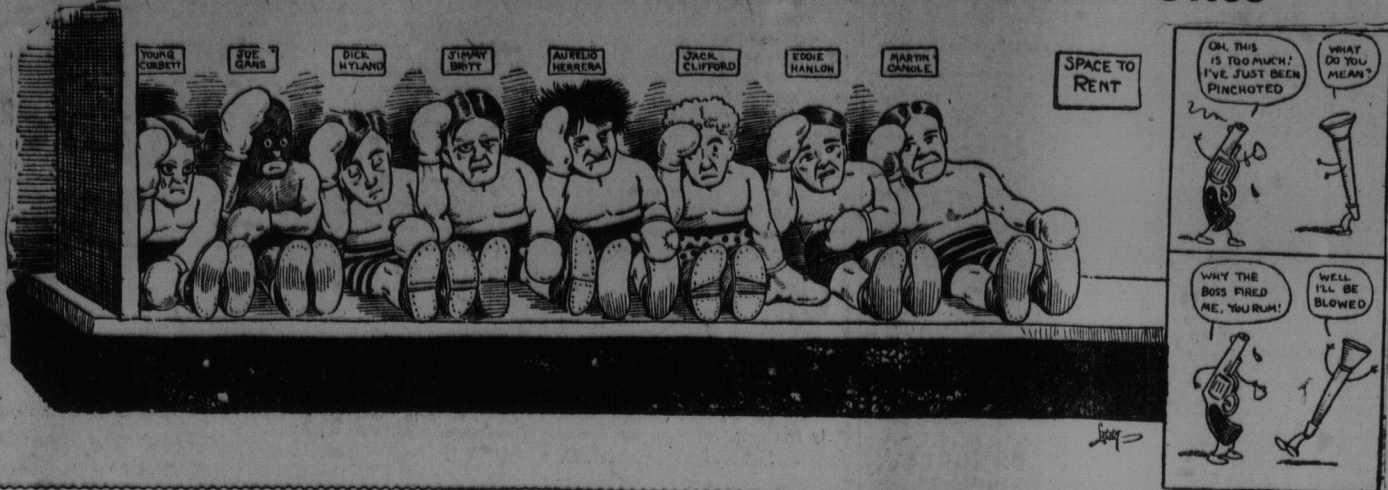


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BASEBALL

PLAYERS AND THE MAGNATES

(By Tip Wright.) Well, well, so the winter isn't going to get by without a little excitement after all. Things were so calm following the Jeffries-Johnson con talk that I began to think nothing would happen before spring. But what was it Kameses or some other pharaoh said about dark clouds having silver linings? Just when everyone began to stretch and wonder how far away the opening game was, along comes word that the club owners in the National and American leagues have decided to sign players to 12 month contracts instead of for the playing season as formerly. And it is probable that if the players stand for this sort of thing, the minor league owners will follow suit. The only reason for signing the players to year long contracts is to prevent them using their natural ability to add to their income during the off season. How to you like your oysters? Raw, raw, raw. And that's just the sort of a deal the ball players are getting from the magnates. Mordcaid Brown, the pitching marvel of the Cubs, was offered a 12 month contract by Charley Murphy, so the story goes, and he has refused to sign it. Brown is not the only player kicking up a fuss. The three-fingered marvel has a big following. Ball players consider themselves just as good as their employers, and they are just as good. Some of them behave a lot better than some baseball magnates I know of. And they don't like to have anyone tell them what they shall do or shall not do when not playing ball. Of course the new contracts were framed to prevent high-salaried stars from leaving after the close of the season, when they have a chance to clean up a little extra money. As a rule, not more than seven or eight months are played by a barnstorming team, and as the men are in good condition, the damage sustained is chiefly to the owners' imagination. Lines are being drawn around the players every year, and the only way for the men who make the money with which they are paid to offset the lightning is to organize and force the hand of their employers. Together they can force their legitimate demands. Singly they are helpless. pretty good line on Nelson's opinion of the clever Briton. Al Kaufman's victory over Jack O'Brien in a six round bout at Philadelphia Wednesday night, further demonstrated that O'Brien is all in as a pugilist. If Kaufman had been able to show speed in his attack he would surely have put the once famous Quaker away according to eye witnesses of the mill. The terrific beating received by O'Brien at the hands of Ketchel last year probably had something to do with the fact that he is now showing. Kaufman, however, did not add much to his reputation. He showed once more that he is too slow to be an account in short limit round bouts. But he needs a long route to prove his worth. But if he wants to prove his worth in the class he can have a six round fight with Sam Langford. Hitherto Kaufman has steered clear of the Nova Scotian slugger, but as Langford is still in training for a mill, it looks as if Kaufman will have to take him on or hoist the white flag. California harness horsemen have started a movement to have pari mutuel betting legalized in that state, and are trying to enlist the support of President Thomas H. Williams of the Pacific Coast Jockey Club. But from all accounts Williams is satisfied with the local betting conditions and has no objection to the present long winter meeting will not be conducted at a loss. It turns out that the owners of the Los Angeles track, now closed, have pooled their issues with Oakland in order to keep racing alive on the coast. Los Angeles will race under his arm, however, under the present conditions.

RAMBLERS

THE WINNERS OVER OXFORD

Auherst, N. S., Jan. 22.—The hockey match between the intermediate Ramblers and Miomas of Oxford, in the Cumberland Hockey League series, drew a good crowd to the Aberdeen rink last night. This is Oxford's first year in hockey, and it was not anticipated that their team would make much of a showing against the Ramblers, many of whom have played in senior company for two seasons. The ice was soft and slushy and prevented good combination work. The Ramblers won by a score of three to nothing. The Oxford lads put up a much harder fight than was expected. The game was fairly clean and was not marked by any rough play. Toughness of the Ramblers' first team, refereed satisfactorily.

YORK COUNTY COUNCIL

CONCLUDES SESSION Poll Tax Increased At Request Of Several Parishes—Buck Saws Loom Large In Deliberations.

Fredericton, N. B., Jan. 21.—The York County Council adjourned late this afternoon after a four days' session. A committee was appointed to go into the matter of having a straight salary for the secretary treasurer and to do away with the plans of extras for time. One councillor thought all public offices ought to be put up for tender, the office of secretary treasurer, he said, was not more honorable than that of him who sawed wood. Deputy Sheriff Winter was granted \$100 extra salary on condition that he make the prisoners saw the wood used for the jail. The county officers were re-elected. A resolution was passed asking for an amendment to the assessment law for the county providing that exemption from taxes on property under mortgage can only be made when a sworn statement is filed stating the amount of mortgage and by whom held so that all money advanced in mortgages on property in the parish be assessable against the mortgage whether resident or non-resident. That the poll tax on the highway act is not too large to suit the people was shown when several parishes asked for permission to increase the poll tax from \$1.50 to \$1.75. There was the usual grant of \$500 to Victoria, but the supplementary of \$200 given last year was omitted. A resolution to make the board of trustees a responsible body was defeated after strong opposition offered by Secretary Treasurer Bliss and the board will continue for another year at least in their present hazy mood of being responsible to nobody and only a week ago Matthew Fox, who lives in St. John's Hall, reported to the Bronx detective bureau that he had lost a suitcase valued at \$5 and a pair of running shoes. Policemen Flynn and Illich were put to work on the case and Flynn, who always has been studious, posed as a student at the university. Every morning for the last week or so he has been attending classes. He was hazed by some of the upper class men, but he took it without protest. Mr. Flynn yesterday trailed a young man from chapel to St. John's Hall and then arrested him just as the young man was about to go upstairs to the rooms occupied by the freshmen. He carried an armful of books, but that was not all, according to the detective. In his pockets were seven pawn tickets for various articles believed to have been stolen from the rooms of the students. The pawn tickets were made out in the name of "Ryan." When taken to the Bronx Detective Bureau the young man said he was Jordan Freeman, eighteen years old, of No. 362 Warren street, Brooklyn. He was locked up on suspicion of having committed some, if not all, of the thefts at the university. He is not a student at the university.

THE COURTS

Currey vs. Currey. Hearing in the Currey alimony and separation suit was resumed before Mr. Justice McKeown on Saturday morning. After argument by Mr. M. G. Teed, K. C., for the plaintiff, and Mr. C. N. Skinner, K. C., for the defendant, his honor ordered the alimony to be continued until the appeal was ended, and dismissed the application for suit money. The amount of the alimony is seventy-five dollars per month. By this decision Mrs. Currey gets her living expenses, but has to pay her counsel out of her pocket.

POSED AS STUDENT TO ROB STUDENTS

New York, Jan. 22.—For several weeks a young man has been posing as a student at Fordham University, appearing each morning with books under his arm and attending chapel with the other students, but instead of going to class afterward he has been going to the students' room in St. John's Hall, the college dormitory. Somewhere around \$500 worth of clothing, books, jewelry and other bits of student treasure have been stolen.

INSURANCE MEN VICTORS

Defeat Electrics in Fast Bowling Match on Black's Alleys — Thistles Take Three Points From Ramblers.

High scores have featured the last few games on Black's Alleys and the Insurance men kept up the good work on Saturday evening. The Thistles, one from the alley and taking four points from the Electrics. The losers scored but 1188. The Insurance team started off well and kept up a hot pace through the game. Bert Gilmour demonstrated that he could handle a bowling ball as well as a baseball and handled the "strikes" as neatly as though he had been facing a batter. Bob Atchison with elegant precision, placed the balls just where he wanted to and secured an average of 92.13. The original Electrics were not on deck at all, the team being practically all new men. Patterson was the star member of this team averaging 85.23. Brown hovered round the eighty mark all through the game. Lawson started off well, but went to the bad in the second and his average was somewhat low. Vincent was a little off. Gregory was well up in the eighties as was Machum. "Affie" Estey took a slight drop, getting some very hard breaks. The scores:

Table with columns for Insurance and Electrics, listing names and scores.

The first bowling game in the Y. M. C. A. Class A boys' gym league was played Saturday between the Thistles and Yale. The teams broke even with two points each.

The result follows:

Table with columns for Oxford, Yale, and Thistles, listing names and scores.

The Thistles took three points from the Ramblers on St. Peter's alleys on Saturday evening, defeating them in two of the three strings and the total pinfall. The scores were rather low, neither team reaching the 12th century mark. Mister Thomas Coughlan was high man with an average of 80. No. he wasn't for E. Harrington averaged 80.13. The scores:

Table with columns for Thistles, Ramblers, and Dever, listing names and scores.

DEPOSITS LIBERTY TO BE FOUND INTACT

Southbridge, Mass., Jan. 23.—That the deposits and other funds of the Southbridge Savings Bank will be shown to be intact by the accountants who begin work on the bank's books tomorrow and that the affairs of the missing treasurer, John A. Hall, although badly tangled, are not criminally involved, is the belief in this town tonight. Every development thus far points in this direction.

MISTAH JACK TELLS HOW HE WILL WIN

Jack Johnson, the negro who hopes to do a thing which has never been done in the ring, beat James J. Jeffries for the heavyweight championship of the world, tells how he plans to fight the battle which will settle for years the mastery of the class. Johnson says: "I will beat Jim Jeffries and do it without any danger. I cannot tell you how many rounds, Jeffries' condition will settle that. "They tried every way in the world to get me to roll over to Tommy Burns when we fought in Australia. I doubt-crossed Burns good and hard. He thought he was going to go the limit and then come back to Frisco and renege. Stanley Ketchel got the same deal. I am a champion and I am going to fight every bout on the square. "I will fight Jim Jeffries just the same as Jim Corbett did John L. Sullivan, and you know what happened. He will be dangerous for a time and I know he can hit. He never was good on evading a jab, and none of them ever rammed a left hand in his face like I can. I can keep him away with this punch until he goes tired, and then for the first time in my life I will show you how Jack Johnson can fight. They claim I win and still stall. Well, I will open up this time. It may be that Jeff can stand a longer fight than most people think. I am going to play it safe, but if it nears the forty-fifth round then I am going to go after him and put him away, for I will never permit him to go the limit. "Did you ever notice when I get after a fighter to knock him out I always do it. Take Ketchel and Ketchel, I want to get both of them and I did. Then remember the night at the Broadway Athletic Club, New York, when I knocked out Morris Harris? He made me mad and I finished him in jig time. I have the punch, only I don't pull it on the public all the time. I have been saving it for just such a fellow as Jeffries. They don't think I can hit, but you watch me let it go if the championship fight begins to lengthen out any distance."

HYPNOTISM OR JUST EVERY DAY BLUFF

(By Tip Wright.) Did you ever sit in the grandstand or bleachers and keep a close eye on an old-timer batter at work on a cub pitcher? If you never have, just take the first opportunity when the season opens and keep an eye on the veteran as he works while going a long way off. The youngsters may have the proverbial "everything" meaning speed to waste, curves that break like a rotten stick and control enough to stick the ball into the big mitt every time. In practice the cub looks like a sensation and everyone, but the manager is sure he is going to be the league wonder, just as sure as the tax assessor will make his appearance. The old-timer comes to the plate as careless as the officeboy half an hour late. He expectorates upon his hands, rubs his bat handle, pulls down his cap, rubs his hands in the dust, he cracks the dirt off his spikes, gives his trousers a hitch, and then wipes his hands upon his trousers legs. And all the time he is casting a baleful eye upon the pitcher, maintaining a continuous flow of sarcasm tended to let the pitcher know how little he thinks of his ability. When ready he hands out something like this: "Now, then, you fresh kid; just hand something up here—anywhere—and I'll knock it so far from your outfielders' can't see it, either." The catcher signals; perhaps he calls for a fast one over the inside corner and about knee-high. What does the cub do? Well, the chances are he'll bent a slow curve over the heart of the plate, and the veteran whales it 40 miles from Monday. "I've seen it happen time and again. My attention was first called to it by an old manager, who insisted that batters cast a spell over the colt pitcher. "I've talked to pitchers, some of them battle-scarred veterans of the firing line, and nearly every one has experienced the sensation. They insist that when breaking in they could no more obey the catcher's signal at times than they could force a league ball through a hole made to fit a marble.

FIRST GAME FOR THURSDAY

Portlands and Algonquins to Line up This Week for First Game in Basketball Series—Tonight's Games.

The first basketball game of the series between the Portlands and Algonquins will be played in the Y. M. C. A. on Thursday evening. Bert Gilmour has been selected to act as referee. A large number of local fans are interested in these local games should be well attended. Beginning Thursday one game a week will be played. A Double Header. Two games in the Independent league will be played this evening at 8 o'clock, when the Portlands will clash with the Y. M. C. A. Harriers and the Exmouth Y. M. A. will meet the St. Andrews quintette. The games will take place in the Portland Y. M. C. A. hall and good matches can be expected judging by the games hitherto played in this league. Elected Captain. On Saturday Otis Bender was elected captain of the High School basketball team and A. E. Mognarty was elected manager. Arrangements are now being made for the formation of a junior basketball league to be composed of teams representing Robbsey Collegiate School, the Y. M. C. A. Intermediate class and the High School. The schedule has not yet been drawn up, but it is the intention to have each team play two games with each of the other teams. The High School boys will play their games in the Y.M.C.A. gymnasium. Intermediate League. This evening in Alexandra Hall the Shamrocks and Tigers will meet in the intermediate basketball series. These are two of the leading teams in the league and a fast game is expected. The Spartans defeated the Romans at basketball Saturday in the Y. M. C. A. Class B, gym league by a score of 10 to 8. Teed was the chief point maker for the winners and McDonald

YANKEES ARE AGREED TO WEIGHT RULE

Boston, Jan. 23.—A race between American and Canadian boats for the Seawanhaka International challenge cup of Marblehead next summer was assured yesterday by the action of the Manchester Yacht Club in accepting certain conditions upon which the Canadian yachtsmen have insisted. The challengers wanted that crew weight limit should be included in the conditions governing the cup races. This was a distinctly new departure yesterday's meeting of the club's executive committee it was unanimously voted that one of the race conditions should be that the total weight of no one racing crew could exceed 750 pounds. The races will be held the latter part of July, the first coming July 24. It is understood that the Canadians will build three boats from which to select the challenger, and it may be that the Canadians' trial races will be sailed in Marblehead waters under as nearly as possible the same conditions as will prevail during the challenge series. IN P. E. I. Charlottetown, P.E.I., Jan. 22.—The Crystal of Summerdale defeated the Abegweits by 7 to 6 in a fast and exciting hockey game last night in the second of the Island league series. At the time the score was 5 to 3, and it took twenty minutes extra playing to decide the issue. Among the competitors for the Maritime skating championships here next Wednesday are Fred Logan and Belyea of St. John; Thompson, Amherst; possibly Banche of Amherst; Sterras, Flood, Crosby and Reddin of Charlottetown. for the losers. The lineup of the teams follows: Spartans Forwards. Roman Markham McDonald De Veber Smith Centre. Teed Speer Guards. Harding Noble Robertson Noble Summary—Goals from floor, Teed 3; McDonald, 2; Smith, Markham and Speer, one. Points from fouls, Teed 2.

MOTIONS OF THE ATHLETES

Horsemen Desire One Meeting at Empire City — Battling Nelson Says He Will Fight Walsh.

When the racing dates are announced by the Jockey Club stewards many turfmen will feel satisfied if Empire City receives an allotment for a single meeting. Owners and trainers of horses wintering on the Long Island tracks have been discussing the date problem lately and several of them at the Hoffman House yesterday said that they hoped Empire City would not receive dates for a week's session late in the fall, but would have a summer meeting of eighteen or twenty days exclusively. The cost of transportation from Long Island to Yonkers, these horsemen argued, made a week's meeting in the fall almost an impossibility, inasmuch as many owners would not have a chance to win a race in that short time, even though going to a heavy weight to take their horses to Empire City. But with a prolonged meeting extended through the latter part of July and the first eight or ten days in August it was pointed out that a general shipment to Yonkers would be worth one's while, especially in view of the usually liberal stakes offered by President Butler and his associates. These horsemen also said that in arranging the schedule the turf owners would do well to limit the Saratoga meeting to not more than eighteen days. They asserted that the cost of transportation to and from the Spa and the additional living expenses would be an extremely heavy burden for all but the richest turfmen if the entire month of August should be assigned to the Springs. They said further that by winding up the Sheephead Bay meeting on July 25 there would be fifty racing days available up to September 1, to be divided among Brighton, Yonkers and Saratoga. If these three tracks received eighteen days apiece within that period there would have to be a conflict of several days between two of them unless the opening of the meeting at the Bay was put back to September 6. Under that arrangement the Brighton could race from July 25 to July 25 inclusive, the meeting at the Bay would be from July 26 to August 15, eighteen days, and Saratoga from August 16 to September 5, inclusive, a total of twenty-one days. This plan would probably bring a protest from Saratoga, which is anxious to begin earlier. Another solution, however, would be the allotment of twelve days to Brighton in July and another meeting in the fall at the Beach to follow the session at Belmont Park, which would not be a hardship for the horsemen because of the fact that they would not be compelled to move their quarters from Long Island, in a ward the horsemen prefer. An arrangement that could easily be made for the meeting at the latter meeting at Empire City last year was declared off because of expected trouble with the Westchester authorities but even if the meeting had taken place it is doubtful if more than a handful of owners would have taken part in it. Friends of the Brighton Racing Association discredited the report yesterday that the track by the sea would "go it alone" if the dates allotted proved undesirable. They said that President Engewald was ready to abide by the decision of the Jockey Club stewards and would not countenance friction of any kind. Battling Nelson, evidently cornered by Freddie Welsh, the English featherweight champion, who claims the world's title, announces that while he never had an idea of fighting Welsh in Great Britain he will make a match with the Englishman for Decoration Day. Nelson says the bout must be of forty-five rounds, weigh 133 pounds at the ringside and that California must be the scene of the battle. If Nelson means what he says Welsh will have time enough to meet Pacey McFarland in London before coming over here to complete arrangements. It is a foregone conclusion that Nelson will demand at least \$10,000, win, lose or draw, but Welsh is so anxious to meet him that he may agree to make such a concession. Meanwhile it is well to remember that Nelson has refused point blank to fight Welsh forty-five rounds in Wales for a 75 and 25 per cent. of a \$25,000 purse. It is regarded as a

PRETTY NIFTY THESE TERRIERS



BLACK PADDY AND BLACK BEAUTY. You don't see many black bull terriers, but here's a pair of classy beauties who are liable to clean up on the bench this winter. Black Paddy's sire is Black Brandy, a famous heavyweight dog, and Black Beauty comes from blue ribbon Pennsylvania stock. They are well marked and are equipped with winning points. Black terriers are noted in Ireland, where the parent stock hails from, for their gameness as otter and badger hunters. They are the only dogs that will take a badger from his hole or beat an otter in single combat. They are splendid watchdogs and fine companions for children, with whom they play by the hour. It would take a nifty tramp to accost a youngster guarded by a pair like Paddy and Beauty.