SPORTS

BASKETBALL TO BOOM HERE — BOWLING, BASEBALL THE RING, FOOTBALL

BASKETBALL TO FLOURISH HERE THIS WINTER

Three Leagues Formed At Representative Meeting Held Last Night In Y. M. C. A.--Senior, Intermediate, Junior.

As the result of a meeting of delegates from many of the local athletic clubs held at the Y. M. C. A. last evening it is probably that basketball will flourish in the city this winter in a way it has never flourished before. The meeting was called by Mr. E. J. Robertson, physical instructor of the association.

Mr. George R. Crosby was appointed chairman of the meeting which commenced about ten o'clock. Those present were Messrs. George Crosby, Cecil Brown, and Roy Barton, as representatives of the Portland Y. M. A.; Messrs. Alexander Thorne and Arch. Roberts as representatives of the Algonquins; Messrs. Carlos, Hipwell and Emery, as representatives of the Exmouth street Y. M. A.; Messrs. George E. Holder and R. Giggey, as representatives of the Millidgiville Club; Messrs. Arthur Scott and Harry Patterson, as representatives of the St. Andrew's church club, and Messrs. E. J. Robertson, R. Kerr and Murray Latham, as representatives of the Y. M. C. A.

It was decided to form three leagues. A senior league, an independent league and an intermediate league.

The senior league will be composed of teams representing the Y. M. C. A., the Algonquins, the Millidgiville Y. M. A. and probably the Portland Y. M. A. Whether or not the Portlands will enter depends to a considerable extent on whether Crosby, one of their star players is reinstated.

All the games of the league, with two exceptions, will be played in the Y. M. C. A. gym. on Thursday nights at 9 o'clock, commencing Jan. 9. The Algonquins will play two of their games in their own gym. one against the Y. M. C. A. and the other against the Millidgeville team. Each team in the league will play two games against every other team.

The independent league will be composed of players who formerly played in the intermediate league but are now over the age limit. The clubs that will be represented in this league are the Y. M. C. A., the Exmouth Y. M. A., the St. Andrew's Y. M. A., the Algonquins and the Portland. Each of these teams will play three games with every other team in the league, the games to take place in the gyms of the different clubs. If any player in the independent league plays in two games with the senior team he will be barred from this league.

In the intermediate league it was decided to change the age limit to twenty years. Any person under this age can play provided he has not played two games with the independents or seniors. The Y. M. C. A., the Algonquins, the Exmouth street Y. M. A, and possibly the High School will have teams in this league.

All the games will be played under the strict amateur rules adopted by the A. A. A. F. of Canada.

JEFF URGED TO QUIT STAGE FOR THE GYMN

McGrath, Vetran Trainer Says He's Taking Chances--Predicts That Johnson Will Be Hard To Beat.

New York, Dec. 6.—Tim McGrath, one of the best known handlers and trainers of pugilists in this country, seems to think that Jeffries is taking desperate chances with Jack Johnson. McGrath has seconded and supervised the conditioning of such noted pugilists as Ike Weir, Frank Murphy, Billy Murphy, Solly Smith, Dal Hawkins, Spider Kelly, Mysterious Billy Smith, Young Mitchell, Danny Needham, Kid Lavigne, George Dawson, Tom Tracey, Dan Creedon, Young Griffo, George Dixon, Joe Walcott, Battling Nelson, Tom Sharkey and Johnson. When he consents to discuss pugilism, therefore, McGrath speaks by the card.

"Jeff is taking a pretty big chance when he agrees to enter the ring with this big negro after a life of idleness for nearly five years," said McGrath the other day. "You hear a lot of fans saying that Jeff is only three years older than Johnson and that the negro has been hitting the high places a bit himself. This may be true, but Johnson has been fighting right along. Mind you, he beat a good man last month, for Ketchel was highly regarded as a fighter until the black put him away.

Jeff a Problem.

"We know that Johnson can fight right now, but we don't know whether Jeff can or not. It's like the fellow who drank twenty mugs of beer on a wager. He tried it first. I think it would be a good idea therefore if Jeff tried a few second rate fighters first.

"I don't like the way Jim has been doing his so-called training on the vaudeville stage. If Jeff had hung a gun over his shoulder and had gone off in the California mountains hunting when the public first asked him to return to the ring I'd have more confidence in him. Instead he tackled this vaudeville game for the money there was in it.

"But there's more money in it for Jeffries if he whips Johnson, for he'll never die a pauper as long as white men live. He had better forget about the footlights right away quick and get back to the simple life. No man can train on a vaudeville diet. I've bucked that game myself, and I know. How can a man train when he's facing the footlights all the time, breathing the foul air of the crowded theatres, sleeping in strange beds, eating badly cooked food and catching trains at all hours of the night?

"Jeff needn't think that he can blow this negro over. He's got to have the good old punch, that keen eye and that old speed. Johnson isn't afraid of him, so get that out of your head. The colored man is the best front runner in the world. If Johnson has the least bit of confidence he's going to fight like a wild man. I know. I've handled him and I'm qualified to talk. He will not have a faint heart when he gets into the ring, because he is convinced that the Jeffries bee has lost a lot of his sting.

His Hands Full.

"This fellow Berger makes me weary with his vaudeville game. What does coin amount to in a crisis like this? Berger doesn't care for sentiment at all. He's trying to grab all he can for Jeff and himself and then let the big fellow beat himself just as old John L. Sullivan did when Corbett beat him. Sullivan just ran himself to death. Corbett didn't have to hit him hard enough to score a knockout. Johnson is just as clever as Corbett and he's a much better fighter. Take it from me that Jeff will have his hands full when the battle begins.

"Had Jeffries and Johnson been matched four years ago the sporting public would not have regarded the fight seriously. Johnson would not have been looked upon as a formidable antagonist and a comparatively small purse would have been offered for the mill, but under present conditions it is safe to say that the men seem to be very evenly matched, with the negro having a look in.

"With Jeffries possibly going back and Johnson still coming I think it is about an even break with the nero having a chance to win on strength and stamina. I'll admit that Jeff is improving in his condition steadily, but he will have to be at his best to win back the title. If Jeffries can stand the pace and reach the negro with his old time body blows he'll win, but if Johnson can stand him off for twenty rounds I think the boiler maker will gradually tire and the negro will finally put him away. In short Jeff will have to win inside of twenty rounds or not at all."

Permanent Stake Holder.

New York, N. Y., Dec. 6.—State Senator Timothy D. Sullivan, better known as "Big Tim" was appointed permanent stake holder for the Jeffries-Johnson match today. All the forfeit money, amounting to $40,000, has been deposited with Sullivan with consent of all interested parties.

HOLMER AND SELLEN HERE ON MONDAY

Hans Holmer's manager, in communication with the syndicate endeavoring to arrange a race here between the Marathon champion and Percy Sellen, has expressed his willingness to meet the great Toronto runner here on Monday next, and adds that Holmer is in excellent condition for the race. In explaining his reluctance to match Hans with Sellen previously, he states that it would be suicidal to enter the conqueror of St. Yves in a fifteen mile event with Sellen unless Holmer was in the best condition possible.

It is probable that Alfred Shrubb will meet the victor although he has evaded Sellen's countless challenges in the past.

MORE HOME RUNS FOR COBB.

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 6.—The American League, which yesterday gave out its official batting averages, announced today that Tyrus Cobb, of Detroit, who leads the league in batting, should have been credited with nine home runs instead of seven, while the number of his two-base hits should have been 33 of 35.

READVILLE IS TO BOOM NOW SAYS WELCH

New England Track To Be Included In The Grand Circuit Next Year And Plans Are Already Being Advanced.

Boston, Dec. 6.—The New England trotting horse breeders' association is practically something of the past, for it is simply a corporation with neither assets nor liabilities.

The racing plant out under the shadow of the great Blue Hill which it brought into being has passed into other hands. Its work has been accomplished and all that the future holds for the organization that did so much for horse racing in this section of the country is dissolution.

The association still has a legal life, and in accordance with the law the stockholders were called together for their annual meeting last week. In response came just a half dozen men, three of whom were obliged to be there. In marked contrast was this last gathering to the annual meetings of the association's early days, when all was enthusiasm and breeders came from every part of New England, the provinces and several of the counties in New York.

A. J. ("Andy") Welch, the man who took the Readville property off the association's hands, is brimming over with optimism. The New York sale he counts the best ever, and all he can see for the sport is the brightest sort of a future. He is firm in his belief that Boston is the best racing city in the world and is certain that the dark days of Readville are of the past.

Readville will be on the grand circuit map next year and Andy proposes to have a meeting that will rank the top notchers. He still has faith in handicap racing and will give the imported system another trial.

The famous Massachusetts will continue a fixture and a purse of sufficient size to attract the fastest pacers will be given.

Stallion Race a Feature.

The feature will be a stallion race, and the promise has been made that both Allen Winter and Silliko will start if these English owned horses train up to expectations when brought back to the land of their birth.

Welch's plans for the handicaps may change between now and spring, but at present his idea is to offer $10,000 for trotters and $5000 for pacers. Horses to be eligible must have started three times previous to the time of the handicapping. The nominating fee will be very low, and the bulk of the entrance coming after the handicaps are announced. The fields will be limited to 20 starters, and two qualifying heats will be raced, with 10 starters in each, the last horse being disqualified, leaving 18 starters in the final.

Charley Jewett is still at Readville assisting Welch in putting the place in winter shape. The winter covering is on the track, the work in hand being the laying of drains and cesspools to carry off the water from the sloping lawns. Many improvements have been made since the meeting last summer. The stalls which obstructed the view from the gate to the clubhouse have been removed and in their place is a broad driveway which will have grass plots and flowerbeds on either side.

Welch hopes some time to have a fair in connection with his grand circuit meeting and it may be that he will make a start next year. His idea is to begin with an exhibition of cattle and let the fair grow as the public demands. A permanent grandstand is a sure thing before the bell rings next season, and there is a chance that a half-mile track will be built in the infield.

HOLY TRINITY VICTORS OVER THE SAINTS

St. Josephs Taken Into Camp In Last Night's Bowling--Hotels To Form League--Weekly Rolloff.

What was perhaps the best game yet played in the Inter-society league series was played last evening on Black's Alleys when the St. Josephs and Holy Trinity clashed. The game was an exciting one and resulted in a victory for the Holy Trinity team, they taking three points. Their score was 1306. Phinney of the St. Josephs was high man, averaging 92 2-3.

Holy Trinity.

J. Doherty ...	90	95	79	264—88
Foohey	88	78	81	247—82 1-3
O'Brien	90	85	78	253—84 1-3
F. Doherty ...	106	90	80	276—92
Riley	93	90	83	266—88 2-3
	467	438	401	1306

St. Josephs.

Griffith	90	87	90	267—89
Ward	78	75	83	236—78 2-3
Britt	72	82	83	237—79
Gale	77	81	96	254—84 2-3
Phinney	92	83	103	278—92 2-3
	409	408	455	1262

Monthly Roll Off.

The monthly roll-off on Black's Alleys was won last evening by Mr. Chip Olive with a score of 287 for three strings, making an average of 95 2-3. The prize was a handsome china tea set.

On Black's Alleys last evening two teams from Waterbury and Rising's met and the game resulted in a victory for the King street "Specials" over the wholesale men. The former took all four points. The score was 1101 for the winners to 973 for the losers.

Hotel League.

A meeting of those interested in the formation of a Hotel Bowling League was held last evening in Victoria Bowling Academy when it was decided to form a league but the date of the first game has not been settled. It will not be, however, until the New Year.

Representatives from most of the hotels in town were present and all signified their intentions of entering the league. Following is a list of the hotels which will probably be in the league: Royal, Victoria, Dufferin, Park, Grand Union, Clifton and Edward.

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Sun rises today	7.56 a. m.
Sun sets today	4.36 p. m.
Sun rises tomorrow	7.57 a. m.
Sun sets tomorrow	4.36 p. m.
Low water	1.36 a. m.
High water	7.51 a. m.
Low water	2.06 p. m.
High water	8.10 p. m.

PORT OF ST. JOHN.

Arrived Yesterday.

Elder Dempster S S Sokoto, from Newport News with general cargo, J H Scammell and Co.

Sch Jessie Lena (Am), 279, Maxwell, from Salem, Mass, R C Elkin, ballast.

Sch E Merriam, 331, Gale, from New York, A W Adams, with 496 tons coal for R P and W F Starr.

Sch William L Elkin, 229, Dixon, from Perth Amboy, N J; J W Smith, with 316 tons hard coal for George Dick.

Cleared Yesterday.

Sch George W Anderson (Am), 169 Lunn, from Providence, R I, Stetson Cutler and Co, 775,000 cedar shingles, 654,000 spruce laths, 40,744 ft spruce plank, etc.

Sailed Yesterday.

Stmr Felix (Nor) 1123, Berggreen, for Havana, Wm Thomson and Co, general cargo.

Vessels Bound to St. John.

Steamers.

Manchester Mariner, Manchester, Dec. 4.

Hesperian, Liverpool, sld. Dec. 3.

Ferdora de Larrinaga, Port Natal, sld. Nov. 27.

Benin, Barry, sld. Nov. 27.

Lakonia, Glasgow, Dec. 4.

Corsican, Liverpool, Nov. 25.

Lake Manitoba, Liverpool, Nov. 24.

Lake Michigan, Antwerp, Nov. 25.

Man. Shipper, Manchester, Nov. 20.

Monmouth, Bristol, sld. Nov. 27.

Schooners.

Aldini, Boothby, Me, sld Dec 5.

Georgie Pearl, Boothby, Me, sld Dec 5.

Rescue, New Haven, sld. Nov. 20.

Manuel R. Cuza, Vineyard Haven, sld Nov. 22.

Jennie Stubbs, Machias, sld Nov. 22.

Clayola, sld New York, Nov. 22.

Clinton Point, City Island, sld. December 1st.

Vessels in Port.

Steamers.

Sokoto, Wm Thomson and Co.

Almeriana, 1824, Hauke, Wm. Thomson & Co.

Montrose, 3968, Parry, C P R Co.

Cassandra, 5228, R. Reford Co.

Victorian, 12,000, Outram, Wm. Thomson & Co.

Barkentines.

Hancock, 370, A. W. Adams.

Schooners.

Caroline Gray, 120, D J Purdy.

C J Colwell, C M Kerrison.

E Merriam, 331, A W Adams.

D W B, 128, A W Adams.

George W. Anderson (Am.), 169, C. M. Kerrison.

Harry Miller, Barton, master.

Hunter 187, D J Purdy.

Lady of Avon, 326, R. C. Elkin.

Priscilla, 102, A. W. Adams.

Isaiah K. Stetson (Am.) 271, J. W. Smith.

Rewa, 120, D J Purdy.

Rolfe, 54, A. W. Adams.

Jessie Lena, 279, R C Elkin.

J. Arthur Lord (Am), A. W. Adams.

Jennie C. 98, Branscombe, A. W. Adams.

Wm L Elkins, 224, George Dick.

W. H. Waters, 120, A. W. Adams.

Genevieve, 124, A. W. Adams.

Winnie Lawry, 176, Master.

Oriole, 124, J. Splane & Co.

Romeo, 111, P. McIntyre.

Zeta, 335, A W Adams.

Canadian Ports.

Halifax, N. S., Dec. 6.—Arrived—Strs Grampian (Br) from St. John, NB; Boston (Nor.) from Jamaica; Schr Helen Shaffner (Br) from New York. Sailed—Strs Manchester Shipper (Br) for St John, NB; Mexico (Fr) for Havre, having coaled.

British Ports

Sailings to St. John.

Donaldson Line.

Parthenia, Glasgow, Dec. 11.

Pythia (charterd) Glasgow, Dec. 18.

Allan Line.

Tunisian, Liverpool, Dec. 10.

C. P. R.

Corsican, (char.) Liverpool, Dec. 17.

Empress of Ireland, Liverpool, Dec. 31.

Corsican (char.), Liverpool, Jan. 14.

Empress of Britain, Liverpool, Jan. 28.

Empress of Ireland, Liverpool, Feb. 11.

Empress of Britain, Liverpool, Feb. 25.

Lake Champlain, Liverpool, Mar. 2.

Empress of Ireland, Liverpool, Mar. 11.

Lake Manitoba, Liverpool, Mar. 16.

Em. of Britain, Liverpool, Mar. 25.

Lake Erie, Liverpool, Mar. 30.

Em. of Ireland, Liverpool, April 8.

Lake Champlain, Liverpool, April 13

Em. of Britain, Liverpool, April 22

Monmouth, Bristol, Dec. 15.

Montcalm, Bristol, Jan. 12.

Monmouth, Bristol, Jan. 26.

Montcalm, Bristol, Feb. 23.

Monmouth, Bristol, Mar. 9.

Montcalm, Bristol, April 6.

Monmouth, Bristol, April 20.

Mount Temple, Antwerp, Dec. 15.

Montreal, Antwerp, Dec. 29.

Montezuma, Antwerp, Jan. 12.

Lake Michigan, Antwerp, Jan. 26.

Mount Temple, Antwerp, Jan. 9.

Montreal, Antwerp, Feb. 23.

Lake Michigan, Antwerp, Mar. 23.

Mount Temple, Antwerp, April 6.

Manchester Line.

Man. Importer, Manchester, Dec. 18

Man. Shipper, Manchester, Jan. 1.

Man. Mariner, Manchester, Jan. 15.

Man. Importer, Manchester, Jan. 29

Man. Shipper, Manchester, Feb. 12.

Man. Mariner, Manchester, Feb. 26.

Man. Shipper, Manchester, Mar. 12.

Man. Mariner, Manchester, April 9.

Head Line.

Bray Head, Dublin, Dec. 25.

Bengore Head, Belfast Dec. 26.

Havana—Elder-Dempster.

Sokoto, Dec. 10.

For South Africa.

Benin, 4313 tons, will sail Dec. 10

Melvin, 4439 tons, will sail Dec. 10.

Canada Cape, 4286 tons, will sail Feb. 10.

Monarch, 7355 tons, will sail Mar. 10

Bendu, 4319 tons, will sail April 10.

British Ports.

Hull, Dec. 5.—Arrived—Stmr. Gelenosk, Portland.

Glasgow, Dec. 6.—Arrived—Stmr. Parthenia, New York.

Liverpool, Dec. 4.—Sailed—Stmr. Athenia, St. John, N. B.

Avonmouth, Dec. 5.—Sailed—Stmr. Manxman, Portland.

Queenstown, Dec. 6.—Arrived—Str. Mauretania, New York for Fishguard and Liverpool, and proceeded.

Naples, Dec. 4.—Arrived—Stmr. Oceania, (new) New York.

Glasgow, Dec. 5.—Arrived—Stmr. Columbia, New York, via Moville.

Manchester, Dec. 4.—Sailed—Stmr. Manchester Mariner, St. Johns, N. F.

London, Dec. 6.—Arrived—Stmr. Pomeranian, Montreal, via Havre.

Liverpool, Dec. 4.—Sailed—Stmr. Siberian, St. Johns, N. F., Halifax and Philadelphia.

London, Dec. 5.—Sailed—Stmr. Georgian, Boston.

Glasgow, Dec. 5.—Sailed—Stmr. Boston.

Foreign Ports.

Boston, Mass., Dec. 6.—Arrived—Stmrs. Esparta (Br.), Port Limon; Borgestad (Nor.) Louisburg, C. B.; Schr. Alcyone, Windsor, N. S.

Vineyard Haven, Mass., Dec. 6.—Arrived—Schrs. S. A. Fownes (Br.) Dorchester, N. B., for do; Andrew Peters, St. George, N. B., for Bridgeport.

Vineyard Haven, Mass., Dec. 6.—Arrived and sailed—Schrs. Ann L. Lockwood; Dorchester, N. B., for Bridgeport; Loyal (Br.) Richibucto, N. B. for New York.

Arrived—Schrs. Lizzie H. Patrick, Windsor, N. S. for do.; Frank B. Witherbee, Frankfort for do.; Wanola (Br.), St. John, N. B. for do.; Laura M. Lunt, Hillsboro, N. B. for do; William Mason, Bangor, for do.; Otis Miller (Br.) Eatonville, N. S. for orders; Rescue (Br.), from New York, Alma, N. B.; Peerless (Br.), from do, Yarmouth, N. S.; Clayola (Br.) from do, St. John, N. B.; Moama (Br.), from Port Johnson, do.; Margaret May Riley (Br.), from New York, do.; Cora May (Br.), from Weehawken, do.; Marguerite (Br.), from South Amboy, Bridgetown, N. S.; Mineola, (Br.) from Philadelphia, Yarmouth, N. S.; Lillian, Blauvelt (Br.), from Bridgeport, do.; Evolution (Br.) from South Amboy, St. Andrews, N. B.; Hazel Dell, from New Bedford, St. John, N. B.; George D. Jenkins, from New York, Bear River, N. S.; Unity (Br.), from Perth Amboy, Halifax; Garfield White (Br.), from Guttenburg, Windsor, N. S.; Pell, S. C. Vought, from Boston, New York; Rhoda Holmes, from Windsor, N. S., do.

Reports And Disasters.

Vineyard Haven, Mass., Dec. 6.—Schooner Loyal (Br.) Richibucto, N. B. for New York, at this port today, experienced a violent northeast gale on November 24th in the Bay of Fundy. She lost a boat and about one hundred and fifty thousand laths from the deck.

Vineyard Haven, Mass., Dec. 5.—Schooner L. A. Plummer, Newark for Portland, which arrived here today, reports that when ten miles off Watch Hill, R. I., last night, bearing northwest by west, she ran into an obstruction. The schooner's stem was split but she does not leak. It is believed here, however, that the object may be a portion of either the schooner Merrill C. Hart or the barkentine John S. Bennett, which were sunk in collision in that vicinity several weeks ago.

MARINE NOTES

The steamer Alice has been chartered by the Port Hood Coal Co., to carry coal for a month.

The steamer A W Perry fitted with new boilers and comptelely renovated and painted, has begun her winter schedule between Halifax and Boston. She was laid off two months. The Halifax is now laid off for overhauling before going on the Florida-Cuba route.

As an indication of winter the government steamer "Aberdeen" is busy taking up summer bouys in the Gulf of St. Lawrence and Northumberland Strait. She made a trip to Sable Island with supplies last week and brought back 108 barrels of cranberries, besides a number of passengers, who had been using the island as a sanitarium.

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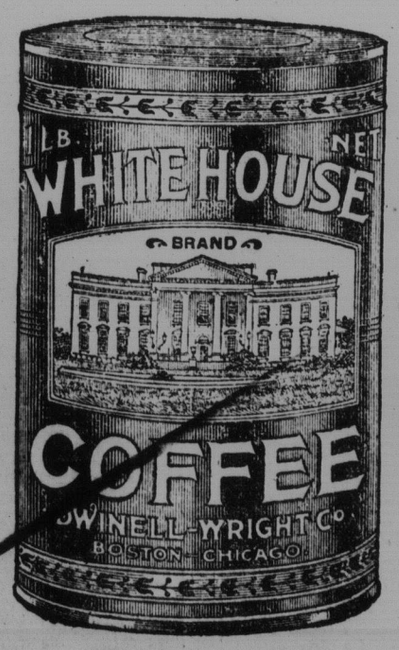

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