Curling The Game . Hockey First League Match Tonight

... Trotting Hillcrest Program

FIVE THOUSAND CURLERS IN THE ONTARIO ASSOCIATION

THE GRANITES DRAW.

SPORTING NOTES

BASEBALL GOSSIP

Appearance of the Annual Is! a Reminder That the Season Market for this morning for the annual match, President v. Vice-President. The Is at Hand-Facts and Fig-Is at Hand—Facts and Figures For the O. C. A. Are

Handed Out.

The 38th "Annual," the official handow of the Ontario Curling Association, add its appearance verterday showing a few factors.

Is at Hand—Facts and Figures draw:

—Draw at 9 a.m.—

Vice-President.—

M. Rawlinson
C. Bulley
T. Rennie
G. H. Orr
R. N. Gray
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The 38th "Annual," the official hand- C. H. Orr R. N. Gray book of the Ontario Curling Association, made its appearance yesterday showing the great care taken by the new editor, Sandy Pearcy, who succeeds James Macfadden as secretary-treasurer.

The scope of curling in Ontario is best exemplified by the fact that the book requires 56 pages for a record of the 105

requires 56 pages for a record of the 105 affiliated clubs and these represent about 5000 curiers of the besom who are thus shown to be duly qualified to play in the blue ribbon competition of the winter, viz., the Ontario Tankard.

Array of Curiers.

This array or curiers is divided into sixteen groups of clubs who play off at feadquarters designated in the annual, the sixteen winners meeting in Toronto for the finish, all according to the knockout system, and one team of two rinks is left. Thus the O.C.A. engages in a rapid system of reduction, mostly in the month of February, when the five thousand curiers or every degree and style are cut down to a simple octet. Meaford turned the trick last winter, while the records show that the Toronto Granites won in 1909, 1910 and 1911, with the same eight men playing in the exact positions the three years.

The book shows that W. Ament of Seatorth with 47 is champion point player with Farry Sound and other Seaforth curiers hogging the other prominent positions right down to No. 12. In fact these two clubs with Kingston monopolize the competition according to the returns, except for three or four stray shooters.

The Toronto Granites won the most

teurs and pros. Charlie (Clubb) Collins of Dundas is one of the best known exponents of the game for many years, while a new light is glimmering in Little London, viz., Mooney Gibson, the well-known backstop of the Pittsburg Pirates. According to the words of a former president—Alex. R. Goldle of Galt—while the main object of matches between clubs is to determine their relative skill in the game, it should ever be borne in mind that the ultimate object of curling is to develop a manly recreation, and to promote good-will, kindly feeling and honorable conduct among those who take part in it, and this sentiment should influence both the interpretation and the application of all rules.

Curling Today.

According to custom play should start today thruout the province with the annual club matches, President v. Vice-President. In Toronto the weather is frequently like the present, and a post-ponement is necessary till New Year's or a later date. Often in mild winters this fixture is abandoned altogether.

However, at the different city clubs they were "slugging" up the stones last night, and it is expected that one shift will at least play at 9 o'clock this morning with a continuance of the games should colder weather develop.

Ned Hanlan's Old Rival, J. E. O'Rourke, Passes

Death of Well-Known Professional Sculler After Short Illness in Philadelphia.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 24.—John E. O'Rourke, the old professional carsman, of this city, and veteran of many a hard-fought contest with Ellis Ward, Edward Hanlan and the senior Ten Eyck, died at his home here yesterday, following a short illness.

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O'Rourke was one of the greatest sweep oarsmen that the Schuyikill ever produced, and he was as good a teacher as he was an oarsman. After he found that rowing was becoming a favorite sport among the younger clubmen of the city he became their instructor. Later he was associated with Ellis Ward until he left for the west to become an athletic instructor of one of the Pittsburg clubs. Retiring from athletics, he assumed a position with one of the large steel companies in the west, but was severely injured two years ago, and had to return to his old home in this city. He had gradually failed in health since that time, and died yesterday, aged sixty-three years.

Hotel Woodbine to Lunch. Dine or Sup. Tea Rooms and Grill. Special 50c Luncheon, 12 to 2. After-theatre parties specially catered for. Music. 102-110 King Street West.

More 3.50 No Less. 119 YONGE STREET.

Brockton Shoes

Allan Cup Holders Lose Two Valuable Players — Winnipeg Team Promising.

WINNIPEG, Dec. 25.-Providing the Winnipeg Victorias succeed in coming

The Winnipers promise to put the strongest septette in the existence of the club on the ice. Jack Aldous, who starred two years ago with Victorias, has cast in his lot with the Pefs, and his playing at this early date marks him as a very valuable man. Two other fast men who will be seen on the line-up are Al Adamson, who played for Winnipeg Varsity for several years, and Billy Mc-Kenzle of Kenora. These men with Gannon in goal, Ollie Turnbull and Jack Ruttan on the defence, and either Bill Noble or Munroe on the forward line will make a pretty hard bunch to beat.

Of the Chicago Cubs of 1906, who established a record by winning 116 games in the National League, there remain only four players: Evers, Sheckard, Schulte and Reulbach.

The Pacific Coast League will furnish thirty weeks of baseball next year. The season will start on April 1 and will close on Oct. 26.

Connie Mack, manager and part owner of the Philadelphia Athletics, was 50 years old yesterday, and the anniversary was celebrated by a little dinner of the "surprise party" sort. It was informal, but none the less enthusiastic, and Cornelius actually made a speech.

to come back in 1914 and race for the cup again.

"It has been the wish of my life to win it." he said. "It looks now as if there would be such alterations in the racing rules as will permit me to build a yacht that can come over here and compete on a fair basis with your best yachts."

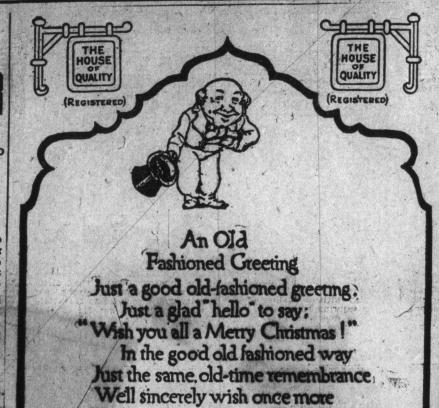
Luminous Fishbait.

The fishermen in some parts of Portugal make material increases in the amount of their catch by the use of luminous bait. This is done by a fluid secured from the body of a fish which is quite plentiful in the waters of that country, while it is quite rare

which is quite plentiful in the waters of that country, while it is quite rare in other parts of the world. The fluid is spread on a piece of meat bait, and the effect of the application may be observed at once. Theluminosity increases as the bait is placed in the water, and the attention of the fish is attracted to it at once.

A blue grouse flew against the plate glass window of a hotel in Vancouver, the other day and killed itself. The glass of the window was shattered. It is suposed that the bird was misled water, and the attention of the fish is attracted to it at once.

Middleweight, 158 pounds. Commission weight, 175 pounds. Heavyweight, all over 175 pounds. Hotel Krausmann, Indies' and gentlemen's grill, with music. Imported German Beers, Plank Steak a Is Krausmann. Open till 12 p.m. Corner Church and King Streets, Terento.



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With a merrier Merry Christmas

Than you've ever had before.

BOXING REFEREES INSIDE THE RING

Fairweathers

Rules Promulgated in New York State to Start

The scale of weights adopted by commission are:
Paperweight, 108 pounds.
Bantamweight, 115 pounds.
Featherweight, 125 pounds.
Lightweight, 135 pounds.
Weiterweight, 145 pounds.
Middleweight, 158 pounds.
Commission weight, 175 pounds.
Heavyweight, all over 175 pounds.

M'CARTY'S RISE

Limited

Otto Floto writest "Just after Paddy Ryan had defeated Joe Goss for the heavyweight championship of the world there came rumors of a coming champion from Boston. Not much attention was paid to them at first, but after the Roxbury Strong Boy had defeated everything in the fighting line the Hub boasted of, he began to look for higher nps' and found one in the same Joe Goss, who had just lost to Ryan. A match was ar-The property of the servery was calculated by a new of the furgine party and any within a year, and any within a year, and any within a year, and any of the furgine party and of the surprise party and the surp

him. Then came the battle at Jones Woods with Jimmy Elliott, and again the Roxbury Strong Boy' delivered the goods. From that time on his rise was rapid, every effort was crowned with victory until he met Jim Corbett at New Orleans in 1892.

"The other night at Los Angeles another youngster jumped into the spotlight in much the same fashion that John L. Sullivan was given prominence. Luther McCarty had met several good men, including Carl Morris, and defeated them. His fame began to spread, but there was something lacking to give him real standing—that something came to him when he defeated Jim Flynn.

"We now wonder whether McCarty will continue to creep to the top as Sullivan did, as Corbett did and as Jim Jeffries did. All had practically the same beginning. Corbett gained his stepping stone when he defeated Sullivan, and Jeffries rose when he downed Fitz at Coney Island.

"Of course, McCarty has not gotten as far along in his career or standing as the above men had when they leaped into the coveted throne chair, for there are two men that must be removed from his path. One is Al Palzer and the other is Bombardier Wells. The former may not prove as formidable as expected, but the latter is certainly some shucks. I say this knowing that Palzer defeated the Englishman in their New York meeting. However, I am certain Wells labored under a handicap of some sort at finat time, and a return engagement between Palzer and Wells would cause no surprise at all if the latter reversed conditions as well as the verdict.

BRINGING MIDLAND FOR AN EXHIBITION

T. R. & A. A. Trying to Ar- Joe McGinnity and Mike Lynch With Tacoma and of Year-Hockey News and Gossip.

T. R. and A. A. are trying to arrange o bring Midland here for any exhibition game on New Year's Eve. If satis- the Tacoma Club and will lead the Tig-

The following players were registered yesterday with the O. H. A.:
Orillia (junior)—Quinn Butterfield,
R. Lovering Jupp, Peter F. Thornton,
Lionel B. Hinds, Norman C. Cooke, Andrew H. Tudhope, Kenneth L. Macnab.
Wiarton (junior)—Thomas Nimmo,
W. Ashley, Harold B. Hay, George MacDonald, George Ferguson, Harvey
Kruetzwiser, W. Symon, Vernon Geib,
Newmarket (junior)—Harrison
Smith, William Epworth, Albert Epworth, Leslie Bogart, Verne Lepard,
Carl M. Brodde, Alex. McNabb, Norman
Blair.

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Toronto Canoe Club (junior)—Gordon
S. Murray, Rupert H. Laird, George C.
Warwick, Fred. S. Mills, William Robertson. Malcolm McKellar, Harry Meeking, Wallace Stroud.

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The desertion of Toronto hockey players for the Marktime Province League was not as strong as was expected. Those who went were: Kyle, Cross, Dursome, Carmichael and Landers. O'Sullivan went east too, but he is said to have only gone home on a visit. Walker and McGregor, the Port Arthur boys; McGiffin and Doherty, who were supposed to have gone, are still on the job.

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A meeting of the Boys' Union Hockey League, to draw up the schedule for the three divisions, will be held in the West End Y. M. C. A. (boys' department), College street and Dovercourt road, on Monday, Dec. 30, at 8 p.m. All teams must have representatives at this meeting as the schedule will be drawn up for the season. The junior division, under 35 lbs; the intermediate division, under 18 years of age. For any other particulars, phone College 601.

Merry Christmas! Are you going to the pro game tonight?

Midland juniors have notified the O.

Fred Waghorne will referee the T. C. USE OF CIGARET the Arena tomorrow night.

Kansas Agriculturalists Attend Functions in Dress Suit Regalia-Do Not Hate Motors.

Reports from Salina, Kan., where at the evening functions of the convention of the Farmers' Alliance all the farmers appeared in "dress suits," now threaten to do away forever with the generic caricature of the aged gentle-man with wispy whiskers standing in the middle of the road with a few chickens at his feet and shaking his fist as an automobile whizzes by, says The Washington Post. It used to be

dandies, with their waxed moustaches, high hats and white-bosomed evening clothes do not accord with the picture the country has always had in mind. Surely it cannot be possible that the stove in the country store is no longer used as a cuspidor! Surely it cannot be true that the feet that are placed on the soap box are now incased in patent leather instead of the old cowhide!

lif the change has actually taken place, as reported, we look forward to the day when the next farmer representative comes to Washington. He probably will bring his valet along, and it will make him very impattent when he learns that the house office building is without a Turkish bath and manicure girls.

One of the greatest curiosities to be found in Skowhegan is on the farm of Fred Hill, says The Kennebec (Me.) Journal, It is a maple tree, now 100 years old, and thru the middle of the butt are two cedar rails, the tree hav-

years old, and thru the middle of the butt are two cedar rails, the tree having grown completely around them. The tree is two and a half feet in diameter, and each rail sticks thru on either side, and has not decayed in the least. Old residents claim that they have been there 75 years. The other ends of the rails are partly grown into a big calc.

White Horse
Whisky

10 YEARS OLD.
Universally Recognized as the Best Whisky in the Market.

NEW MANAGERS IN NORTHWESTERN LEAGU

Victoria.

Two Northwestern League clubs, and possibly a third, will have new managers at the head in the 1913 baseball campat Joe McGinnity has exercised his option on the Tacoma Club and will lead the Tiggame will be staged at the Arena.

All pro games at the Arena this year will start at 8.15, not 8.20, as has been advertised. This is according to the N. H. A constitution.

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DIGGING WORMS FOR BAIT FOR WINTER

Among the various winter occitions carried on along Engiashores there is, at the quaint I Village of Wells. on the Norfolk of at least one industry which is rate of an unusual nature, and which vides a number of families wit "winter's keep." This industry known as "worm digging," and ting the winter there are about the men engaged in the work.

GROWS IN GERMAN

Consumption Is Rapidly Increasing and High Figures Are Being Attained.

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idly increasing in Germany. In 1397 while the present production is about nine times as large. Cigaret cartridges and papers used by smoker who make their own cigarets and which also pay a revenue tax in Garmany must be added to cigarets in order to show total consumption.

The tremendous increase in output appears to be due to rapidly increasing consumption of cheap cigarets.

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It is estimated that German sme
e's spend about \$60,000,000 annual
for cigarets and that some 20,000,0
Germans smoke an average of cigarets a year.

Germany imported 1,372,800 pounds of cigarets in 1911, against only 1,075,140 pounds in 1910. Imports come chiefly from Austria-Hungary.

About one-fifth as many cigarete
are exported as are imported. Exports go chiefly to Holland, Denmark.
Norway and Switzerland.

DEATH RATE IN FRANCE DECLINES

Due to Steadily Improving Sant tary Methods-Birth Rate Still Shows Decrease.

The French ministry of labor but just published statistics showing the The Washington Post. It used to be very comforting to think of the hardworking farmer, the backbone of his country, rising in the morning at 4 o'clock and plowing the field until 5. It was always refreshing to consider his deadly hatred of automobilists and persons who changed their shirts three times a week. The farmer was about all we had left of primitive days. And now even our old conception of the farmer is being swept away.

It is not easy to picture the farmer as he is described in the reports from Salina. The dapper, well-proportioned dandles, with their waxed moustaches, high hats and white-bosomed evening (six months) to 384.635 in January 10 minutes to the present year.

This continued diminution of the deaths reflects credit on the steadily improving sanitary and disinfection methods which are being gradually brought into general practice thrust





PLAY TORONTOS AT THE ARENA TONIGHT

The Canadiens of Montreal (left to right, standing) -- Delinquet, Deuray, DeMaitre, Coudre, Noseworthy (trainer), Delaire. Sitting, are the regular team (left to right)—Smith, Lalonde, Vezina (goal), Laviolette, Dubois, Pitre,