

SNAP-SHOTS AT VARIOUS SPORTS.

Manager Clarke has announced that only nine of the present list of Pirates are sure of their jobs, and they are: Clarke, Beaumont, Leever, Philippe, Nealon, Ritchie, Leach, Wagner and Gibson. This should set at rest all doubts as to Ritchie. It was rumored that he would be disposed of, but such will not be the case. He is well worth keeping.

Here is a mixture of National League dope, and alleged wit: "McGraw must have his 'Taylor' brush him up a little if he 'Ames' to win the rag next year, and Donlin will have to cut out 'Devlin' 'Doolin' or Philadelphia will be 'Doolin' something. In 'Case' Pittsburgh gets more 'Brains' and sticks to it like a 'Leach' they probably would do 'Hansomey.' But they must remember Chicago will not 'Tinker' along, but 'Kling' to their 'Chance' and do them up 'Brown.' St. Louis would like to win, but they 'Arndt' in the race, but with a 'Spade' they should be able to dig some. Boston had 'Street,' but didn't 'Needham,' as he was too 'Young.' If Garry Hermann wants to win he will have to put on his 'Overalls' and 'Seymour' players, or Brooklyn, with a poor 'Batch' will put a 'Check' to 'Cin.'"

English sporting writers are of the opinion that Abe Attell will give Jem Bowker, the featherweight champion of England, a beating when they meet. Abe looks good, as he is shifty, and can punch some. Bowker is very clever, however.

Dr. Harry R. Pattengill, one of the foremost educators in Michigan, hands out this roast to Columbia University on the football question: "I have no respect for Columbia University for giving up football. Of course, she did not give up much, for she had the worst team of 'rings' in the country. The college that cuts out football needs a faculty with red blood in their veins and more sense in their heads. The training football gives a student is what is needed to develop him roundly. I would want my son to be quarterback on his football team and center rush in his studies. I am for football all the time as it is now played, and would endorse the spirit of President Roosevelt when he said, 'Play fair, don't flinch, hit the line hard.'"

A New York turf writer speaks of the daily grind at New Orleans in the following language: With the exception of a mile handicap, the whole schedule at the fair grounds this afternoon is exclusively devoted to the long suffering, purse chasing, form upsetting, despised selling plater. It is sometimes called the sport of kings.

The professional hockey game will demand the attention of President Roosevelt, if the following extract from an account of a New York paper of a game at Brooklyn is true: "The game was a combination of football, steeplechasing and prize fighting, as whenever two opponents met it was a question of who was sent to the rear first. In making a drive at the puck, Moward, of the Brooklyn, swung his stick and caught Leffton, a Crescent man, in the eye, but luckily did not damage him very much." Gault, late of the Ottawas, was the worst offender. He can't forget his Ottawa training.

Buffalo is having a matfest. You will hear some healthy hollering directly, as it looks as if the "rasslers" are getting ready to bump the public.

Midjet Radtke is the jockey sensation of the year, and his work at the coast is causing much comment. Radtke is a Chicago product, who has been in the saddle less than eight months. He got his first mount at Union Park, St. Louis, last April, and his success was almost instantaneous. The boy's style resembles that of Tod Sloan. He crouches low over his horse's neck and is a coaxing hand rider, seldom using whip or spurs. He is lightning at the post and possesses a cool head at the most critical stages. He will come east in the spring, and it is predicted that he will be the premier jockey of the year.

One person who must have followed the Fitz-O'Brien go with deep regret—regret that Fitz got away from him when his ability to make a battle had departed—is Marvin Hart. That young man, touring the country on a four-flush title that he thinks victory over Jack Root gave him, hardly ranks as high today as does O'Brien, despite the fact that the latter merely had to get in the ring, and then, as the doctors say, let nature take her course. Fitz was the legitimate light heavyweight title holder, and O'Brien now must be regarded as such. Possibly had Hart secured the match Fitz would still hold his honors, for Hart could not have led Fitz the chase that O'Brien did, the latter, by his fine footwork, keeping Fitz on the run and finally exhausting the old man. And at that, the old man probably was more dangerous to O'Brien than Hart would be. Fitz did hurt his man, and have had a chance to beat him had he possessed enough stamina to enable him to go four or five consecutive rounds at his old speed. Hart, in a 24-round bout with O'Brien, figures to have about as much chance to get to him as John L. Sullivan had to get to Mitchell A. Chantilly. That is as apt a parallel as comes to mind. The battle now—unless Ryan wishes to clash with O'Brien in a middleweight contest—would be between the Philadelphia and Hart. If Marvin gets that match, he can begin to locate himself. The men have met twice, but both bouts were no decision Philadelphia affairs, and they determined nothing.—Detroit Free Press.

If Jack O'Brien looks anything like some of the cuts we see of him, no wonder he whipped Fitz.

We were beginning to worry for fear that Ruby Robert's toupee got mussed in the melee, but a dispatch says that he removed it and left it in his dressing room. Now we feel better. We would not have had his back hair mussed for worlds.

Here is an insurance ode by Woodard Kindling, some miles after Rudyard Kindling: When earth's last policy's written and our pockets are twisted and dried, When insurance, as business, is faded, and the thing we call honor has died, We won't rest, for how could we do it, when we know in a short week or two That the master of all good grafters will declare an assessment due.

Nor will they who have pulled be happy, though they sit in directors' chairs, And make golden incomes more golden, give balls and put on airs. For there'll be no more victims to draw from, so McCurdy, J. Hyde and McCall.

Will begin to size up one another with a view to acquiring it all. And only the trusts shall praise them, and only the victims shall blame, And no one shall work for position, and no one shall work for fame, But just for the love of money. And each in his separate star Shall frame up new plans of high finance for the god of grafts as they are!

Chris Fitzgerald, the noted turfman, is spending a couple of weeks in the city. He has had a most successful year.

"Dutch" Clare, of Galt, one of the fastest wing men in Western Ontario, has been transferred by the Merchants' Bank from Galt to Stratford. The Galt inhabitants will likely rise up in rebellion over this outrage.

A petition miles long has left Woodstock for Toronto to persuade the O. H. A. executive to reinstate De Gray. The Baby City people feel rather put out about De Gray, as their senior team without him looks a fair intermediate bunch. It looks as if De Gray will stay on the outside this year.

It's all very well to mess about and sympathize with Fitzsimmons, but what about Mrs. Fitz? Does anyone ever give her so much as a single thought? Have you ever stopped to consider for a moment what that lady's feelings were as she sat by the open casement the long night through, waiting for the lover who was delayed in the stretch, waiting for a champion whose sun had already set? What, pray you, good people, is this lone woman to do now that her freckled-faced man "ticket" has had to go back to work? And Fitz, you know, isn't likely to open up an art school or a 520 per cent business. His pitch is horse-shoeing, where you don't make on an average of seven dollars a minute, and where you're dead lucky to be heeled in your kick when rent day cometh round. We're sorry, very sorry, for Fitzsimmons; but when it comes to sincere, unadulterated sympathy, we'll have to pass the old guy up for the lovely little lady who will now have to hustle for her breakfast.—Toronto Telegram.

COVERPOINT.

PRINCETON WANTS MORE OPEN GAME

Would Abolish Interference, Shorten Schedule and Season and Have Amateur Coaches.

Princeton, N. J., Dec. 22.—President Woodrow Wilson and the faculty committee on outdoor sports of Princeton University announced here today the principal changes in the methods of playing and conducting football which Princeton believes to be essential for the proper reformation of the game. They will urge earnestly on all suitable occasions the following:

First—That in the playing of the game all interference be abolished.

Second—That all coaching by men who are paid in any way, directly or indirectly, or who receive their expenses or any part of them, be done away with.

Third—That the number of intercollegiate contests be materially decreased and the length of the season for such contests be correspondingly shortened.

The first suggestion is for the purpose of abolishing all mass plays and of restoring the original open game. The second suggestion is designed to place the game upon a purely amateur footing and to restore to the players the initiative of which in recent years they have been deprived.

The object of the third suggestion is to decrease the amount of time and energy which the players are now obliged to devote to the game.

The committee, J. B. Fine, to urge upon that committee the acceptance of the first suggestion.

THE RING.

HANLON LEAVES THE RING. Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 22.—Eddie Hanlon has fought his last battle. He announced his retirement yesterday and said he would go into business in San Francisco.

"My fight with Herman was my last," said Eddie. "I have no objection to the decision, but in my bout with Herman I was simply not there. I couldn't put the force in my blows and seemed to have no ginger. I can see nothing ahead for me in this game, and will never fight again."

ZEIGLER AND LAVIGNE TO MEET

Sharon, Dec. 22.—Owen Zeigler, of Youngstown, and Kid Lavigne, of Pittsburgh, may meet at South Sharon in the latter part of January for a twelve-round fight. Zeigler and Lavigne met Manager Skirball, of the Nonpareil Athletic Club, in Pittsburgh, yesterday, and the match will be arranged if the two men can get together in the matter of weight. Abe Attell and Tommy Moran will also be matched in January. Jack O'Hara, of Pittsburgh, and Kid Hogan, of McKeesport, will meet in a ten-round fight at Greenville next Thursday night. This will be the first boxing exhibition ever held in that city.

RYAN VS. O'BRIEN NEXT.

Minneapolis, Dec. 22.—Tommy Ryan and "Philadelphia Jack" O'Brien will surely be the next big card on the coast. Ryan insists tonight he is ready at a minute's notice to post his forfeit. O'Brien's telegram to a newspaper here says: "I accept the challenge, sent Wednesday, by Tommy Ryan. Am willing to fight before any club offering a suitable purse. I also want a side bet on the result." Ryan's answer was: "I stand ready to fight O'Brien for the middleweight championship, the weights to be the limit at the ringside in boxing regalia. Will be in San Francisco in a few weeks, but will make the match any time." He weighs 168 pounds today and says this is the chance he has waited for for two years.

THE TURT.

YESTERDAY'S WINNERS. New Orleans, Fair Grounds.—Pins: New 3 to 1, Proteus 9 to 5, Extol 20 to 1, Paul Kelly 9 to 5, Burning Glass 4 to 1, Mr. Jack 8 to 5.

BASEBALL HAS MANY FREAKS

Most professional ball players start into the business either as pitchers or catchers. To this because it is easier for two boys, baseball enthusiasts, to throw the ball back and forth at noon and evenings. One becomes an adept at throwing, the other at catching, and they start out as a battery. Later they probably had that the catcher meant for basemen or outfielders, and drop into their regular places.

The country towns send the most batteries, and the regular teams are recruited from city ball players mainly, although from cities comes many pitchers and catchers who have learned the art of pitching and catching by working together in streets and alleys. Developing ball players is largely a matter of natural playing space. Pennsylvania sends out the largest number of professionals. Ohio next, Illinois third. The "bottoms" in Cincinnati, the corner lots of Cleveland, the prairies in Chicago, and the "commons" of Massachusetts towns have sent their graduates into every field in the land.

Wherever there has been found room for baseball playing good ball players have been developed.

The popular idea that any club that puts up the money to buy players can get a winning team is one of the great fallacies of baseball. As a matter of fact, money will not buy a really first-class ball player, and the man who finds one is as lucky as the man who finds a good mine.

In all my experience I never discovered but two ball players from among the hundreds and hundreds that I have watched as a mother watches her babe. One of those was a lanky, red-headed Irish lad named Carroll—a pitcher. That was early in 1898, I had watched him for nearly two years as a boy pitching with an amateur team and thought I had landed on a wonder. He was all arms and neckles, and he had speed that the race horse man would call dazzling.

That spring I thought he was ripe, so I framed it up with Tom Loftus, who had the Columbus Club, to give the youngster a trial. He joined Loftus' team, and pitched the first game, letting down the opposing team with two hits and no runs. And that night

FITZ FOR STAGE NOW; WILL QUIT THE RING

Old Man Decides To Take to the Footlights and Keep Shy of the Roped Arena.

San Francisco, Dec. 22.—Robert Fitzsimmons, as a result of his contest with "Jack" O'Brien last night, will return to the stage and, according to Fitzsimmons' latest statement, will not again enter the ring. He arose late this morning, partook of a hearty breakfast, and appeared to be little the worse for the punishment he received last night. He is scheduled to appear at one of the local theaters next week.

O'Brien, the victor, has not yet decided whom to meet next. He has been challenged by Sam Berger, Marvin Hart and Tommy Ryan. The general opinion in pugilistic circles is that O'Brien will agree to fight Hart first.

The gate receipts of the fight were \$16,407. Of this sum 80 per cent went to the gladiators, the wind receiving 5 per cent of the 60 per cent and the loser getting 25 per cent. It was the largest crowd that has attended any fight in San Francisco this year, and was the largest gallery that has ever gathered at a fistie encounter in this city.

INDOOR BASEBALL.

GAME FOR NEW YEAR'S DAY.

An indoor baseball team representing G Company of the Ninety-first Infantry will play a game with a local team in the armories here on New Year's Day.

TENNIS.

WRIGHT LEADS.

New York, Dec. 22.—At the annual meeting of the executive committee of the National Lawn Tennis Association last night, Beals C. Wright, of Boston, was elected president. Wright, of Orange, N. J., was ranked second, with W. A. Larned, of Summit, N. J., and W. J. Clothier, of Philadelphia, next on the list.

In doubles, Messrs. Ward and Wright, who played in England for the Davis cup last summer, are ranked first. They are followed by Harold H. Hackett and Frederick B. Alexander, of this city, and Kreigh Collins and L. H. Waldner, of Chicago.

BASEBALL.

Pittsburg, Dec. 22.—The Tri-State Baseball League officials said today they would attempt to prevent "Vic" Willis pitching with the Pirates next year on the ground that he had a previous contract with the Altoona club, of the "outlaw" league.

THE DEAL CLOSED.

Providence, R. I., Dec. 22.—By an agreement made here today Patrick T. Powers, formerly president of the Eastern Baseball League, secured control of the league club by taking up an option given on the controlling interest in the club by Col. Felix D. Wendelschafer, president and principal owner. President Powers stated that Manager Dunn, who headed the team with Eastern League pennant during the past season, would continue in that capacity and would be given a free hand in the selection of players. Powers will make his headquarters in this city next season.

WILL NOT PLAY WITH CUBS.

Canaster, Pa., Dec. 22.—James Sheekels, recently sold by the Brooklyn team to Chicago, who is now at his home at Columbia, declared today he would not play in Chicago under any circumstances, not liking the west. He thinks Ebbets, Brooklyn, gave him a raw deal in not consulting him before trading him. Unless a change is made so that he can play in the east, he will be found with an independent league next season.

WRESTLING.

Watertown, Dec. 22.—Chas. Kaiser, of Rochester, and Max Wiley, of Watertown, wrestled for two hours and ten minutes here last night without a fall, and the match was declared a draw.

FOOTBALL TEAM WAS TOO STRONG

Corey, of Steel Trust, Had It, But Could Not Get Any Team to Play With It.

W. E. Corey, the steel trust magnate, provided the town of Homestead, Pa., with a football team the like of which never before was seen in the athletic world.

His vanity would not permit any one else to have a team which nearly approached his in excellence, and he sunk a small fortune in an organization which was really so good that it could not get any other team to stand out against it, and so had to disband.

It was in 1891 that W. C. Temple, former president of the Pittsburgh baseball team and donor of the Temple Cup, had a football team that seemed good enough for anybody, but Corey in his jealousy announced that he would put one in the field which would make Temple's team look like a lot of amateurs—and he did, but it cost him dear.

Some idea of the strength of the football team which Corey put in the field in the fall of 1901 can be gathered from the following names which appeared on the roster, and the players were all on hand:

Archie, P. center, end, Perry Hale, Yale, end, George Brook, U. of P. full back, David Fultz, of Brown, now with the New York American baseball team, halfback.

John Fitzsimmons, of Brown, halfback, W. B. Richardson, of Brown, quarterback, Overfield, U. of P. center, with Bemis and Hawley Pierce of Carlisle, the famous Indian brothers; Church of Princeton; Weinstein and Lawlor to fill.

This team was put up at the best hotel in Pittsburgh, and was the laughing-stock of the valley, because it was so strong that no team could be persuaded to play it.

The salaries paid by Corey to this outfit were most extraordinary, while the revenue he obtained from the few games they played scarcely paid for the shoe shines of the high-priced players.

SWIMMING.

A CHAMPION DEAD.

Brisbane, Queensland, Dec. 22.—The death is announced of Bernard E. Kieran, the Australian champion swimmer, who made notable records during his recent visit to Europe.

Kieran, who was but 19 years of age, came into prominence in 1904, when he easily outclassed all open swimmers. He held all the world's amateur records in the 50, 100, 200, 400, 800, 1,600, 3,200, 6,400, 12,800, 25,600, 51,200, 102,400, 204,800, 409,600, 819,200, 1,638,400, 3,276,800, 6,553,600, 13,107,200, 26,214,400, 52,428,800, 104,857,600, 209,715,200, 419,430,400, 838,860,800, 1,677,721,600, 3,355,443,200, 6,710,886,400, 13,421,772,800, 26,843,545,600, 53,687,091,200, 107,374,182,400, 214,748,364,800, 429,496,729,600, 858,993,459,200, 1,717,986,918,400, 3,435,973,836,800, 6,871,947,673,600, 13,743,895,347,200, 27,487,790,694,400, 54,975,581,388,800, 109,951,162,777,600, 219,902,325,555,200, 439,804,651,110,400, 879,609,302,220,800, 1,759,218,604,441,600, 3,518,437,208,883,200, 7,036,874,417,766,400, 14,073,748,835,532,800, 28,147,497,671,065,600, 56,294,995,342,131,200, 112,589,990,684,262,400, 225,179,981,368,524,800, 450,359,962,737,049,600, 900,719,925,474,099,200, 1,801,439,850,948,198,400, 3,602,879,701,896,396,800, 7,205,759,403,792,793,600, 14,411,518,807,585,587,200, 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