

## Bowling Basket Ball Curling

# SPORTS

## Baseball The Ring Hockey

### PORTLAND AND THE EXMOUTH

Winners in Last Night's Basketball -- First Games Witnessed at St. Andrew's Hall -- Indians Withdraw.

Two fast games of basketball were witnessed at St. Andrew's hall last evening, when the Exmouth Y. M. A. defeated St. Andrews 32 to 11, and the Portland Y. M. A. won from the Y. M. C. A. 6-10. This is the seventh straight victory for the Exmouths in the league series and they are now sure of winning the handsome cup donated as a championship trophy by W. H. Thorne and Co., Ltd. Their defence put up a splendid game last night, and kept the score of the opposing team well down. In the first half the score was 6-3 and the second half was even more strongly in favor of the leaders. The teams were:

Exmouth	St. Andrews
Forwards.	
Hipwell .....	Hamilton
Wilson .....	Paterson
Centre.	
Greason .....	Finley
Defence.	
Alexander .....	Scott
Lawson .....	Sampson

The first game was more even and there was plenty of excitement. The greater portion of the score was made on penalties, the Y. M. C. A. tallying but one field goal and the Portland three. Elliott started for the winners. The teams were:

Portland	Y. M. C. A.
Forwards.	
Emery .....	Leatham
Elliott .....	Thorne
Defence.	
Brown .....	Willett
Murphy .....	Babson
Penry .....	Burton

G. Emery referred both games. Owing to a disagreement as to the place of playing games, the Algonquin team which is well up in the standing will withdraw from the league. The Indians object to playing in the Y. M. C. A. gym where the next games have been arranged.

### INDIA MAY TRY FOR POLO TITLE

Calcutta, India, March 1.—The proposal to send a polo team from India to America to play for the championship of the world is taking shape. The Maharajah of Sood Behar has taken up the matter and is not only keenly interested in the sporting venture, but will probably accompany the Indian team.

Financial support is promised from various quarters, and some of the well known polo players have been approached to ascertain their willingness to go, and more than a quarter have expressed themselves eager to make the trip.

Among these are Captain Barrett, Fifteenth Hussars; Captain Mirza Beg, of H. H. the Nizam's service; Thakores Mott Lalji and Dhokul Singh and one or two others whose names will be made known later.

But there are other equally good players in India who may influence the selection if they are asked and consent to go. Among others may be mentioned Colonel Watson, Central India Horse; Mr. R. B. Wood, Twelfth Royal Lancers; Leslie Cheape, K. D. Guards; G. Graham, of Graham & Co.; Todd, Rifle Brigade; Wallace, Durhams and Brenner, R. E. and F. Atkinson, Johnson, Campbell-Ross, Worgan, Popham, Mills, Alderson, all of the Indian cavalry, and last but not least, Prestum Singh and Chanda Singh, of Patiala.

It is expected a challenge will be sent to the Meadow Brook Club at Andover, Massachusetts.

The idea propounded by the London Sportsman that India should, on a question of etiquette, defer to the Hurlingham Club, which has a prior right to challenge the Americans, is absurd. Since then a provisional challenge has been sent to America by the Hurlingham Club, but the question is, will the team selected by Hurlingham have the confidence of the English polo players, and next, will the Indian team defer to such selection?

Most if not all of the best players in England and Ireland have gone from India and though many of them were in England at the time of the Americans' visit not one of them was selected to play for Hurlingham.

It is to be hoped that the team proposed to be sent from England will include one or more of the following, who were in the forefront of polo when they were in India, viz: Colonel Hoare, late of the Fourth Hussars; Major Beresford, Seventh Hussars; Wilkinson, Durhams and Lee, Twentieth Hussars; Captains Sadler-Jackson, Ninth Lancers; Dennis Bingham, Exmouth Hussars; Hardress-Lloyd, Fourth Dragon Guards, and Paley, Rifle Brigade, besides others well known in polo circles.

The interests of any team going from India need not militate against that going from England. Indeed, the tournament in America may well take the character of a triangular one, each team to play for the supremacy. It may be added that the team from India would go under the auspices of the Indian Polo Association.

### Four Days Ahead of Schedule Weston Battles Desert Lands



By Tip Wright.  
Tramp, tramp, tramp.  
Today a road-weary little man, who next month will pass the seventy-second milestone on life's highway, is plodding steadily toward the rising sun, through the great American desert.  
You look at him to marvel. You see his lined, tanned face—the inflexible nature-tracings of the man who has lived in large places.  
You see him plodding between the rails of a great transcontinental railway. He is the only animate object upon which your eye falls. All else is desert. Save for the endless ribbons of steel, the man is lost in a sea of sand.  
"Where the cactus crawls and the sagebrush spreads,  
On a sea of alkali."  
Picture the desert—sand, sand, sand, as far as the eye can see; the dead flatness relieved in the distance by hazy hills, which may or may not be a mirage; vegetation is limited to the cactus and sagebrush, from which a plains rattler or a Gila monster creeps.  
Williams, Ariz., is 510 miles by rail from Los Angeles. It is the route taken by Edward Payson Weston, who is apparel as gray as his silvered hair, from the choking, poisonous alkali, is crossing the desert on his second ocean-to-ocean walk.  
Weston passed through Williams four days ahead of his schedule, which through the mountains was cut down from the 40-miles-a-day rate at which he is now driving through the heat-ridden wastes, whitened by the bones of men who have died in the clutch of the sand.  
You ask yourself what makes this man torture himself thus? Surely the prize must be great.  
Weston's reward, if he reaches New York in 100 days, will be nothing but satisfaction. Satisfaction for a self-imposed task well done.  
And for this satisfaction this wonderful little man whose name is a household word dares the pitiless sun, which shines from the cloudless sky, which shines the very life out of him who thus defies it.  
Hardy indeed the man who trifles thus with nature. His footsteps, jaunty in the cool hours of early morning, late, and his erect body bends as the day draws on and the terrific heat of the vertice rays pierce his very being. Wonderful the determination that can conquer the desire to give up in the face of such an adversary.  
Was there ever another man like him in this great wide world? Is there a man today of 72 years who can cover the ocean-to-ocean walk at the rate of 45 miles for 100 days, as Weston is doing? It is doubtful. People used to doubt Weston, but he converted them by his dominant will.  
Weston's first walk from the Atlantic to the Pacific failed by five days, because of insurmountable snowdrifts in the Sierras. Disappointed, but more determined than ever, he declared his intention to return over the same route.  
He started from Los Angeles as planned Feb. 1, and now with the Sierras behind him, is conquering the second great obstacle, the desert.  
Weston may not succeed. Sick, near, an accident or the grim reaper may stop him ere he reaches Broadway, but his life will not have been in vain. He has handed down to posterity a living, breathing lesson on the value of determination to succeed in the face of obstacles which he says are but things to be overcome.

### FORTY TWO YEARS OF BASE BALL WONDERFUL LIFE STORY OF JIM O'ROURKE

By Tip Wright.  
Only once in his career of 42 years on the diamond did O'Rourke buck the powers that be, and then he lost. In 1890 the players, dissatisfied with the iron rule of the magnates, formed the "Players Brotherhood," designed to run baseball themselves.  
"We didn't stand it," O'Rourke told me, laughing. "We found traitors galore within our own household, and in 1891 we went back to the fold."  
"I was put down as one of the assets of the brotherhood, and played in New York in '91 and '92." In 1893 O'Rourke managed the Washington team. In 1894 he attempted to get out of the player's uniform and into the umpire's suit.  
"I couldn't stand it—I wouldn't be an umpire for any thing," said O'Rourke, "so I went to Bridgeport, and because I could not keep out of the game, I played that year with the St. Joseph's Temperance team."  
"In 1895 I had to have base ball going on around me somewhere, so I organized the Naugatuck Valley league. It's the Connecticut league now, and I played continuously on the Bridgeport team until last year."  
"I built the Bridgeport grounds out on the old farm where I used to plow. Besides my law, I had other duties from time to time, as city fire commissioner, member of the board of public works, paving commissioner, and I had also my family, consisting of my wife, four daughters, and my son James, now a member of the Columbus team of the American Association."  
"I think James is as steady as I was. Every year when he leaves home, I say to him, 'Now James, if you will just leave stimulants alone,



JAS. H. O'ROURKE, JR.

Note.—The next article will contain a description by O'Rourke of the suffering of players when they did not wear gloves and masks. O'Rourke will also describe some of the best players he ever saw.

no harm can come to you. You can't help being a good man, and up to this time he has not touched either liquor or tobacco and I know he won't."  
"He kisses his mother goodnight every year, just as I used to kiss mine. I often look to the young fellows and wonder why they do not behave themselves."  
"Maybe one reason is that they have too easy a time compared with we old veterans, as many of the hardships of base ball have been removed by appliances and safeguards."  
"If you would ask me the biggest improvement in base ball in my time, I would say the mitts, masks, protectors, shin guards, cleats and spikes have done more to improve the game than anything I know."

### THISTLES OFF FOR CAPITAL THIS MORNING

Six rinks of Thistle curlers will leave this morning for Fredericton, where they will meet the capital club in a friendly match. The rinks are as follows:  
H. Vanwart, J. W. Holly, S. A. McAndrew, J. P. Shaw, skip.  
R. M. Sipperly, R. H. Gibson, Rev. W. O. Raymond, J. S. Malcolm, skip.  
J. G. Taylor, R. Reid, J. C. Chesley, H. C. Olive, skip.  
F. J. Liley, A. W. Estey, G. S. Bishop, W. A. Shaw, skip.  
W. H. Mowatt, W. J. S. Myles, J. W. Cameron, J. Mitchell, skip.  
G. L. Warwick, E. S. R. Murray, A. W. Sharpe, A. D. Malcolm, skip.

### ELECTRICS WALLOPED

Accountants Take All Four Points from Rivals in City League -- M. R. A. Defeat Haywards.

The Electrics were completely eclipsed by the Accountants on Black's Alleys last evening losing all four points to the pennmen. The losers rolled an erratic and listless game and never showed any sign of taking a point.

With the exception of Smith, who was shooting a little off color, the Accountants smote the king pin with our pity. Stanton was particularly effective, going over the century mark in the first string and securing the fine average of 90-1-3. Cowan also showed class, with the tidy count of 88. The scores were:

Accountants.	Electrics.
Sinclair .....	86 79 95 260-86-23
Cowan .....	86 90 88 264-83
Smith .....	75 84 78 237-79
Stanton .....	105 90 76 271-90-1-3
Moore .....	82 85 80 247-82-13

Electrics.	Accountants.
Patterson .....	75 86 96 257-85-23
Lawson .....	71 76 75 222-74
Johnson .....	93 87 83 263-87-23
McAllister .....	79 84 90 244-81-13
Hutchings .....	86 76 70 232-77-13

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M. R. and A. Wins.  
M. R. and A. quite the drove the wedge in a little further last evening when they took the measure of the S. Hayward five in the Commercial League series. The haberdashers easily outplayed the hardware men in the first two strings, but the Hayward quintette came back strongly in the final and won out with a majority of 4. The scores were:

M. R. and A. Ltd.	S. Hayward & Co.
Burnham .....	80 90 73 243-81
Brown .....	84 79 74 237-79
Smith .....	73 72 77 227-75-23
Dickson .....	87 76 92 255-85
Douglas .....	81 73 78 232-77-13

S. Hayward & Co.	Sullivan.
Sullivan .....	89 79 86 254-84-23
Bartsch .....	77 76 82 235-74-13
Cronwell .....	83 64 81 228-76
Arrowsmith .....	59 70 75 204-68
Law .....	92 81 74 247-82-13

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### CRESCENTS PUT IT OVER NORTH SYDNEY

Special to The Standard.  
Halifax, N. S., March 1.—In the most nervy racking game ever played in Halifax, the Halifax Crescents defeated the North Sydney Hockey team by a score of 8 goals to 3. The game was the first of two decided for the professional championship of the Maritime Provinces and as a majority of the goals will decide this it will be necessary for the North Sydney team to win by six goals to land the championship, a feat which if accomplished will stamp the North Sydneyites as a phenomenal aggregation of hockey players.

At 8.30 Referee Ross faced off the puck and the game that followed will live in the memories of Halifax hockey fans. The ice was not in the very best condition but notwithstanding this the play was fast and "ar'us" with not a dull moment during the evening. First to the side of the rink then to the other the puck travelled and both goal keepers were called upon to stop shots that for speed and force had solid heave.

Nova Scotia. Lightning fast play was brilliant was the aggressive play of the forwards and peerless was the splendid work of the defence. The people will stand professional hockey if the teams continue to put up a brand like this. It was real hockey—the hockey we expect of experts.

The crowd that turned out to see the battle only amounted to about 1500, but by noise they made it would have done credit to twice that number. The two referee system was again used, the judge of play being Tim Mullins. Quite a few penalties were handed out but this must be expected in such a grepping contest like tonight's rare.

The Crescents had "Chumlie" Murray at centre and it looked odd times to see this fast forward again in a Crescent sweater. It was with the Crescents that "Chumlie" first played senior hockey and his appearance tonight was the signal for great cheering and Chumlie played a better game than he ever did before. The Crescent's was strictly an All-Halifax team, every player was a Halifax man, while the North Sydney team had a collection of "Tourists" from almost every hockey town in the Maritime Provinces.

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The Crescents won the game fairly and squarely, having the advantage of the territory for the greater part of the time and their defence put up the better game. Tomorrow night's game will have a record attendance, when at least a game as that played tonight is looked for.



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### The Mercantile Marine

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Sun rises today .....	7.04 a. m.
Sun sets today .....	6.08 p. m.
Sun rises tomorrow .....	7.03 a. m.
Sun sets tomorrow .....	6.09 p. m.
High water .....	3.53 a. m.
Low water .....	9.54 a. m.
High water .....	4.20 p. m.
Low water .....	10.16 p. m.

Sailed Yesterday.  
Stmr. Rappahannock, Buckingham, London via Halifax, Wm. Thomson & Co.

Vessels Bound to St. John.

Steamers.	From	To
Athenia, Glasgow, sld Feb. 26.	Liverpool	St. John
Lakonia, Glasgow, sld Feb. 19.	Liverpool	St. John
Manchester Shipper, Manchester sld Feb. 18.	Liverpool	St. John
Kanawha, London, sld Feb. 20.	Liverpool	St. John
Corsican, Liverpool, sld Feb. 18.	Liverpool	St. John
Kamford, Galway, sld Jan. 24.	Liverpool	St. John
Pomeranian, London, sld Feb. 16.	Liverpool	St. John
Montreal, London, sld Feb. 18.	Liverpool	St. John
Monmouth, Bristol, sld Feb. 21.	Liverpool	St. John
Hesperian, Liverpool, sld Feb. 24.	Liverpool	St. John
Empress of Britain, Liverpool, sld Feb. 25.	Liverpool	St. John

Inishowen Head, Belfast, Feb. 19. Trojan, South Africa, due March 2. Lake Champlain, Liverpool, sld Mar. 2.

Schooners.

From	To
Clinton Point, City Island, sld Dec. 1st.	St. John
Preference, Perth Amboy, sld Dec. 23rd.	St. John
Alaska, Vineyard Haven, sld Jan. 8.	St. John
Centennial, Rockland, Me., sld Jan. 8.	St. John
Grace Darling, Boston, sld Feb. 1.	St. John

Vessels In Port.

From	To
Mount Temple, 6661, C. P. R. Co.	St. John
Cassandra, 5228, R. Reford Co.	St. John
Louisburg, 1181, R. P. and W. F. Starr.	St. John
Corsican, C. P. R. Co.	St. John

Schooners.

From	To
Ravala, 124, J. W. Smith.	St. John
Aldine, 292, A. W. Adams.	St. John
Arthur M. Gibson, 298, J. W. Smith.	St. John
Abbie C. Stubbs, 295, J. Splane Co.	St. John
Clayola, 123, J. W. Smith.	St. John
Domain, 91, C. M. Kerrison.	St. John
E. Merriam, 331, A. W. Adams.	St. John
Eva C. 250, A. W. Adams.	St. John
Genevieve, 124, A. W. Adams.	St. John
Henry H. Chamberlain, 204, A. W. Adams.	St. John
Harry Miller, 246, A. W. Adams.	St. John
Hunter, 187, D. J. Purdy.	St. John
Harold B. Cousins, 260, P. McIntyre.	St. John
Ida M. Barton, 102, C. M. Kerrison.	St. John

British Ports.

From	To
London, Mar. 1—Arrived str Lake Michigan, St. John, N. B. and Halifax.	St. John
Manchester, Feb. 28—Arrived str Manchester Mariner, St. John, N. B.	St. John

Foreign Ports.

From	To
Gloucester, Mass. Mar. 1—Arrived str King Josiah (Br) Boston for St. John, N. B.	St. John
Hyvre, Feb. 28—Sailed str Corinthian, Halifax and St. John, N. B.	St. John

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4. Do you allow amateurs to receive their travelling and hotel expenses? Up to what limit?

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2. That in some exceptional cases reinstatement, under special safeguards, might be permitted.

3. That while the reimbursement of actual travelling expenses and of the cost of living in the country in which the meeting is held should not affect the amateur status of the competitor, anything in the nature of pocket money or defrayment of expenses while training should be rigorously excluded.

4. Some relaxation is suggested of the rule forbidding an amateur to compete with a professional in cases where no money prize or pecuniary profit of any kind is at stake.

5. It is suggested (a) that officers of the various sports should be given gymnastics to the men under their command, and schoolmasters who similarly teach their pupils, ought not to forfeit their amateur status; and (b) that a salaried instructor, e.g., of fencing, should be allowed to rank as an amateur in other forms of sport provided he in other respects comes under the amateur definition.

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