mlin & Bingham—James Stevenson, Jas. G. Cameron, George Lavelle, Chas. A. Thorne, G. A. Martin.

Royal Giants—Robt. Fleming, J. McGrath, James Petrie, J. Smith, Geo. Vick, R. H. Howard.

Royal Colts—H. Cheatham (capt.), N. J. White, Geo. Black, R. Morgan, F. Leslie, A. E. Walton.

Toronto General Trusts (doubles)—Geo. Robinson and Fred L. James.

Dominion—C. J. Colborne, E. Kidd, W. D. McVeety, T. H. Dunn, H. R. Banks, Dr. Shaw.

National Cash Register—P. Reid, F. Craig, G. Knowland, Pedlar, J. Ratelley, Elites, Parkdale—Charles Allen, W. Greenaway, A. Robinson, A. Fursdend, Ed. Raney.

Trembl's Champions—Fred Tremble (capt.), T. Bird, W. B. Bird, J. Bird, W. Edman, Ed. Millburn.

AS TO WEIGHT.

Ackerman Insists on Scaling at 3 O'clock.

Lima, Ohio, March 23.—(Special)—Al Ackerman arrived here last night to make final preparation for his match on Saturday night at Hamilton, Ont., with Charlie Conkle, for the welterweight championship of America. Ackerman is looking fine after his wrestling tour in the south and says he is in good shape. He weighs about 146 pounds. He says that the articles of agreement call for 142 pounds at 3 o'clock on day of the match, but he will not have any trouble in making that weight. Conkle wanted him to make 142 rindsie, Ackerman has asked to Fred Bart, at Auburn, N. Y., written him to go to Hamilton to help him in his final preparation and to second him in the contest. The match will leave here on Friday morning for Hamilton.

DISPUTE ABOUT WEIGHING.

Conkle has told the officers of the club which will pull off the big bout with Ackerman that the articles of agreement call for welterweight, which means 142 pounds rindsie. He says he can make that weight and is anxious that Ackerman be made to scale the same. As Ackerman's forfeit has not yet been received by Billy Carroll, the stakeholder, the matter is not yet in the hands of the club. It is not unlikely that Conkle will concede to have the weighing done at 3.

A good deal of interest is being shown in the bout, as it is over two years since the championship wrestling match has taken place here. Conkle is being trained under the direction of Sam Vaughan.

HURTLEBUSE QUIT.

Naperville, March 23.—Before a crowd of 400 here last night, Barnes, of New York, and Sheridan, of Oshawa, met for the lightweight wrestling championship, resulting in a draw after a struggle of an hour and eight minutes. Immediately after Hurtlebusch, of Peterboro', and Hawkey, of Kingston, were on the mat for the heavy-weight wrestling championship. After struggling about five minutes a foul was declared in favor of Hawkey, but Hurtlebusch refused to admit the foul, and would not continue if Hawkey was allowed the advantage. A draw was declared by Referee Cartwright.

WEST AGAIN.

Eastern Hockey Stars Beaten at Toronto.

Toronto, March 23.—The hockey game between West and East All-Stars resulted in a 7 to 5 victory for the former at Mutual street rink last night. The ice was at its best and the game fast, clean and exhilarating throughout. One Barrie man played for the West and two for the East. Wally Hern, of Stratford, who started to referee the game, was struck on the head by the puck near half-time and received a nasty scalp wound requiring several stitches to close. F. C. Waghorne took the place. The teams:

West—Goal, Reinhardt, Berlin; point, Richards, Stratford; cover, Preston, Stratford; rover, Ranley, Stratford; centre, Simpson, Stratford; right, Progers, London; left, Foyston, Barrie.

East—Goal, Brown, Toronto R. C.; point, Kyle, Eureka, Toronto; cover, Rowe, Barrie; rover, McLean, Simcoes, Toronto; centre, Meekling, Barrie; right, Matthews, Eureka; left, Blanchard, Whitby.

Referees—Wally Hern, Stratford, and F. C. Waghorne, West Toronto.

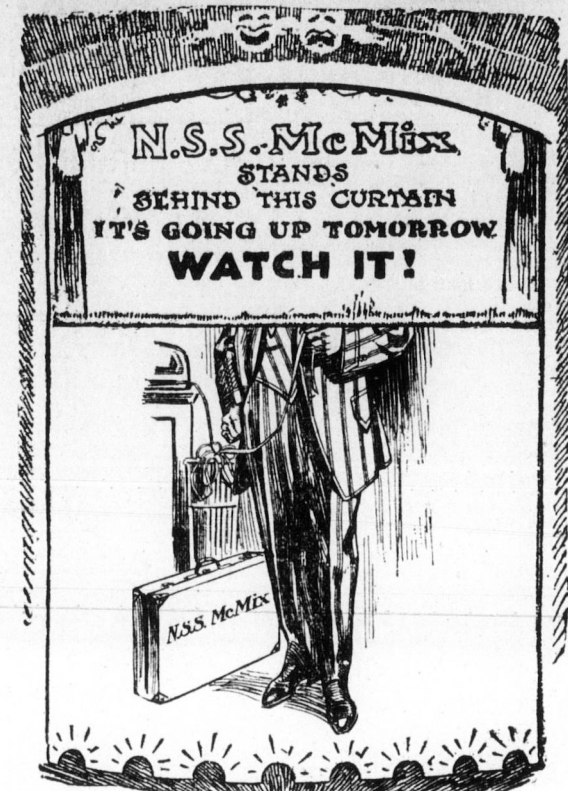
ON CRUTCHES.

One Legged Race at North Bay Last Night.

North Bay, March 23.—The three-mile crutch race here last night between Harry Reynolds, of Toronto, and B. Ferro, of North Bay, one-legged men, attracted an enthusiastic crowd of over five hundred people, many of whom were Italian partisans of their countryman Ferro.

The Italian led until the third mile, when Reynolds sprang ahead, for a

Almost! Almost! Almost!



Ladies and Gentlemen:

We beg to announce that the picture of Mr. N. S. S. McMix has been again withheld to-day, in order that Mr. McMix might have time to finish, with his own hand, a signed article which it will be our pleasure and privilege to present to-morrow.

Mr. McMix's memoirs will fascinate and entertain. It is perhaps enough to say that when McMix arrives in any city, he is much in demand, and none will ever surpass him as a traveller.

What he will say he will say. What he will write he will write, and you, when you shall have read it to-morrow, will have read what is written.

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It Seems That M'Mix and McMix Are Mixed



A. DENNIS M'MIX

Mr. A. Dennis M'Mix called at the Times office to-day and assured the editor that he is not N. S. S. McMix. He proved it by introducing his own picture. It looks exactly like him, and on the other hand there is every reason to believe that it does not look like Mr. N. S. S. McMix.

We had hoped to be able to print a picture of Mr. N. S. S. McMix to-day, but unavailing attempts to forbid that triumph. However, we hope to be able, and we believe we will be able, to print a picture of Mr. N. S. S. McMix to-morrow.

In the meantime we take great pleasure in publishing to-day the first real and authentic picture of Mr. A. Dennis M'Mix.