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Gossip and Comment

Rockefeller has given another million to Chicago University, and now we expect the greatest football team ever from the Windy City.

Lindsay has won the Ontario Tankard five times, while the Toronto Granites also have five banners in their clubhouse. But the difference is that Lindsay's wins have all come in the last twelve years, while only one of Granites' figures inside that limit, Hamilton Thistles, the only other club in Canada to win the silver can five times, also figure in the Thistles' final.

But the Thistles are mostly figure away. However, one of their links this year is of the "kid" variety, and since their victory over Dundas in the primary, the folks around home think pretty well of them.

Of the others, Orillia look the best. They took the Tankard north once, and have been serious contenders on other occasions. Ingersoll, too, are thought to have an outside chance, while Sarnia, Hamilton, Scarborough, Maple Leafs, Guelph Royals each have an opportunity to figure as the dark horse of the year.

Toronto Telegram.

By wireless from St. Louis: "I see Toronto ball team wants McGowan again."

Speaking of the Canada-Mid-Lothian curling match, which the tourists won by 27 to 13, The Scotsman says: "The frost still holding off, play in the province was impossible, and the match was decided on the Scottish ice rink, Crossmoyil, Glasgow. Though scarcely so keen as on Monday, the ice was in splendid condition. Admittedly it suited the visitors' style of play, while on the other hand, some of the home rinks have had no experience on artificial rinks, and on that account labored under a disadvantage. Fresh from their decisive day, and now thoroughly at home on the rink, the Canadians played with a confidence there was no shaking. They carried all before them on most of the rinks, particularly in the forenoon, but in one or two of the Scottish clubs they caught a Tartar. Twelve rinks a side were played, in two periods of three hours."

Galt certainly don't "beat the Dutch."

WANT GAMES.

Many U. S. Teams Apply to Manager Long.

The manager of the Hamilton Y. M. C. A. basketball team has received a letter from A. G. Spalding basketball team, Detroit, wanting a game in Hamilton on their way to Buffalo.

Samuel Benjamin, manager of the Columbus basketball team, of Cleveland, O., writes asking for a game on the 23rd of February. As the Buffalo Germans have changed their date to the 22nd, it will be impossible for Hamilton to book them, but will give them a date later on.

The plan for the big game between the Oil City basketball team and the local champions, to be played at the Alexandra rink next Tuesday night, will be open to-morrow at the Y. M. C. A. As this is the first game that the local team will have with a United States team, it is hoped that a large crowd will turn out to show their appreciation of the local five. Arrangements have been made so that skating can commence at 7.30. There will be nine musical selections. Manager Long has received a communication from Mr. W. R. Magner, manager of the Oil City basketball team, stating that they added two more games to their list of victories, Union City, 45-12, and Salem, 63-21.

Manager Long received a letter yesterday from Secretary Crow of the C. A. A. U., to the effect that from information he has received the club will not require a C. A. A. U. card for Mr. Mellon.

CITY LEAGUE GAMES.

At the Y. M. C. A. gymnasium last night only one game was played in the big city league series. The Dunoyas and Tiger game was postponed at the request of the Dunoyas team. Kauffman and Wilson were under the weather, but will be on hand next week. In the game played between the Clerks and the Business Men the score at full time was 24-14 in favor of the Business Men. J. McKay was referee.

CANADIAN CURLERS WON AND LOST.

Glasgow, Feb. 10.—The Canadian curlers yesterday morning defeated the Peebles Province players by a score of 88 to 83, but were defeated in the afternoon by the Biggar Province curlers by 93 to 87. Both matches were six-rink affairs.

GUELPH BEAT BRANTFORD.

Guelph, Feb. 10.—In the annual contest between Guelph and Brantford curlers for the Robertson-MacDonald trophy, four rinks a side, the Royal City won the event for the year, being 37 shots up. Score and skips:

Royal City. 19 J. C. Spence. 4 J. Hewer. 18 T. Woodvatt. 10 W. Knowles. 29 W. E. Duncan. 7 C. Barber. 13 D. Adams. 12 Total. 70 Total. 33

CHURCH BASKETBALL.

A lively game of basketball was played in First Congregational Church school room between F. C. C. Boys' Club and St. Andrew's Wonders, in which the former were victorious by a score of 39 to 14. The teams were:

F. C. C. Boys' Club (39)—Henderson, Cowan, Dickinson, Holmes, Davidson, St. Andrew's (14)—Bevis, Middleton, Leslie, Way, Tremble.

License affairs in East Elgin will be investigated by a commissioner.

TORONTOS TRIMMED.

Brantford "Pros." Who Another Game.

London Paper Praises Billy Sherring.

Canadian Curlers Won and Lost.

Brantford, Feb. 10.—Brantford prospect walked away from the Toronto set last night by the score of 12 to 4. The game was not up to the usual standard, there being a lot of fumbling and inaccurate shooting, especially on the part of the Toronto forwards. The latter were unable to break away from the Brown's men, who checked back terrifically. Alex. Miln secured Fyfe, of Guelph, at the last minute to play left wing, but he was not in condition. The Toronto defence did not show up to advantage. Doran and Lambie proving too slow to effect any rushes. At half time the score was 4 to 2 in Brantford's favor.

Brantford (12)—Goal, Meade; point, Sandford; cover, Macdonald; rover, Ward; centre, Smith; left, Throop; right, Mercer.

Toronto (4)—Goal, Tyner; point, Laumbe; cover, Doran; rover, Manson; centre, Lalonde; left, Fyfe; right, D. Smith.

Referee—Lillie, Toronto.

Goals scored: By T. Smith 3, Macdonald 4, Ward 4, Lalonde 2, Manson, Fyfe, Throop.

CENTRALES HAVE A CHANCE.

St. Catharines, Feb. 10.—In defeating Niagara Falls in last night's O. H. A. game by a score of 8 to 1, the Niagara centrals made a big bid for the district lead. The game tied the two teams in this district. This was the first defeat with which the Falls team has met this season. At half-time the score was 4 to 0. The teams were:

St. Catharines—Cunningham; Brock, Ouellet; McDonald, McGlashan, Home, Finlay.

Niagara Falls—Williams, Mumford, Urquhart, Shea, McAvoy, Kelly, Logan, Referee—Hancock, Toronto.

ARTHUR FARRELL DEAD.

Montreal, Feb. 10.—Arthur Farrell, who played hockey in Berlin some years ago and was well known as the whirlwind right wing of the Shamrocks, died on Sunday at St. Agathe.

He was a member of that famous Shamrock septette, which for so long met all comers and always came out of the struggle victorious—Friel, Farrell, Brannan, Scanlan, Wall, Tansey, McKenna. It was a great bunch.

Arthur Farrell was credited by his comrades on the ice and by followers of the green with knowing more about the game of hockey than anyone on skates. He had it down to a science, and the book he published on how to play the game was a great success.

HOCKEY RESULTS.

Senior O. H. A. St. Michaels. 9 Simoes. 8

Intermediate O. H. A. Niagara Centrals 8 Niagara Falls. 1

Stratford. 5 Clinton. 4

Junior O. H. A. Midland. 10 Orillia. 8

Newmarket. 13 Collingwood. 11

Ontario Pro. Galt. 5 Berlin. 3

Northern. Lucknow. 15 Drumbo. 3

Bank League. Nova Scotia. 7 Montreal. 2

STANDING IN THE EAST.

Beausville, Feb. 10.—(Special)—Beausville will not get a chance to play at Niagara Falls to-night, as ordered by Secretary Hewitt. The standing of district No. 5:

Won. Lost. T.P. Grimsby. 0 2 0

Beausville. 2 0 0

The standing of district No. 6:

Won. Lost. T.P. Niagara Falls. 4 1 1

St. Catharines. 5 1 0

Port Colborne. 1 3 2

Port Huron. 0 5 1

HAYES NOT BARRED.

Swedish Runner Ready to Come to America to Race.

New York, Feb. 10.—Harry Pollok, one of the promoters of Marathon races in the Garden, issued the following statement last night: "There have been several published statements recently to the effect that Johnny Hayes had been barred from taking part in Marathon races in the Garden, and that Dorando will not give him another race. If Hayes were barred, so far as we are concerned, he would have no one to blame but himself, and no one knows this better than Hayes. The truth of the matter, however, is very far from the impression that Hayes has evidently conveyed to his friends. Dorando has twice, since his match with Hayes in the Garden last Thanksgiving eve, offered to give him a return race, once in a match promoted by Tim Hurst in St. Louis, and again in Chicago. In the latter match, however, Hayes was not in condition to run. If Hayes is so anxious for a match and is confident he can defeat Dorando, as he seems to be from his public statements, he can sign up any time he wants to race the Italian, winner take all. Maybe Hayes will not be so anxious for a return match along these lines."

John Svanberg, of Sweden, is said to be ready to come to America to meet any or all of the Marathon cracks. He is reported to have run twelve miles in 3.35 seconds slower than Shrubby's record for this distance. Before the Olympic Marathon was run in London last Summer, Svanberg is said to have covered the distance in 2.29 in a private time trial, but in the race he was taken ill and finished ninth.

PRAISE FOR SHERRING.

The following is from the London Free Press:

Sherring, it appears, is keeping his head after all, for what inducement can there be for him to enter the professional game?

It is some years now since Sherring ran any races, and while there does not seem to be any good reason to suppose he could not get in shape, yet it is doubtful if the little millionaire, who won such honors for Canada in Greece, is fitted for the style of running needed for the indoor Marathons.

Sherring is almost the opposite of Longboat. It is the Indian's legs that win races, it is the head which is the main thing with the Hamilton man, though of course, he has good legs, too. In Greece Sherring was known, practically, by the other runners. In the early part of the race he appeared lost. Frequently he stopped to walk, but at the last all the strength which had been used and his splendid judgment, was used and the Maple Leaf of Canada was carried to the Royal throne a winner.

Racing like that is Sherring's specialty. He knows how. But whether he could stand the continual pace demanded by a race in which the runners can never lose sight of one another for more than a minute, is doubtful.

Sherring does not need the money, and moreover, he is counting upon running in the Olympic Marathon, to be held in Greece in 1910. The professional Marathon is all right in its place and Longboat deserves all the credit that he is receiving, but it is to be hoped that Sherring will remain a good amateur and that the Canadian flag will fly for him when the winner of the next Olympic Marathon is announced.

POST PARDON.

Jack Sheehan Will Not Have to Serve Time.

Memphis, Feb. 10.—"Not one of the bookmakers recently convicted in New Orleans in connection with the test in court of the anti-betting laws on horse racing will ever serve his sentence."

This assertion was made yesterday by M. Boasberg, who, as "Jack Sheehan," submitted to arrest at the Suburban Orleans in connection with the test decision by Judge Elington in Jefferson Parish ordering Boasberg to pay a fine of \$350 and serve seven months in the parish jail.

"We were all pardoned before we were arrested," says Boasberg. "The Governor gave his word to my attorney in the presence of a witness. Pardons were promised in order to encourage someone to volunteer to a hasty legal fight to the finish to determine whether horse racing was to continue or end at once. Neither Figgis nor Sheffield, who submitted to arrest in the City Park test cases on the New Orleans side of the river, nor myself will ever serve a day in prison."

SADDLE AND SULKY.

A. J. Walsh, the well known trotting horse man, is in Boston negotiating for the famous Readville track. It is said that an effort will be made to hold a meeting this year if present plans are perfected.

The Washington House yesterday concurred in the Senate's defeat of the emergency clause of the bill against race track gambling. The act becomes operative on June 11, and makes book-making and pool selling a felony in the State of Washington.

The story of a new race track to be built at Tia Juana, just across the boundary line in Mexico, and in close proximity to San Diego, has proven to be a myth. Thomas H. Williams, president of the new California Jockey Club, who was said to be the man at the head of the proposition, denies that he was ever interested in it.

An anti-race track betting bill, drafted by the Anti-Gambling League of Reno, was introduced in the Nevada Assembly, and was referred to the Committee on Public Morals. This bill promises to bring out a later contest. Indications are that it will pass the House. The contest will come in the Senate.

While both the House and Senate Committees of the Texas Legislature have agreed on the racing commission bill, the Senate has rejected the machine betting proposition endorsed by the House Committee, and favors leaving the betting under the control of the Texas Thoroughbred Association.

CHECKERS.

Hamilton Club Won Return Match From Y. M. C. A.

In the rooms of the Hamilton Checker Club, Liberal quarters, last evening, the return match was played between the Hamilton and the Y. M. C. A. Checker Clubs. Ten men represented each club, and the Hamilton Club was again victorious, winning by 16 to 13, with 9 draws. The scores were:

Hamilton. Y. M. C. A. Drawn.

Curtis. 3 Harrison. 1 0

Dunlop. 0 Wildman. 1 3

Stabler. 1 Fernberg. 3 0

Yaffish. 3 Digby. 0 1

M. England. 2 Metherall. 2 0

J. England. 1 Cook. 0 1

Chine. 1 Vernon. 1 2

Nichol. 1 Best. 2 1

Blanchard. 2 Long. 2 1

Forbes. 2 Cummings. 1 1

16 13 9

DETROIT EXPERT.

There will be a meeting of the Hamilton Club on Saturday night to talk over the proposed visit of a Detroit expert. All checker players are invited. The club has an opportunity of securing a celebrated player.

NORTH VS. SOUTH.

On Tuesday evening next there will be a match between teams of the Hamilton Checker Club, representing the north and south.

"CRICK" SHOOTERS

Won the Match With Beattie's Sharp Shooters.

A friendly match took place last night at the James street gallery between Beattie's Sharp Shooters and the Stoney Creek Rifle Club. The shooters from the "crick" won by six points. The teams and scores:

Sharp Shooters.

Geo. Beattie. 124

W. Depey. 124

W. M. Clark. 118

T. Broad. 123

J. Freeborn. 123

A. Parmenter. 123

W. E. Glover. 121

A. Ferguson. 121

W. Hamblin. 121

J. Gill. 120

E. Harvey. 117

D. Fletcher. 116

E. Hirstad. 115

W. Anderson. 113

T. Barstow. 113

G. Anderson. 111

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Stoney Creek.

Allan Lee. 125

Arthur Lee. 124

D. Depey. 124

M. Clark. 124

A. Hendershot. 122

A. Glover. 121

W. Jones. 121

A. Marshall. 121

A. Jones. 121

Geo. Miller. 120

J. Walker. 120

J. Webb. 119

M. St. John. 118

H. Lee. 117

C. Walker. 118

A. Cormen. 118

W. Clark. 104

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ONT. TANKARD HONOR ROLL.

Winner. Year. Ham. Runner Up.

Toronto. 1897. Hamilton Thistle. 1898. Ontario.

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Toronto. 1903. Hamilton Thistle. 1904. Ontario.

"SULLY" NOW GENIUS.

He Patents a Catcher's Protector.

Foul Tips Glance Off This Pad.

Chicago, Feb. 5.—The name of William J. Sullivan, better known to baseball fans as "Sully," was enrolled last week in the particular hall of fame represented by the official records of the United States patent office at Washington, taking its place under the same roof, if not on the same page, with Robert Fulton, Thomas Edison, and the remaining host of inventive geniuses.

The patent which the crack White Sox catcher sought to protect his invention of an ingenious new backstop's protector has been granted by the Government, and already plans have been made by Sullivan for the manufacture and sale of the device, with which the majority of south side rooters were made familiar last season. In future years, while Fielder-Jones is hewing a fortune out of Oregon timber, while Dougherty is watching his oil wells spout, and John Kling is coining quarters and halves out of the clicks of ivory balls, Sullivan expects to be provided with superlative cigars by the demands of future great catchers for his foul tip deflector.

Sullivan is one athlete who is not going to quit the national game. He was based from a local sporting goods firm, from which he ordered one of his new protectors. He didn't ask to have the pad sent to Ireland, where he is spending the winter, so it is presumed he intends to be back on the south side when the season opens. "Sully" is at present in Cork, and is so well pleased with Erin's ale that he is delaying his return to this country until the last moment.

Patent officials always define inventive applicants into two classes, and call them "freaks" and "naturals." In the first class they include the dreamers and impracticable geniuses to whom the perpetual motion machine is the uttermost ambition. The "naturals" include men whose inventions are the natural products of their daily life or occupation, based on intimate knowledge of the defects of devices already in use and designed through experience to remedy those defects.

NOT CLASSED WITH "FREAKS."

For every practical invention of commercial value turned out by the "freaks" there are said to be a score of them by the "naturals." They have tabulated the White Sox catcher in the latter class.

No sooner was the patent allowed than Doc White, one of Sullivan's battery partners, permitted himself to be photographed in various poses wearing the device in connection with the commercial purposes of the utilitarian features of the device.

Sullivan did not start inventing with any sort of sordid view. His device is the result of many a suppressed grunt and of numerous black and yellow bruises on ribs and shoulders from the hot foul tips he has faced and stopped in the long years of service he has seen as receiver, general for every known kind of delivery. It was not until these jolts in the slats were doubled in number by the advent of the snitchball that Sullivan began to meditate on a device for greater protection for himself and his fellow sufferers.

For a year he plotted and figured to foil the foul tip; then early last spring he had his ideas crystallized into manufactured form. Unlike so many geniuses, Sullivan did not try his novelty on the dog. Instead he enacted the role of dog himself and blossomed out one day in the new protector in the presence of a multitude of south side fans.

GIVES PAD THOROUGH TRIAL.

The debut was a success, but Sullivan did not bank on a single performance. He tried the thing out for a whole season in all kinds of weather—hot, cold, wet and dry—contemporaries and rivals, so that it could face all kinds of pitting, and finally decided it would do.

Three leading faults in the old inflated protector Sullivan sought to remedy. The wind pad wouldn't hold wind at all, and seemed to leak right in advance of a whole flock of foul tips. It did not protect the catcher's shoulders, and it interfered with his movements in throwing to bases, and in other feats requiring agility. He had no remedy for these faults without increasing the cost of manufacture unreasonably.

To do away with the constant leakage, after a wind pad had been used a while, and to obviate the constant repairs Sullivan dispensed with the idea of an inflated protector altogether. He replaced the wind with more substantial padding, making a ribbed cushion do the work of more or less compressed air, usually less. But a solid blow against padding, no matter how thick or soft, would be uncomfortable, so Sullivan made a radical departure in the construction of his protector.

FRONT BUILT LIKE SNOWFLAKE.

Instead of the old style flat pad which curved only at the sides of the body, he formed the main portion of the protector out of two sets of horizontal rib like pads, one set on each side of a vertical dividing line. In this way when the protector is adjusted to its wearer, it assumes a protruding position along the line of the central dividing line and the two sections slant backwards in something the same way as the bow of a boat or the nose of a snow plow. By this means the force of a foul tip is not received directly against the body of the catcher with only wind intervening as formerly. The pitched ball is deflected and hits the protector a glancing blow which hurts far less, according to Sullivan.

The lower portion of the protector is composed of a series of vertical, instead of horizontal padded ribs, so arranged that they deflect the foul tip downward and thus offer greater protection than the old pad even when perfectly inflated. The shoulders of the catcher also are protected by padded extensions, which act as buffers even when a catcher is stooping down or leaning forward for a low pitched ball.

To obviate the handicap to a catcher's throwing, the whole protector is supported on the body by a flexible harness much after the fashion of the average suspenders. This harness is readily adjustable to the wearer, and, even when fitted tightly to the body, does not interfere with the catcher's freedom of motion as did the former device, which was held in place by an inflexible neck band and a single elastic belt around the waist, which was often averse to remaining fastened, as fans can recall.

Sullivan made all arrangements for the manufacture of his protector before starting for Ireland last fall, and on his return in advance of the White Sox training trip will lay plans for cornering the market.

For a year he plotted and figured to

Knocking Down the Pins

Four matches in the International Harvester Co's. Ten Pin League were played at the H. B. & A. C. alleys last night. The O. S. & P. R. and K. & B. won three games and the Accounting and the Wood teams won two each. The scores:

FIRST. O. S. & P. R.—

Burwash. 171 145 145 406

McMullen. 157 148 163 468

Herald. 137 138 121 396