

## SNAP-SHOTS

### AT VARIOUS SPORTS

It is roughly estimated that there will be about 523 hockey enthusiasts present on Monday night, when the City League holds its meeting.

Hod Stuart must have been taken in hand by his friends. He hasn't been quoted in the papers for a whole day.

Danny Maher, the jockey, says that the English thoroughbreds are superior to the American nags. Danny knows, which side his bread is buttered on. Those fat English salaries look good to the little Irishman.

The local Y. M. C. A. Senior City League basketball schedule was wound up last night, when the T. N. C. C. five nosed out a victory over the Meds by a score of 21 to 29. The Shamrocks must have kissed the biarney-stone, for they added another game to their unbroken string of victories by walling the Midgets in a curtain raiser to the other contest. Score 71 to 53.

Joe Gans is following Pat's suit. The lightweight ink-spot says that he will hit himself from out of the limelight after the Herman bout, and go into business. To one familiar with the dusky man's habits the statement comes as a joke. Joe can't keep away from the race-track, the card-table or a crap game long enough to put away even a lone, hard dollar.

The poor, gullible public! P. T. Barnum was right. It certainly likes to be humbugged. Too much, however, is plenty. Beel and Gotch faked a wrestling match a couple of weeks ago. Then the six-day fake grind was swung on the public; and now Beel and Gotch pull off another fake match. In the first bout, Beel won two out of three falls. That was pulled off in New Orleans, the same place, by the way, where Sullivan was relieved of the title by Jim Corbett. The Gulf burg will stand for most anything, so the match went without much adverse comment. Monday night Gotch and Beel met in Kansas City and Gotch had no trouble in securing three straight falls. Shades of Carrie Nation! Some hatchets wouldn't work badly on the wrestling game out K. C. way.

The promoters of the recent fake grind in New York are talking of running a 24-hour race, in order to prove to the public that the recent contest was not a fake. That's rich, rare and juicy. Talk about heaping insult upon injury! The New York public has had enough bike racing to last them for a year at least. A 24-hour contest between the promoters and the officials would prove popular, providing the course led them away from the metropol.

The Toronto scribe who said that this town was a dead one in the sporting line should visit some of the near-by places. We have run across bugs, not far removed from London, that were petrified. Take that, put it in your pipe, and draw a deep breath. If you live—we're right; if you don't—well, then, you'll keep quiet. Somebody prescribed absolute quiet for this vicinity, and we're taking it. There is nothing doing.

SOUTHPAW.

### THE TURF.

#### HAMILTON'S SPRING MEETING.

Hamilton, Dec. 18.—A meeting of the Hamilton Jockey Club was held yesterday afternoon to fill the vacancies on the board caused by three resignations. The directors are: Senator Gibson, A. W. Mackenzie, Toronto, and W. D. Long. The officers are Senator Gibson, president; F. C. Bruce, first vice-president; Judge Mackenzie, second vice-president; Samuel Barker, M. P., J. J. Scott, W. D. Long, P. D. Cramer, J. E. Seagram, M. P., Alex Mackenzie. The dates for the spring meeting are from June 3 to June 15.

#### OPEN-AIR SHOW.

Toronto, Dec. 18.—At a meeting of the Toronto Hunt horse show committee, it was decided, in view of the fact that the annual Canadian horse show cannot be held at the armories this year, to ask the Canadian Horse Breeders' Association to provide for prizes for the stallion classes at their coming spring show, and in the meantime until a suitable building is erected, prizes for the harness, saddle and hunters' classes will be given at an open-air horse show to be held at Toronto Hunt some time in April.

#### BASKETBALL.

##### G HAS IT ON B.

Company G had it on the team from Company B last night in the basketball contest at the armories, and won out handsily by a score of 24 to 4. The line-ups were as follows:

G — Forwards, Livingstone and Clarke; center, Marshall; guards, Gaudier and Spry.

B — Forwards, Butler and Armstrong; center, Whitton; guards, Binie and Sanger.

#### INDOOR BASEBALL.

##### GAMES AT ARMORIES.

Company C defeated Company F by a score of 8 to 7 in the indoor baseball games at the armories last night, and Company E went down to defeat before the A. M. C. team, the score being 9 to 6. Penwarden, the score being the battery for Company C, and Bryan and Roberts did the battery work for the second team. For the A. M. C. Livingston and McColl did yeoman service, while McColl and Hunt composed the battery of Company E. Jeffries and Dunlevy acted as umpires.

#### ANOTHER WIN FOR WINDSOR.

Windsor, Ont., Dec. 18.—Windsor Fusiliers' indoor baseball team again defeated the Crescents of Chicago last night by a score of 11 to 6. The game was a gingery one, the best played in this city for a long time. The Crescents play in Toronto tonight.

#### BASEBALL.

##### YANKIES WANT HILDEBRAND.

New York, Dec. 18.—The New York American League Club will make a determined effort to secure Doc Hildebrand, famous as the star batsman at Princeton University several years ago.

### A Humane Jockey.

New York, Dec. 18.—Jockey Shaw, who goes to Europe in February to ride next year, will be greatly missed here by owners who believe in humane treatment of horses in actual races.

"Shaw never believed in punishing a horse when he knew that he was beaten," said a prominent turfman, "but with considerable thoughtfulness he used to ease his mount rather than pursue the tactics of other boys by whipping and using his spurs when there was a absolutely no need of such hard riding. Many horses have been ruined just because of a terrific drive through the last sixteenth of a mile when they were clearly exhausted. That sort of grueling took the heart out of them and in some instances caused a breakdown beyond hope of recovery. Shaw could tell the moment he let a horse down at the eighth pole whether he had anything left or not and acted accordingly. There were many owners this year who would have employed Shaw continuously if he had been able to make the weight just because of this particular trait."

Shaw, by the way, in addition to receiving \$20,000 cash for riding in Germany next season, will be allowed \$25 a day for expenses and will have his transportation over and back paid in advance.

## O. H. A. SCHEDULES NOW COMPLETE

Group Ten, Intermediate, the Last to Fix Dates—More Players' Certificates.

Toronto, Dec. 18.—With the exception of group No. 10, intermediate O. H. A. series, which is being arranged today, all the schedules of championship games have been arranged. A belated schedule arrived at headquarters today from Parry Sound, for group No. 11, intermediate series. The meeting was held at Parry Sound, and the clubs represented were: Coldwater, A. E. Fairbairn; Parry Sound, H. McLaughlin. The schedule:

Clubs—Coldwater, Parry Sound, Midland II.

Convenor—H. S. Knifton, Parry Sound. Met at Parry Sound.

Jan. 2—Parry Sound at Midland.

Jan. 9—Coldwater at Midland.

Jan. 15—Midland at Coldwater.

Jan. 21—Parry Sound at Coldwater.

Jan. 25—Midland at Parry Sound.

Jan. 29—Coldwater at Parry Sound.

Certificates have been applied for to the O. H. A. for the following players:

Markham (intermediate)—R. Farley, P. Reed, W. A. R. Mason, T. G. Hawkshaw, A. McMillan, A. Armeson, R. Wilson, J. Shank, W. A. Carmichael, J. D. Glover, E. Meyer, W. Maxwell, A. Robinson, M. Selbeck.

New Hamburg (intermediate)—Milton Bettager, Albert Bruder, Alexander Hahn, Leslie Wismer, Victor Mermer, Edward Scherer, Roland Plum, A. B. Puddicombe, J. A. Backer, Oliver J. Becker, W. A. Schaff, Theo. Schuler, Harry Beck, Oscar Schultz.

North Bay (intermediate)—C. G. Mann, Thos. B. Dunbar, P. McDonagh, J. A. Robinson, A. P. McDiarmid, W. H. Cairns, L. M. Bunyan, T. R. Shaw, Harry Cameron, E. H. Bunyan, Fred Ballie, J. D. Kennelly, E. W. Dunnett.

## GOTCH REGAINS THE CHAMPIONSHIP

Iowan Gets Two Straight Falls in Match With Fred Beell at Kansas City.

Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 18.—Frank Gotch regained his title of champion catch-as-catch-can wrestler of America by winning two straight falls from Fred Beell in Convention Hall last night. Beell won the championship title from Gotch in New Orleans three weeks ago.

The match was cleverly fought from the first gong, and although Beell was never dangerous, his wonderful ability to get himself out of precarious positions and his aggressiveness made the match a hard-fought one.

The first fall came in 19 minutes and 48 seconds. Gotch secured the fall after a most sensational combination of holds. He beel him man up with a croch hold, threw him up over his head, and Beell fell on his back in a body hold, with his head held between Gotch's legs. Beell bridged, but Gotch's superior weight told.

The second and winning fall came after 35 minutes and 16 seconds. During this time Gotch had his opponent in many positions from which it seemed impossible for Beell to extricate himself, but the little Wisconsin wrestler, by his wonderful strength and cleverness, wriggled out of one after another. The finishing hold was a croch and half-nelson that had been preceded by a toe hold that had caused Beell great pain. Beell put him in a position so that Gotch could apply the last hold.

The match was never rough, although after the first few minutes both men took the offensive and pushed the going. A crowd of 8,000 saw the match.

THE TURF.

#### WINNERS YESTERDAY.

At New Orleans—Red Ruby 10 to 1.

Expect to See 8 to 1, Mortiboy 9 to 2, Sir Fiddling 7 to 5, Riskey 3 to 1, Lucky Charm 40 to 1.

## Baseball Gambling Habit

One of the subjects which the club owners of both major leagues carefully avoided touching upon at their annual meetings last week, according to all reports, was the growing evil of gambling on baseball games and at baseball parks, says the Chicago Tribune. It is possible some discussion of the matter was indulged in and some action taken or agreed upon, which would not make public. It is also possible that either league would conceal a good deed under a bushel in that way. There is no denying the gambling element demands the attention of the baseball magnates and that immediately. It will not do to permit the evil to go on increasing until some scandal makes drastic action imperative to preserve baseball from the hands of the worst enemies any sport can have. That will be too late to prevent a great injury to the national pastime. There was more betting on baseball games and at baseball parks last season than ever before. The fact is attested to by many close observers among the patrons and among the critics of the game. The gambling craze never was more general among people than right now. It is in the air, a by-product of the nation's great prosperity. There is a large class of men who have formed the habit of betting on everything on which a bet can be decided, and who claim to find small enjoyment in a sporting contest on which they have no financial stake. Naturally the great increase in the popularity of baseball has attracted these habitual gamblers, who never would think of admitting they were such, and the professional gamblers are seeking in greater numbers to profit by this situation. To these two classes, and many others, it may sound puritanical or puerile to cry out against their sport or their profit. They will argue it is no one's business but their own if they want to bet on a ball game and that the patronage will fall off greatly of spectators are compelled to depend alone on the game to furnish their interest in a baseball match. These are the arguments which doubtless have caused some club owners to hesitate in their desire to check the gambling evil. But they are specious. Baseball is too great a sport and too intensely interesting to a great mass of people to need the added excitement of a wager to hold the patron. But it is not great enough nor strong enough to withstand the insidious evils which follow the gambler's trail. The magnates know this from experience, many of them. It is up to them to protect the game and their own property from these evils. They have the rules already in existence, and all that is necessary is their strict, untiring enforcement.

#### CURLING.

##### HENSALL REORGANIZED.

Hensall, Dec. 18.—The Hensall Curling Club has reorganized for the season of 1906 and 1907. The following officers were elected: Honorary president, George McEwen; honorary vice-president, Gid Hobkirk; president, Alex Brandt; vice-president, J. R. Hobkirk; treasurer, H. J. Billings; secretary, Wm. MacKay.

##### SARNIA BEATS FOREST.

Sarnia, Dec. 18.—Three rinks of curlers from Forest came here last evening and had the first game of the season with the Sarnia curlers, which resulted in a victory for the local lovers of the game by a score of 12. The score:

Sarnia. Forest.

R. Mackenzie, G. Van Valkenburg skip.....17 skip.....10

W. J. Giehrst, D. Coultis, skip.....15 skip.....13

J. W. Ryder, Dr. Walters, skip.....17 skip.....14

49 37

Majority for Sarnia, 12.

#### HOCKEY.

##### HOCKEY IN THE OLD LAND.

London, Dec. 18.—The first match of the season took place at Princess yesterday evening and ended in a win for Princess' by three goals to two.

##### HOWELL TO COACH GALT.

Galt, Dec. 17.—The Galt senior hockey team have secured a coach for the winter of 1906-07. The man is Mr. Edward Howell, one of the best-known hockeyists of Ontario, and one who has played for years in both amateur and professional teams.

##### TO REMAIN AMATEUR.

Ottawa, Dec. 18.—The Ottawa City League has decided to remain amateur. "Chick" Henry, the well-known player, who is secretary of the league, says so.

##### PRO LEAGUE STANDING.

The standing of the International Professional League to date is as follows:

Goals Won. Lost. For. Agst.

Pittsburg ..... 3 0 17 3

Houghton ..... 2 0 9 8

Calumet ..... 1 0 2 0

American So. .... 0 2 8 11

\* Canadian Soo ..... 0 3 3 17

\* Houghton won by American So team leaving ice.

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Officials of both the New York Life and the Mutual Companies declared tonight that the administration tickets had without doubt been elected by large majorities, while the international policyholders' tickets, through Samuel Untermyer, its general counsel, expressed the conviction that the reform tickets would win in both companies, but by comparatively close margins.

William N. Cromwell, counsel for the New York Life, after the election, issued a statement:

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Overcoats worth 15, Christmas sale...11.98  
Overcoats worth 16, Christmas sale...11.98  
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