

BASEBALL MATTERS

League of Four Teams is Organized

Ambitious Juveniles Are Wrathful at Being Refused Admittance to the League.

The long anticipated baseball league has at last materialized and Dawson is promised an endless quantity of good sport during the coming season with the fans.

The meeting was held in the board of trade rooms and was attended by about forty or fifty cranks of all sizes, ages and degrees ranging in years from five to fifty.

The league as finally organized consists of four teams, the Civil Service, Idle Hour, Amaranth and City Eagles, and the active officers chosen embrace one from each team.

It would be foolish to make any predictions as to the probable winner of the pennant until after the teams have lined up and a glance is had at the material which has been signed.

There is plenty of good stock in town, some of it a little shell worn and somewhat passe, but the old veterans know the tricks of the game and are there with the goods when it comes to batting and piling up runs.

The Civil Service will have a good bunch of colts to select from and will doubtless include Sheriff and also Jack Ellbeck, George Kennedy, C. V. Shannon, W. G. Harrison, C. B. Burns and several from both the commissioner's office and the post office.

the equipment. The grand stand erected last year will be of splendid service and the grounds will be laid out slightly nearer the stand than heretofore in order to give the spectators a better view of the game.

With reference to the admission that it is proposed to charge the majority of the players are strongly averse to making the sum any larger than is barely sufficient to cover the expenses for which it is intended.

The trouble with you fellows is you want things, but you know nothing about 'em. You come over here and carry home a lot of truck that a European collector wouldn't give house room, and when you see a really good thing you don't know it, or you won't pay a price for it unless some dealer makes you.

We had been walking in Venice down a narrow calle while the collector was speaking.

"Carnelian! Russian, I should say, from the Ural mountains. It's not of great value, but it's a pretty little thing, if it was cleaned up. It's mine, anyway." To the keeper of the stall.

"Quantos?" The Venetian slowly uncoiled himself and came down from the church steps, where he had been sleeping.

"Does the signore want the pretty trifle? The signore knows its value better than I, and he'll be generous."

"I'll give you a lira for it. It isn't worth it, but you must be hard with the poor."

"I had hoped I should get five."

"It is the signore's."

"There, you see," exultingly chuckled the collector. "That's what it is to know. An exquisite carnelian Russian jewel casket for 40 cents! You'd never have thought of looking among a lot of rusty old iron for a thing like that, would you?"

"May I see it, please?" He reluctantly handed it to me as though fearing I might make a sudden dash down the calle with his treasure.

"Phew!" said I contemptuously, handing the box back to him. "It's got carnelian at all. It's glass, no thing but glass."

"Glass!" drawing a magnifier from his waistcoat pocket and intently examining the purchase. "I'm— I'm— afraid it is!" he said sheepishly.

"Of course it is."

"I don't know," sadly. "Yes, it is glass! You see, it's so dirty. Oh, well, we all make mistakes at times. Do you want it?" disgust taking the place of sadness. "You can have it for a quarter."

"Well, I guess it's worth a quarter." I think my eyes must have snapped. "Yes."

And that is how an almost unique example of the cinque cento came into my collection of Venetian glass.

A Father's Heroism. Winnipeg, March 16.—News of a shocking tragedy, resulting in the death of three persons, was received today from the Icelandic settlement at Hanausa, situated on Lake Winnipeg, about twenty miles north of Gimli.

At 3 o'clock on Sunday morning a fire broke out in the house of Stoflan Oddielsson, who lives two miles south of Hanausa. The family were awakened by clouds of smoke pouring into the bedroom.

Escape was almost impossible, but Oddielsson caught up two of his children and with his wife, clad in their night attire, rushed into the open air.

The heart-rending cries, however, of two remaining children affected him so much that he rushed into the flames, which had by this time enveloped the house, to save his little ones.

Just as he entered the structure the roof fell in, smothering him and his children. The terrible event has caused a gloom over the entire neighborhood, the victims being among the pioneer settlers.

"Young man," said the pompous individual, "I did not always have this carriage. When I first started in life I had to walk."

"You were lucky," chuckled the youth. "When I first started in life I couldn't walk."—Chicago News.

A PATHETIC INCIDENT

Witnessed This Morning in Police Court

John J. McDougall, a Strong, Healthy Man, Examined on Charge of Insanity

It is a most pathetic incident to see a strong, healthy man in the prime of life, bereft of his reason and talking and acting in the most incoherent and silly manner possible.

The information was read to him but he insisted that his name is J. J. McDougall instead of John J. McDougall as it is written. He did not say that his name is not John J. but said it was simply J. J.

The evidence of Constable Brazier who escorted him to Dawson was taken and was to the effect that on last Monday a telephone message was received at the police station from Anderson's claim asking for the services of an officer.

He told McDougall that he was to go with him—the latter showed fight and it took eight men to throw him down and put handcuffs on him.

McDougall asked to make a statement and in a low and at times hardly distinguishable voice and with much gesturing accompanied with silly giggles he told his story.

He was working on a claim called Conglomerate. He was working hard and the foreman told him he was the best man in the whole business.

He was getting along beautifully. The operator who kept his time said he had worked 20 days at \$4 a day and board. They had lovely board but the board he is getting at the barracks was beautiful, and he had a fine bed. He had never had any trouble. He was going to bed and had his clothes off when four or five men tried to put the clippers of his wrist but he had simply waved them aside. After holding them off for about 15 minutes he kind of gave in and then they got his right hand and then he gave them the left. During this recital he gestured to show how he had stood off the men and at the conclusion he chuckled at the recollection. He then stated that he kind of put his clothes on and went with the policeman and then he laughed once more. "I consider myself," he said, "just as innocent as anyone and I would like to go right back to my work. I am very sensible. I have claims of my own, one being 73 below" lower on Dominion. I put down a hole and got coarse gold which would go 5c to the ounce. I forgot what it was."

He reiterated the statement that he was getting beautiful grub and a fine bed at the asylum and when told that he would be sent back for a few days treatment and observation he appeared greatly pleased. He has on recently finished serving a three months sentence for stealing a pair of job studs and his actions for a long time have led those who know him to the conclusion that his mind is unbalanced.

Men of the Day. When Mr. Chamberlain was about to commence the speech which he made from the balcony of the Marine hotel at Durban he was startled by the sudden apparition of a reporter who slid down a pillar from the roof and arrived breathless and dusty, but notebook in hand. Mr. Chamberlain was astonished. "Whom do you represent?" he said. "The entire press of the empire," was the reply.

Curiously enough this was true. Mr. Chamberlain was not expected to speak on the occasion, and all the pressmen had gone to dine with the mayor. There happened to be one young pressman in the crowd who saw his opportunity and took it. So determined was he not to miss it, in fact, and to bear every word, that he climbed a 30-foot scaffolding, dropped onto a parapet, and sliding down the pillar, as described, fell as it were, from the sky amid the astonished party on the balcony. The hero was J. J. Williams of the Natal Mercury. He is a Welshman.—London Leader.

"You mean old thing, now? You said you wouldn't tell Maude about me being engaged, and you went and did, so there!"

"I didn't do any such a thing! I didn't tell her at all! I just asked her if she knew!"—Bathmore News.

Over One Hundred Idle

READY FOR THE FLOOD

Lateral Are Nearly All Opened Up

Yesterday was the first day that the water ran at all freely in the city though if the amount were combined it would not have equalled a sluiceway. For several days past the street committee of the council has had employed from twelve to fifteen men cleaning out the laterals which were filled with snow and ice and seeing that the box drains are in condition ready to carry off the surplus water and the result is that everything is in readiness for the spring freshet.

Another organization that will prove equally as attractive is the lacrosse league if such is organized. There is an assurance of two teams being formed, a possibility of three and a probability of four, which would place the league on the same basis as the baseball combination.

There exists among many persons a belief that snakes are creatures of more or less defective organization. Deprived of legs and reduced to effect their movements by sinuous windings of their elongated bodies and tails, they have an appearance of helplessness which may by itself excite compassion.

The contrast between the condition of the streets and sewers this year and last is very marked, and none will be so grateful for such changes as those who last year were flooded to a small extent. By the choking of the sewers on Queen street warehouses at the corner of Third avenue and Queen were slightly flooded necessitating the removal of several tons of goods, some of which were a trifle damaged.

One thing yet needs to be done by the street committee and that is very imperative. Last fall there was a ditch constructed along the base of the hill which was intended to carry off the surplus water flowing toward the flat. The ditch has not yet been resurrected and unless it is dug out of the snow and cleaned of the winter's accumulation its use will amount to nothing.

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SPORTING OUTLOOK

Lacrosse League to be Formed

Polo and Golf the Only Things Lacking to Make Catalogue Complete.

In Dawson upon the arrival of spring the thoughts of the young men do not turn to love, but instead to things athletic, such being less expensive, less troublesome, more satisfactory and not so much inclined to give one palpitation of the heart.

Just now one hears at the clubs and in the offices where young hussies are found nothing but athletics and predictions of the future. Already the baseball stars have organized for the season and as soon as the snow is off the ground will begin limbering up and getting their joints in shape for the summer.

There is at present at a standstill and will be so until the snow has gone and the frost left the surface of the ground so that the courts can be levelled up and put in condition for play.

A tournament will be played this season as usual and the Major Wood cup, at present held by O. S. Finnie, completed for.

It is too early to begin to talk of football as it is not played until well on in the summer. In the meantime if some of the American college men at present located in the country would get up an inter-collegiate game they will be able to show their cousins across the line football that is worthy of the name. Cricket is another game that has a number of devotees, particularly among the old country residents.

Alex Macfarlane proposes calling a meeting of the cricketers in a few days in order that some sort of an organization may be effected.

But two things are necessary for the roster of sports in Dawson to be complete. A golf club should be organized and a few games of polo with automobiles would make a great hit.

In arranging the former but little per size would also make a perfectishment of bunkers as the snigger-bushes found on the flat in such abundance would suffice. One of the proper size would also make a perfect teeing ground, and as the stock of carts in the city is quite in excess of the demand there would be no difficulty in securing all the caddies necessary.

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An Old Woman

CITY MUST BE CLEANED

By April 30th of Winter Accumulation

The spring cleaning up date has arrived and according to the provisions of the city ordinance only 30 days more are allowed for the citizens to get their winter's accumulation of garbage removed from the back yards.

The ordinance sets the date at which the work must be accomplished as the 30th of April and it is formerly been the case that the weather has been sufficiently warm to thaw out the ground so that it can be removed prior to that date. This year the season being so far below previous years it is rather doubtful if the removal can be accomplished in every instance within the time specified. Whether or not this condition will be taken into consideration and the time extended has not been announced. If the weather remains warm for a few days there would be no difficulty about the matter but if such weather as present today continues then the time must be extended a few days.

The matter of clearing out the garbage and rubbish accumulated during the winter is most important as to the health of the community it is most and no unnecessary delay should be put in getting premises cleaned of rubbish.

The authorities have the matter in hand now and people who do not have their premises cleaned may expect to be notified so as to do so and will have to move in a hurry.

G. N. Booth and Davis. New York, March 17.—General William Booth, founder and head of the Salvation Army, sailed for England today on the Campania. Owing to an injury to his knee there was a demonstration by the local corps in answer to a question the general said: "Yes, I see that there is a condemned man, both for life and the next. I have no answer to make to him. I long ago made a note not to answer attacks on me and the Army. I do not think it is worth answering."

Eastman Kodak, 118 Second Ave. over the Ice at Goetzman's 2 Second Avenue.

"Well," said the man who had come in from the remote wilds, "I suppose you've took your seat in congress 'ag'in?"

"No, you remember, I had the misfortune to be defeated."

"You don't say! And after me travelin' forty mile to vote for you! The folks out our way will shore be surprised. So you ain't gon' to sit in congress no more?"

"I'm afraid not."

"Well, well! Things are certainly gon' queer these days. I reckon they'll be movin' the Washington monument next."—Washington Star.

Kodak developing and finishing at Goetzman's—128 Second Avenue.—Job Printing at Nugget office.

THE NUGGET FROM SKAGWAY

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