

INSIDE INFORMATION OF HOW MONCIEF'S RUN

Curley Brown Has Made Money—
The Cash That Is
Taken In.

By Bert Collyer.
JACKSONVILLE, Fla. Feb. 4.—The official announcement of the Florida Live Stock Fair and Racing Association, that there were 614 more paid admissions during the month of December, than during the corresponding period one year ago, has elicited considerable comment as to the probable earning capacity of the enterprise. In view of the fact that the "Association" paid a 30 per cent. dividend on the initial meeting, and the highest reported approximately \$700,000, it is fair to presume that the gross receipts this year will aggregate \$1,000,000—a pretentious enterprise even in these days of "readily available" finance.

That all this was not accomplished without a considerable amount of courage and bull dog tenacity is borne out by the statement that Curley Brown, the promoter, paved his way in New York, in order to get funds to come here. He took a gambler's chance, but one that has brought its own reward, money getting in the country. Contrary to general opinion the raise in the price of admission to \$2, has not been proven such a boomerang in that the track furnished a "field" stand which, with the prices offered in the books, operated by the association are considerably lower than those in the big ring, the accommodations and as good as can be expected. To the "field" a general admission of \$1 is charged.

Of course the most lucrative asset of a racing association is the bookmaker. Without the knights of the chalk and the chamois, racing cannot or at least, never has thrived. These gentlemen pay a privilege of \$120 per diem, and are required to "draw in" for three days at a time, paying in advance. The bookmakers of course, are under considerable expense in that they must employ clerks etc., which bring the total daily expense to something over \$200. During the long winter period one year ago, there was an average of twenty-eight jayers in line daily, representing a total of \$5,000 of an expense which must be "secured" before the stipulated proceedings could be even considered. True the privileges, such as the bar, programs, advertising, messenger service, combination book, chickens, even the charge of \$2 per month for stalls, go to form a very lucrative fund, and from which it is said a well conducted racing association figures on paying the running expenses of its plant.

The dollar "books" three of which are in constant operation, and which like the "field," the offering considerably shorter odds than the "big lines" are operated by the association, and from which one statistician estimates the "association" figures on earning \$1,000 to \$1,500 a piece. Added to all this is the daily attendance which will aggregate \$250,000.

Hence, it will be seen that Brown, the promoter, must be rated with the modern Croesus, whose touch transforms everything he touches into gold. He has run the proverbial shoe string into a tannery, being rated as worth in the neighborhood of \$250,000.

That one and all who patronize Moncief Park, or who accept the offer of a badge of that association, must be subservient to the wishes of the track management, or be stigmatized with the ban of outlawry was well attested when in attempting to protect its property Owner P. Clisco carried his case into a local court. The ruling as handed down by the minions of the course and acted upon by the management follows.

H. D. Brown, Moncief Park.
Dear Sir:
We have been served thru Sam Lewis, the lawyer of the town of White Wolf, with papers from the court enjoining him from starting the horse. While we have not been served directly, we take it to be the will of the court that the horse should not start, and have excused it from the third race to-day. The action has grown out of the recent claiming of the horse. We have already passed on the validity of the claim, subject to appeal to your stewards.

As you know, we assure arbitrary jurisdiction over those who only voluntarily place themselves within that jurisdiction. W. S. Clisco, the former owner of the colt, and the person bringing the present action, by subscribing to the race from which the horse was claimed, agreed to abide by the decisions of your properly constituted court, and thus voluntarily placed himself within its jurisdiction. Without availing himself of the privilege of an appeal to your stewards, Mr. Clisco has not only embarrassed your association with a legal action, but has clogged the calendar of the court with a question.

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Bowling Chat

On the Toronto Bowling Club alters last week, the second series in two of the leagues got under way—Eaton's and the Apple, the former having bailed down their sections to ten teams in No. 1, nine in No. 2, and ten in No. 3, and with this roster will run thru to the end of the season. In the Apple League the standing at the fall of the first series is given, with Russell returned, the winners. The second series in this small but flourishing league started last Monday. In the Business Men's League the end of the second week in the second series finds all teams about as tightly bunched as anyone would wish to see, and with the prospects of a more exciting finish than that of the first series.

In the Printers' League the surprise of the week was the dropping of three straight games by The Daily World to The Globe in the morning session. This unexpected result surprised the World, who were well in the lead, and, on form, looked a 5-to-1 shot over the representative of the City organ, therefore, with the above reversal of form of those teams, the morning session has been considerably tightened up, and should furnish a close race to the end of the season.

In the evening section MacLean Publishing Company and Toronto Typewriter, the former having taken the bit in their teeth, and are well in the lead. The latter, who were in the lead, with any kind of enthusiasm by the three second division teams in this, Toronto's oldest, topin organization, a finish worthy of the old days would again be on tap.

The second week of the St. Louis tournament has closed, and some good scores have been rung up. The following are the leaders in each event:

High Five-Man Teams—

Flenners, Chicago, 2224

Brucks, Chicago, 2224

Two-Man Teams—

Hartley-Seller, East Liverpool, 1246

Ericksen-Magnussen, Chicago, 1229

Individuals—

Bionin, Chicago, 681

Pauley, Sioux City, 674

The City League finished its second week of the second series on Tuesday night, with the Royals keeping up their winning streak by taking two from Charlie Fletcher's stall-feds, and are on the top of the heap with only one loss.

Herb Gillis' Gladstone Club will have a three-man league, composed of about ten teams, going in a week. There is a vacancy for a couple of teams, and Gillis should be made to Manager Gillis at once.

That the fifth international bowling tournament and carnival to be held in Buffalo from Feb. 25 to March 18, inclusive, is to be the biggest yet, is predicted by its promoters, is beginning to show thru the surface. Now that the pin knights of the country have learned a few facts regarding the big N.B.A. affair—where it is to be held, the amount of the prize money, etc., the entries have started to roll in, and bid fair to swamp Secretary-Manager Flenners' list of entries.

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Manager Eddie Sutherland of the Athenaeum Club has entered ten teams for the Buffalo tournament, and more are expected. The list of Canadian teams will be near the fifty mark.

The Seneca of the Payne League, holding the cellar position, upset the dope during the week by taking no less than three straight games.

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