

THE EVENING TIMES AND STAR, ST. JOHN N. B., THURSDAY, MARCH 18, 1915

THE FUNNIEST PLAY I EVER SAW

(By Derrill Pratt, Second Baseman, St. Louis Browns)

One should know Jim LaFitte and his peculiar way of talking to understand how funny the following incident seemed to the rest of us. LaFitte is a bit tongue-tied, and added to that he has the New Orleans French dialect which breaks out when he is a bit excited.

This happened during a game between New Orleans and Chattanooga in which LaFitte and Shoeless Joe Jackson took part.

In the eighth inning New Orleans was leading by what seemed a safe margin, but Chattanooga pulled and filled the bases after two men were out and Pete Lister came to bat. With the count three

balls and two strikes Pete connected with a fast one and drove it on the line to left

centre. Jackson made a desperate effort to get the ball but succeeded only in blocking it.

In the effort he fell and lost sight of the ball, which rolled only a few feet away. Two men scored.

LaFitte, thinking Joe had the ball, yelled "Trow dat ball." Joe ran around in a circle looking for the lost pellet and the runners kept going.

"Trow dat ball, man," screamed LaFitte. Lister was nearing third when Joe finally spied the ball and made a dive for it just as LaFitte screamed:

"Joe man, trow dat ball; here dey all come."

SPORT NEWS OF A DAY, HOME AND ABROAD

CURLING.

The Thistle Ladies.

The Ladies' Thistle Curling Club had their match of the season yesterday afternoon when they played the men of the Thistle Club three rinks aside, and the men won by 17 points. After the match tea was served and the prizes won during the season were presented, when speeches were made by Messrs. Warwick, Lyle and Sharp.

The club trophy was won by a rink skipped by Miss Jack, who had with her Miss Shaw, Miss Nellie Williams and Miss Fitchett. The prizes for this were given by Miss Campbell, president of the club. The club doubles won by Miss Mabel Williams and Miss Jack, were presented by Mrs. Jackson. Mrs. A. McLeod and Miss Audrey Ross won the prizes given by Mrs. Curran. Mrs. Williams for the highest aggregate in points and Miss Fitchett the prize for new comers given by Mrs. Fraser Gregory. The rink winning the MacLaren trophy was won by Mrs. Curran, Miss Mabel Williams, Mrs. Gregory and Miss Campbell (skip). The Shaw medal for points was won by Miss H. Jack.

BOWLING.

City League.

A double header was played in the City League on Black's Alley last night. The Elks took three points from the rammers and then defeated the Giants three out of the four points. The scores:

Elks.	Total Avg.
Olive..... 86	91
Nixon..... 84	86
Stanton..... 88	81
McMichael..... 90	85
Howard..... 84	106
447	459

Ramblers.	Total Avg.
Duffy..... 92	86
Jordan..... 80	84
Beatty..... 72	101
Covey..... 77	97
Wilson..... 104	102
425	462

Giants.	Total Avg.
Carlton..... 80	70
Hooper..... 90	103
Wheaton..... 79	83
Corbett..... 84	84
Dallie..... 91	91
424	431

Elks.	Total Avg.
Olive..... 84	97
Nixon..... 85	82
Stanton..... 85	84
McMichael..... 70	87
Howard..... 87	114
431	476

The daily roll off was won by Percy Howard with 114. Tonight the Sweeps meet the Braves.

BASEBALL.

Combs as a "Comeback."

If Frank H. Combs is a prophet, his son, Jack, who was recently released from the Athletics and signed a Brooklyn contract for 1915, will come back and furthermore will be good when he's forty-five.

Jack, writing to his home in Maine, says that he is in as good condition as ever before in the ten years he has been training. He is about thirty-four now and pretty lively for one who was out of the game for the entire season of 1914.

Larry Conley With Fitchburg. Fitchburg, Mass., March 16.—Daniel Noonan, owner of the Fitchburg baseball team of the New England League, said today that he has signed Joyce, a catcher, who was with Lawrence and Haverhill last season. Smith, who played first base for Lynn and Haverhill, and Chaffey, of Mt. Pleasant, N. J., a pitcher. Larry Conley and W. F. Kelley, semi-professional outfielders, had already signed contracts.

BILLIARDS.

Taylor Due in Halifax Today.

Alec Taylor, champion billiardist, is due to return to Halifax today, and will play a return match with Hindle, 800 to 500, at McCartney's billiard parlors Friday evening. This will be his last public exhibition prior to leaving on the steamer Orduna on Monday for Liverpool, completing his world's tour, the longest billiard tour ever made, from Dec. 24, 1908, to March 22, 1914. He is the first billiard player to succeed in a world's tour as a free lance and has visited every country in the world where English billiards is played, including South Africa, India, Ceylon, Egypt, Burma, Straits Settlements, Siam, Borneo, Federated Malay States, Sumatra, Java, China, Honolulu, Philippine Islands, New Guinea, Australia, New Zealand, Uruguay, Argentina, Chili, Peru, Mexico, Brazil, United States, Canada. He has given more exhibitions than any other player. He made five breaks of more than 100 in one match of 800 up, August 12, 1913, at Durham, S. A. He is also champion fancy shot player.

AUTO RACING.

Barney Oldfield Won.

Venice, Calif., March 17.—Barney Oldfield won the 800 mile St. Patrick's Day Grand Prix automobile race here today. William Carlson won second and George P. Ruckstell third. Oldfield's unofficial time was 4:24.11; Carlson's 4:35.08.

IN HONOR OF SAINT PATRICK

Tea at Brown Betty Well Patronized—Amateur Performance in Opera House a Success

In addition to the matters spoken of in yesterday's Times as pertaining to the celebration of St. Patrick's Day in St. John there were other events of interest. The "Shamrock Tea" conducted by Valcour chapter, Daughters of the Empire, in the Brown Betty tea rooms was a pronounced success. A large gathering attended and a neat sum was realized in aid of the patriotic funds. The guests, who included many militia officers on duty here, were received by Miss Rosemond McAvity, regent of the chapter, and her associate officers. The rooms were prettily decorated under the direction of Misses Marion Knowlton and Isobel Jack.

Tea was served in the afternoon between 4 and 6 o'clock, and again from 8 to 11 o'clock in the evening. In the evening, too, the Misses Lynch gave a pretty programme of music. Coffee and tea were poured and there were cigarettes for the many gentlemen who attended to support the endeavor. The home cooking table was in charge of Miss Jessie Church, and the candy table of Miss Marion Moore and Miss Connie Ewing. The refreshment committee consisted of the Misses Dorothy Jack (convenor), Edith Miller (vice-regent of the chapter), Daria DeVelva, Edith Cudlip and Jeannette Bullock. Mrs. George Bland and Miss Edith Schofield assisted with the refreshments. Mrs. J. Lupton McAvity and Mrs. D. B. Pidgeon also assisted at the tables in the evening, while Mrs. Frank White was chaperone. Ladies who attended as representing the other chapters of the order in the city were Mrs. A. W. Adams (DeVonts), Mrs. J. Boyle Travers (Brunswick), Mrs. J. H. Frink (Royal Standard), and Mrs. W. E. Lockhart (Loyalist).

O'Brien the Contractor. One of the most attractive amateur productions given in the city in recent years was the presentation of "O'Brien the Contractor" by the Y.M.C.A. of St. Joseph in the Opera House yesterday for very large houses both afternoon and evening. The refreshment committee, with commendable ability, although many of them presented difficulties for amateurs. The refreshment committee credit upon J. R. McCloskey, who directed it. The place will be repeated tonight. The fund-raising work for production are in aid of the Catholic

orphans. In addition to the play there were bright, pleasing specialties mostly patriotic in their tendencies, such as "We'll Never Let the Old Flag Fall," "Tipperary" and others being especially favored. F. L. Haas sang "Mother Machree," Miss Myrtle E. Ross and Charles E. Ross gave a highland fling of Lona's. The accompanists were Misses Florence O'Regan and Nellie Cohan. Mrs. John Flood and Mrs. M. J. Nugent were chaperones. The leading part was taken by Mr. Ryan at considerable disadvantage for he had been sick in bed two or three days prior to the performance, but despite this drawback did particularly well.

James O'Brien, the contractor..... Wm. Ryan Frank Roberts, his adopted son..... Fred A. Hazel Lorillard Lenox, president of Empire and Occidental R. R..... J. K. Kennedy Jason Fleece, his attorney..... J. R. McCloskey Baron Von Steinburger, with a title to sell..... D. J. Higgins Sharp, detective..... W. A. Flaherty Kerrigan, foreman on O'Brien's job..... G. M. Flood Hans, butler..... B. D. Stafford Cicely Fleece, Fleece's daughter..... Kathryn A. Wallace Laura Van Buren, afterwards Mrs. O'Brien..... Stella Pyne Elsie Van Buren, her child..... J. Darrah, J. Callaghan, M. Breen, R. Morrison, H. Flood, F. Garnett, J. Cusack, J. Costello, W. Stack, H. Martin, F. Gorman, F. Gorman, W. Carney and J. Callaghan.

Between the first and second acts a very effective and pretty tableau representing Britannia and her Allies was arranged by a large number of little boys and girls under the direction of Miss Alice Dillon. The chief parts were taken by the following: Britannia, Miss Pauline Daley; Ireland, Miss Helen Terrie; Scotland, Myrtle Reid; Canada, Miss Edith Pyne; France, Miss Agnes O'Neill; Belgium, Miss Bernette Callahan; Russia, Miss Florence McLeod; Australia, Miss May Quinn; Japan, Miss Gertrude Travis; Red Cross nurse, Miss Mary Isaacs; flower girls, Miss Eleanor McCullough and Miss Katharine Donovan.

Fair Warning. The lanky youth who occupied a seat in a passenger coach persisted in sticking his head and shoulders out of the window. The brakeman was passing through the coach and he touched the youth on the back.

"Better keep your head inside the window," advised the brakeman. "I kin look out the window if I want to," answered the youth.

"I know you can," warned the brakeman. "But if you damage any of the work on the bridge you'll pay for it."

HE GOT THE CLOTHES. Clergyman's Much-Needed New Suit Came Scratching at the Door.

If an earnest and faithful pastor needs a new suit of clothes to replace one worn out in the service of his flock and if his not-too-large salary will not stand the strain of buying that needed suit of clothes, and

If a rich merchant a total stranger to the pastor and residing in another city, loses his \$300 screw-tailed Boston bull pup and offers as a reward for its return the best suit of clothes that money can buy, and

If, after being missed three weeks and vainly advertised for by illustrated circulars everywhere, that dog, also a total stranger to the pastor, and residing in another city, comes up on the back stoop of that pastor and scratches on the screen for admittance later quietly submitting to be returned to its master and standing by with tail awag, while erstwhile, slightly-trayed pastoral habits are replaced with purple and fine linen—these being the reward aforementioned—why

What have you got to say to that, ye unbeliever?

This is, fact for fact, the personal experience of the two preceding days, which was related from his pulpit by Rev. John Henry Troy, pastor of the First Baptist church of Glendale. He was wearing a brand new suit of clothes while he told it. He related the facts

without any effort to prove anything by it or drawing any morals, but there were some puzzled faces in the congregation as it filed out. That the story is literally and absolutely true from beginning to end any one of them will go bond. Dr. Troy does not attempt to explain it. "Knowing of the reward it is true that I earnestly desired to find that dog," he said, "It may be that the fervency of desire amounted to prayer."—Los Angeles Times.

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HOCKEY

Notes of Interest

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RING

Champion Welsh Makes Statement

(Boston Globe) Freddie Welsh presents a good argument against the "roasting" he is getting for not showing championship form every time he goes in the ring. He knows, he says, that he is not in the best of condition and, therefore, played Ritche safe the other night. It took eleven years, he declares, to get the title, and he does not propose to take any chance of losing it until Ritche or some one else puts up the amount he had to in London before Ritche would give him a try for the crown.

Fleming Outpointed McIntyre. Before 800 from all over Maine, "Wild Bill" Fleming and Ernest McIntyre fought a six round bout in Houlton on Tuesday night. If a decision had been made it would have gone to "Wild Bill" for excepting the first two rounds, Fleming had the better of his colored opponent.

Ring Notes

In Philadelphia last night Young Ahearn, middleweight champion of England, won from Jimmy Clabby, of Hammond, Ind. The bout went six rounds. Charlie White of Chicago defeated Sam Robideau of Philadelphia in the first round of their scheduled six round bout in Philadelphia last night.

Johnny Kilbane, featherweight champion, outpointed Kid Williams, bantamweight champion in their six round bout in Philadelphia last night.

AQUATIC

Will Race for Championship. Frank S. Hagney an Australian sculler, has challenged Edie Durman for the championship of America and a purse of \$1,000. Durman says he will accept and race Hagney on Toronto Bay in the middle of July.

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