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SPORTS HOCKEY, BOWLING THE RING, BASKETBALL

Bugs---That's All

Cartoon strip with four panels. Panel 1: 'In the last few weeks a bunch of Boston's high-brow knife jugglers have been blowing their brains out with a new kind of bug theories. For instance—Dr. E. M. Nichols has a flea that he can reduce a man's bread basket by coughing out about six feet of his food route if so—GET WISE, JEFF!' Panel 2: 'AND NOT ONLY THAT BUT DOC BRADFORD ANOTHER BOSTON CITY PAINKILLER ADVANCES THE THEORY THAT A GUY CAN GET INTO PERFECT CONDITION BY PATTERNING AROUND ALL SUMMER IN HIS BARE SLABS. OH, YOU BUYER CUPS AND VIOLETS! CAN'T YOU JUST FEEL 'EM WRIGGLING BETWEEN YOUR TOES? BY THE WAY, THEY SAY FOOT BATHS MAY BECOME POPULAR AGAIN.' Panel 3: 'AND THEN AGAIN, DR. SAMUEL A. NOKKINS, WHOSE SPECIALTY IS DRILLING FOR DEAD NERVES AND BUILDING BRIDGES (HE SAYS HE DID NOT BUILD BROOKLYN BRIDGE) SAYS THAT ANY MUTT'S CHIN CAN BE MADE ALMOST HUMAN BY PULLING OUT THE TEETH BY THE ROOTS AND PLANTING THEM FARTHER NORTH OR SOUTH AS THE CASE MAY BE. IT IS CLAIMED BY GOOD AUTHORITY THAT THIS WILL IN NO DEGREE PUT THE JOEY PEDAL ON THE 'CHIN MUSIC.' Panel 4: 'DR. GOD MEN MADE OVER HAS BEENS. THE DOGS WILL DO A RUSHING BUSINESS IF THIS COMES TO PASS. SULLIVAN, FITZ, CORBETT, PLYMER AND SHARKEY TAKE NOTICE! MAYBE THIS WILL BE THE FIGHT TRAINER OF THE FUTURE.'

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In view of last evening's disappointment. TWO SHOWS—At 5 To 6.30 Also 9 p. m.—TWO SHOWS THIS IS TO ACCOMMODATE NIGHT WORKERS AS WELL.

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TAFT DENIES PHILLY DEAL

Has Simply Purchased Baseball Park which Murphy says Induced Fogel's Syndicate to Buy Club's Stock.

New York, Jan. 3.—Charles W. Murphy, owner of the Chicago Cubs and Charles P. Taft of Cincinnati, his financial backer, left here yesterday afternoon for the West, but not before they had made an emphatic denial of the story that they were about to take over the stock in the Philadelphia National League Club. 'I do not own a share of stock in the Philadelphia club, nor do I intend to buy any of the stock,' said Mr. Taft. 'Mrs. Taft and I have simply purchased the property upon which the Philadelphia club is located and the club has secured a long term lease from us. Mr. Murphy is the owner of the Chicago club's controlling interest and owns half of the real estate upon which the grounds are laid out.' 'As the deal for the grounds in Philadelphia has been closed,' said Mr. Taft, 'I will give up my interest in the purchase of the Philadelphia club, which I could not disclose before this because of business reasons. Horace Fogel organized a syndicate some time ago to buy the Philadelphia club. It included Judge Frank Elliott, Mr. Conway and other wealthy men who were willing to put up money for the entire stock except for one reason. The club had an option to buy the ball park which expired yesterday and Fogel's associates were not in a position financially to subscribe so much extra capital. Fogel finally communicated with me, asking whether Mr. Taft or somebody else would not buy the grounds so that he could secure a long term lease and incidentally induce Messrs. Elliott, Conway and others to purchase the club's stock. I consulted Mr. Taft and receiving assurance from him that he would exercise the option on the Philadelphia grounds, purely as a real estate investment, I went to Philadelphia early in December, met Fogel and his backers and guaranteed them a long term lease on the park.' Own Absolutely. 'Then it was that they purchased the club's stock, which they now own absolutely. The deal for the grounds had to be put through in a hurry and until the legal transfer was consummated we could not give out details. As it is Mr. and Mrs. Taft own the grounds which have been leased to the club owned and controlled by the Fogel syndicate. At the time the club changed hands a large sum of money was put up by me in behalf of Mr. Taft as a guarantee that we would take over the property. The club will pay \$15,000 rent each year for a term of years, about \$17,500 and finally \$20,000 a year in perpetuity. 'The city of syndicate, I do not apply here at all. The Philadelphia club is not owned by Mr. Taft any more than the Chicago club is. I control the Chicago club absolutely with my own money and I'll tell you how. I have known Mr. Taft for many years. I worked on his Cincinnati newspaper and he became my friend. When I learned from James A. Hart, that the Chicago club was for sale and that the price was \$165,000, I went to Mr. Taft and borrowed the money with the understanding that I should pay back the loan out of the club's profits. I have paid Mr. Taft in full during the three years I've had the club, and I have also purchased control of West Side Park in Chicago. I am not a figurehead in spite of many statements to the effect, and Mr. Taft can prove it, by making the National League home in Philadelphia a permanent one. Mr. Taft has simply helped to benefit baseball, and he is entitled to commendation for it. 'What will be the outcome of Kline's case?' Murphy was asked. 'That I cannot answer just now. I don't know what Kline intends to do. I have not agreed to sell his release to any other club, but if such a thing should happen I see no reason why Kline should not be reinstated by the national commission. His case is in no different, not so serious in fact as that of Hal Chase of Abbotchelo, each of whom was returned to good standing upon the payment of a fine. 'I have just paid my respects to Mr. Lynch, the National League's new president, and Secretary Hovdey and I want to say that they enjoy my confidence. Both are fair and competent and will run the game with justice to all.'

WHY AMHERST WON OUT FROM CLIFFSIDES

Mr. Harold Wilson, manager of the Cliffside Hockey team and "Bill" Stuart, left wing, were in the city yesterday on their way home to Ottawa. Speaking with a Standard reporter Mr. Wilson said that the team, had nothing but praise for their treatment while in the Maritime Provinces. There had been two reasons for their defeat, the small size of the rink and the different and rougher kind of hockey played in Nova Scotia. Mr. Wilson said that he would have liked to arrange a game with the All St. Johns as our rinks were a third as large again as the Amherst rink.

NOBODY WANTS TO MIX WITH WEYMOUTH MAN

Sam Langford has signed with a club in Pittsburgh to fight six rounds with any man in the world, barring Jeffries, on January 11. But nobody appears anxious to take a chance with the hard hitting Nova Scotian. Joe Jeannette, who has been talking about fighting Langford in Paris, isn't saying a word about this Smoky City proposition, while Al Kaufman declares that he cannot accept, because he is matched to box six rounds with Jack O'Brien in Philadelphia on Jan. 19. Ketchel declines the issue because he is not in training and Jim Barry, the Chicago heavyweight, frankly admits that he cannot stay six rounds with Langford, who has already knocked him out twice in jig time. Langford, in a word, is up against the same old obstacle—nobody wants to fight him. He says he will soon go to Paris and make some of the second raters over there meet him or show the white feather. In short Samuel says he will bar nobody and will even go to Australia if Promoter McIntosh will make it worth while.

HAS BEENS TOO MUCH FOR THE "ITS"

The Has Beens took three points from the Its yesterday afternoon in the Y. M. C. A. volley ball league. The score of the games was 21-15, 21-14, and 21-15. All the Has Beens played well while Blizard at centre played a star game for it. The teams lined up as follows: Has Beens Left Wings. Its Steel ..... Graham White ..... Armstrong Centre. Watson ..... Blizard Right Wings. Kerr ..... Brown Carloss ..... Hazen Mr. B. J. Robertson acted as umpire.

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Five Teams to Constitute the Independent Basketball League--Series To Be Played under M.P.A.A.A. Regulations

A meeting of representatives from the basketball teams that are to form the Independent League was held at the Y. M. C. A. last night at which it was decided that five teams should compete in the league and that the games should commence on Monday, Jan. 10, at the Algonquins Hall at 8 p. m. The teams that will play in the league are the Portlands, Algonquins, St. Andrew's Y. M. C. A., the Harrier Y. M. C. A. and the Exmouth street Y. M. A. Each team will play three games with every other team in the league. The first games which will be played on Jan. 10 at the Algonquins Hall will be between the Exmouth Y. M. A. and the Algonquins and the St. Andrew's and the Portlands. On Jan. 18 a double header will be played at the St. Andrew's hall and on Jan. 24 another double header will be played in the Portland's hall. The rest of the schedule has not yet been drawn up. All the games in the league will commence at 8 o'clock. An admission fee of 10 cents will be charged. Mr. Murray Jarvis was appointed treasurer. Halves of twenty minutes each will be played. The games will be under the sanction of the M. P. A. A. A. and all the players will be registered in accordance to the regulations recently passed.

THE COMET AND THE ANGELUS

Continued from page 4. II, who had just conquered the empire of the Greeks. While he was thus asking all Christianity to unite against this Sultan, there was seen in the heavens a hairy comet which appeared to be entirely of fire. The populace feared that this phenomenon was the sign of some great accident, and the Pope seized this moment of terror to call them to prayer and to the practice of good works in order, he said, that there was any misfortune to fear Heaven would preserve the Christians from it. He urged prayers and public processions. He commanded that bells should be sounded about noon in order to notify the people to pray with this intention and granted indulgences to all those who would then recite three times the Lord's Prayer and the Angelical Salutation. 'Here is to be seen the origin of the angelus that we say at noon. John XXII, had already introduced in 1318 the practice of saying the angelical salutation every evening. And it was Louis XI, who in 1472 introduced in France the practice of saying this prayer at noon, following the example of what Calixtus III had done in 1456.' 'Thus there no longer remains any doubt in this respect. Besides that, the clerical writers of our time are acting so much the more foolishly in this matter, as the bells at present rung in our churches in many cases still bear the inscription:

(O Lord, protect us from lightning and storm.) In 1456 comets were feared by everybody as maleficent meteors. Why should it be surprising that one should think the sound of bells capable of conjuring away their bad influence as well as that of lightning and storm? What impossibility should be seen in the fact that this prayer was instituted by Calixtus III, on account of fears inspired by Mohomet II, who boasted that he would make his horse drink from the altar of St. Peter's in Rome, and under the impression of fears inspired in credulous souls by the appearance of the comet? What wrong can there be found in the fact that the Sovereign Pontiff invited the faithful to redouble their fervor during an occurrence which appeared tragic to all Christians? The important thing for Christianity is that the Turks were beaten. 'Thus, every time we hear the bells rung at noon for the angelus we may know that without Halley's comet these bells would not ring. Latham Wins. All the bowlers who made over 100 on the Y. M. C. A. alleys during the past month had the privilege of rolling off last night. Twenty-one players passed the century mark and six of these were present. M. Latham came out ahead with 83 points. E. J. Robertson was second with 81 and W. G. Tapley third with 79. Sunday Travelling Popular. The popularity of the Sunday train amongst the travelling public seems to be increasing all the time and within the last few weeks traffic has considerably increased. Last week about fifty passengers boarded the train here and yesterday there were about the same number.

WANDERERS ST. JOHN GAME POSTPONED

It was announced last evening that the All St. John hockeyists which were to have left for Halifax this evening to play the Wanderers will not go until Friday. A communication was received yesterday from Halifax by the local club saying that they would be unable to play the All St. Johns until Friday. It is not known as yet as to who will compose the line-up of the team which will play in the sister city.

THE BATTLER SCORED AS A QUITTER

Battling Nelson, who is severely scored all over the country now because of his apparent unwillingness to risk his championship title, has turned down the challenge of Owen Moran, the English boxer, in this way: "I will not fight Moran under any circumstances. He has no right to chal-

MacAulay's Defeated.

Brook & Patterson defeated MacAulay Bros, on the Victoria alleys last night by a score of 1204 to 1121. Messrs. G. Patterson, W. Gale, A. Henderson, H. MacMichael and T. Masters played for Brook & Patterson, while Messrs. W. Smith, M. Latham, F. McLean, A. Irvine and G. Smith rolled for MacAulay Bros. Masters was high man with an average of 84.

NICKEL'S SPORTING TOURNAMENT TODAY Special Shows 5 p. m. and 9 p. m.--Johnson-Ketchel and Hackenschmidt vs. Rogers. Thousands were disappointed last evening in not being able to witness the Johnson-Ketchel contest in Nickel Theatre. Through a transportation mishap the four reels of copyrighted film failed to reach St. John and subsequent telegraphic communication elicited the facts, which of course dashed the whole show. However, the Nickel management made every effort after 4 p. m. to notify the community of the disappointment. Printed matter was distributed in large quantities, painted signs paraded about the streets, and the telephone used to the fullest advantage. The plan now is to show the Johnson-Ketchel-Rogers wrestling bout, this (Tuesday) afternoon, commencing at 5 o'clock and ending at 6.30, thus enabling many night workers to witness the pictures. This special exhibition will be given at general request. In keeping with the original arrangements also, the big sporting programme will commence at 9 o'clock in the evening and last almost two hours. The programme will be as follows:— Overture—"For He's a Jolly Good Fellow".....Orchestra. Song.....Master Charles Packer. Travel Pictures—"From Bremen, Germany, to New York City, in the North German Lloyd steamer, George Washington. Championship Wrestling Bout—"Gus" Hackenschmidt vs. "Yankee" Rogers at the Oxford Music Hall, London. Concert Numbers Gertrude LeRoy. Championship Boxing Bout—Johnson vs. Ketchel, including scenes in the training quarters of each contestant, the vast crowd arriving, and the twelve fast and furious rounds. "Good Night." The Nickel's regular programme will commence at 6.30 o'clock, including the magnificent cosmopolitan picture, "In Little Italy," by the Biograph Company, the interesting ocean voyage from Bremen, Germany, to the city of New York, and the European romance, "The Right to Love." Miss LeRoy, Master Packer and the orchestra. Last evening this excellent bill delighted everybody.

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