

## Late Gossip Of Sporting World

## SOME GOOD SCORING ON VIC. ALLEYS

On the Victoria Alleys.

Monday night five men, viz., Jenkins, McIlveen, Sullivan, Gamblin and Lannigan hit up 553 for a single string, a very good score indeed.

Among the winners in the past week in the prize tournament on the Victoria alleys are:

McIlveen with a score of 132  
Kelly with a score of 129 and 119.  
Pinnigan with a score of 137.  
Lawson with a score of 128.  
Pendleton with a score of 128.  
Coughlan with a score of 121.

Total Average of Players to Date.

Player	Total	Games Played
W. Gamblin	2624	97
T. Jenkins	2489	92
H. Sullivan	2319	97
A. Harrison	2375	87
W. Laskey	2143	89
W. Evans	2034	84
A. Kirkpatrick	1642	91
H. Gardener	2676	89
G. Morgan	2385	88
H. McKean	2510	92
J. Coughlan	2901	96
O. Duffy	2764	92
A. Covey	2239	93
V. Kelly	1970	93
W. Riley	2258	94
W. Hill	2192	90
R. Lewis	2589	96
J. Featherston	2640	88
A. Labbe	2067	86
L. Teed	2143	89
A. Stevens	2709	90
A. Simpson	2486	92
A. McDonald	2759	91
B. Ferguson	2578	95
B. Stevens	2326	86

Some very high scores have been made on the alleys lately. Walter Gamblin had a fine five string score Monday. He had an average of 110.45 for the five strings. His individual scores were as follows: 104, 121, 101, 128 and 100; total, 554, one hit better than Kelly's score made a week ago and seven pins behind Steen's score of 561.

## MINOR CLUB FOR YOUNG PLAYERS

New York, Jan. 4.—In order to save its big collection of prize money, the National League has decided to release when the major league season begins, it is not unlikely that the New York Giants will buy a minor league club before next season, where the young players can be farmed out. It is stated that one of the clubs in the International league might be purchased for this purpose.

Several of the major league clubs have this idea in mind and that was the reason that Manager Huggins of the St. Louis Cardinals and Manager Herzog of the Cincinnati Reds both put in bids for the Buffalo club of the International league.

The major leaguers say that the new rule restricting their clubs to twenty-one men means that they will have to release several players who are really good enough to be taken up by the class A clubs, which includes the International league, the American Association and the Pacific Coast league.

## TURNED BACK CLOCK AND SAVED FIGHTER

Buffalo, Jan. 4.—They don't produce seconds who can compare with Spider Kelly and Tim McGrath, said Billy Roche of New York, recently. "Kelly and McGrath were the two slickest generals who ever coached a man in a corner. One night in San Francisco Al Neil was boxing Young Peter Jackson, a tough one. Al had him man out pointed but was growing tired. Then Jackson uncorked a terrific left hook and Neil's knees sagged as he backed away. Instantly Spider Kelly was up in the ring and, pointing out the big automatic time clock used in this club to toll off the three minutes of fighting, he yelled above the din:

"Look—hey look, me—the clock's stopped—see—see the hands are not moving!"

"Everyone in the house turned around to see the clock. And the funniest thing of all was to see Young Peter Jackson drop his hands and walk over to the ropes to get a good look.

"In the meantime the Spider had pulled the groggy Neil up and fresh before Young Peter and the crowd discovered that the clock was going along just as true and just as sure as it had always gone. It was the greatest exhibition of quick wit that I ever saw and it only serves to show what resourceful fellow Kelly was."

## BASEBALL SUIT.

New York, Jan. 5.—Organized baseball will fight the suit begun by the Federal league in the United States Court in Chicago, President Ban Johnson, of the American league declared here tonight.

"We have no fear of the result, and I am sure it will put us right before the public. I am afraid of only one thing, and that is that the Federal league will blow up before the suit can be heard."

## FINANCIAL SUICIDE IN BIG BASEBALL WORLD

New York, Jan. 4.—Ban Johnson and his organized pals who are bellowing about the Feds committing financial suicide by paying huge salaries to such men as Walter Johnson, Joe Tinker, et al, might take a squint at the hardihood of themselves.

The Walter Johnson and Eddie Collins cases furnish an excellent instance of why the Feds are able to give the organized folks the horse horse laugh.

Johnson and Collins ranked as among the most valuable men in organized baseball. Both were leaders in their respective positions.

Walter Johnson, "the brains of the American league" and the owner of the White Sox, wanted Collins. He got him—at a price. Press agents of the American league say Collins was paid \$50,000 for Collins. We doubt the figures. About \$25,000 was more like it. But let us take the word of the press agent for it. Collins cost the American league \$50,000 in cash at the time.

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## BASEBALL MAGNATE'S ESTATE

New York, Jan. 4.—The transfer tax appraisal of the estate of John T. Brush, chief owner of the New York National League Baseball club, who died November 26, 1912, was filed yesterday and shows that his entire estate was worth \$470,102. Of this amount his stock in the National Exhibition Company, which operates the Giants, consisting of 1,306 shares, is valued at \$348,702. Counsel for the Brush estate valued the stock at only \$120,000, which is the par value. But Appraiser John T. Martin fixed the figure at \$267 a share on the showing of the profits made by the club.

The balance sheet of the National Exhibition Company, made up on December 31, 1912, a few days after Mr. Brush died, shows that the total assets of the club were \$506,502, of which \$285,157 was the value of the new grandstand, and \$221,345 of the old grandstand. Players' equipment was valued at \$1,416, and the club had \$14,625 invested in New York city bonds. The club also held a note on the Boston National league club for \$4,000. The profits of the club for the fourteen months previous were \$179,012, and there was a surplus of \$254,012.

The statement of the income for the fourteen months showed the following receipts: Championship games, \$491,965; exhibition games, \$3,734; training trip games, \$6,618, and rental of grounds \$42,546, making a total of \$549,263. The world's series receipts were \$10,271 and the expenses \$15,932, making a total income of \$544,196.

The expenses for the period were \$44,444, made up of the following: Players purchased, less those sold, \$3,700; training trip expenses \$14,601; salaries and bonuses \$166,832; travel expenses, \$1,000; tickets, etc. \$38,701; National League assessment \$4,000, and depreciation of new grand stand \$82,398.

The profits for the three years prior to Mr. Brush's death were: 1910 season \$69,068; post-season \$15,961; 1911 season \$76,518; world's series \$75,507; 1912 season \$84,803; world's series \$84,822. Dividends of \$47,820 were paid in 1910, but nothing was paid in the two following years.

A report by Joseph P. Day, the real estate expert, as to the value of the Polo Grounds lease states that the rental is exorbitant since the land is assessed at only \$195,000 and the market value is only \$770,000. He said that such rent could be obtained only from a baseball club.

## FEDERAL LEAGUE WAR.

Chicago, Jan. 5.—The Federal league resuming its war on organized baseball, today fired its heaviest gun—an anti-trust suit against the leading bodies operating under the National agreement, including the National League, the American league and the National Commission. The suit, it is said, threatens the entire fabric of organized baseball, carrying not only the possibility that the intricate organization be declared illegal and that the interstate agreements be dissolved, but that the ten thousand ball players in major and minor leagues be declared free agents.

Hearing on the bill is set by Judge Landis for January 20.

## DAN McDONALD CHOSEN.

Yesterday Harry Ludecke and Jim Prokes, the wrestlers who are to meet in a finish match in the Opera House on Saturday, Jan. 10th, decided on Dan McDonald as the referee for the match. McDonald knows the game thoroughly and should prove the right man in the right place. The two wrestlers are training hard for the go which promises to be the best ever.

## LOCAL BOWLING YESTERDAY

In an interesting game on the Victoria alleys last night No. 3 Team took three points from No. 2 Team. Both the second and third strings were very closely contested and the result was in doubt until the last ball was thrown. Both teams are composed of the younger class of bowlers and they certainly give good promise of becoming clever men at the game. Coughlan and Morrissey were right there in the No. 3 line-up with the big scores, while Steen and Pendleton delivered the goods for No. 2. Coughlan had the highest single in the game, beating Pendleton out by one pin 114 to 113. The following is the score:

Business Genius.

Comiskey is a part and parcel of organized baseball. There was so much "advantage" in that fact that he had to guarantee a payment of \$125,000 to get a ball player of no greater worth than the Feds, the enemy or organized baseball, got for a guarantee of \$36,000.

If it is "financial suicide" for the Feds to pay \$36,000 for a player that would have cost an organized magnate \$98,000, what do you call business genius?

It is any wonder that the Feds aren't overly anxious at this time to get under the wing of organized baseball? What's the advantage just now? Presently they can get \$36,000 worth of baseball value for \$36,000. If they joined hands with O. B. they couldn't get bargain rates. They would have to pay the regular price, as Comiskey did.

In a year or so when the bargain counter offers no more inducements the Feds may join organized baseball. And they pay not. Maybe at that time even if organized baseball waves a supporting hand, the Feds may ignore it and decide to go on alone and

Sometimes, these infants grow so rapidly that they are able to get along without any outside help, especially if during their early days they are compelled to shift for themselves and thereby are forced to develop at an early age their own resourcefulness.

## THE CITY LEAGUE.

Last night in the City League on Black's alleys, the Braves won three points from the Elks. The individual scores follow:

Elks.

Olive	92	80	88	260-86-2-3
Nixon	94	84	86	264-88
Evans	84	91	64	239-79-2-3
McMichael	84	100	64	268-89-1-3
Howard	103	98	96	297-99
	457	453	418	1238

Braves.

Black	89	89	86	264-88
Logan	94	101	97	292-97-1-3
Teed	88	82	74	244-81-1-3
McLeod	82	74	112	268-89-1-3
McKean	115	88	86	299-99-2-3
	468	434	465	1367

T. McMichael won the daily roll-off with a score of 125.

Tonight's match will be between the Braves and the Ramblers.

## FITZSIMMONS IS HELD RESPONSIBLE

New York, Jan. 4.—The old boys simply won't stay dead.

Bob Fitzsimmons started. He arose from his pugilistic coffin some moons back and challenged all the white hopes in sight.

"They be bloomin' duffers," declared Fitz. "Hime a rawther old fellow, but H'i can lick 'em all."

The boxing commission in New York State, however, crimped Fitz's comeback ambition. They said he was quite too ancient to battle in these parts.

But the publicity that Fitz got inspired some of the other chaps who used to battle quite regularly just about the time that Alexander was looking around for a few more worlds to conquer.

Kid McCoy, the shifty person of long ago, now an elderly, fat person, became afflicted with "come backitis." He went into training, batted himself for a scrap with a never-wizzer and insists that not only can he walk nearly everybody else.

Joe Walcott, who is said to have been quite an old person when the Civil War began, is back in the midst of things again. Joseph discovered some weeks back that the family larver was running shy of bacon and trimmings. So Joe went out, picked a fight with some fellow, got a boxing promoter to stage the doings and, as Joe puts it, "Ah dun copped off enuff mazzuma foh a few slabs o' dat bacon."

"You're pretty old for such active work as boxing," someone told Joe.

"Who? Me old," exclaimed Joe, surprised and offended. "Ah! have you know, sah, that I ain't gerry, werry old. And Ah's jest as good today as a rull lot of them fellows, what's gettin' de coin for puttin' up what they call a fight."

## CHAMPION SULLIVAN IS UNMARKED

Cincinnati, Jan. 4.—While everybody was hustling to get indoors last night John L. Sullivan was seen calmly walking down Vine street with his coat open.

"I hear that the mercury is down to the zero mark," said an old-time friend of Sullivan's, rubbing his ears to keep them warm. "That does not interest me," remarked Sully. "I work harder in the red hot sun during the summer months than I do when it's cold. I never suffered from the heat in my life, and the colder the day the better I feel. This business of wrapping up your body like an express package is killing more people than the plague."

Sullivan's remarks are worthy of attention. He was the champion London prize ring fighter of the world. Although he took part in many real prize fights, and took a world of punishment yet he did not receive a mark of any kind. He looks more like a senator than a prize fighter. John attributes his youthful appearance to the fact that he studied fighting and always prepared himself in a proper



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