

THE TIMES SPORTING PAGE

Gossip and Comment

The C. A. A. U. has no representative in this district now. Mr. A. J. Taylor having resigned. Mr. Taylor declines to give any reason for publication, but it is understood the trouble is over the attitude of the C. A. A. U. officials in basketball matters.

The first game in the newly organized Ontario Y. M. C. A. Basketball League will be played at the Y. M. C. A. this evening. The opposing teams will represent Brantford and Hamilton, and a good game is looked for. Campbell and Hearn, who played with the Brantford lacrosse team last summer, will be on the visiting team, along with Bowers, a colored man. The officials will be Jack McKay, Hamilton, and J. Hays, Brantford.

To Jim Jeffries, Los Angeles: Have mailed you contract for \$2,000 in advance. You will be at 12 o'clock a night. Have had a sketch mailed to you in which you're a trained bear. You don't have to do anything except stand on your hind legs while the comedian does the work. You'll have the lead in the sketch—the comedian only gets \$10 a week—and will have your name on the bill. An early reply will be appreciated.

To Percy Williams, New York: Dear Percy—That listens good. I'll consider it. Jim Jeffries.

The City Indoor Baseball League officers hope to see a large crowd at the opening of the series in the Armory Rink this evening. The league has gone to considerable expense to arrange accommodation for spectators. To-night two games will be played. The first will be between the Scoundrels and the Internationals, and the second will be played by the St. Patricks and the Victorias.

When Longboat and Shrubbs met in their much discussed Marathon race in the garden a week from Monday night there will be a preliminary five-mile event, between Mike Spring and Bob Hallen. When Shrubbs won a relay race in the garden ten days ago Spring was picked over Longboat as a five-mile hand, although the latter vehemently declared that he had lapped Spring and was the real winner.

Because of this dispute, therefore, Spring and Hallen will settle the question next week, the former to have a handicap of ten seconds, as in their first meeting. Sporting men are inclined to make Shrubbs a favorite over Longboat, but the latter will have a bunch of Canadian coin behind him.

"Breathes there a man with soul so dead Who never to himself hath said: 'This is my own, my native land?'" "There is," cries Flanagan, arising from his seat in the gallery, "and his name is Tom Longboat."—Toronto Telegram.

Tom Longboat has let his manager, Tom Flanagan, go. He was pretty sure that somebody would have to resign when the Indian took a wife—Buffalo Times.

London Advertiser: Taking a slant at J. Johnson's itinerary it seems that he and Sam Fitzpatrick, his manager, are as near the money lay as one lamented T. Burns. The Senegambian has outlived a fine trip, languid at London, a few more marks in France, and by easy stages hither and hence and then back to America to pick up some more of the root of all evil. Can you beat it? He is a wise owl, that black rascal, and when they get him when he is not looking, there will be no chickens on the roost.

Now that Bat Nelson has written his life, we are expecting Carrie Nation to come through with the story of her hatchet swinging days. We must be entertained. Perhaps Tom Longboat will dot his impressions down in legible Chocotaw or something of that kind.

Jim Corbett gives Jack Johnson two years as champion. Jim was always a liberal chap.

Word comes from Boston that John L. Sullivan, "champion of champions," will start on a tour of the world next week.

Will John frequent the wilds of Africa and "hear" the roaring lion in his den, or words to that effect? Not much. John L. will visit cities and, escaping the vigilance of the office boy, will be interviewed by the sporting editor "in his den." Then he will write and talk and the sporting editor will write and write, and John L.'s manager will display his diamond, which is as big as a horse chestnut, and the sporting editor and the diamond-beaked manager will go out and have a drink.

Then the paper will come out in the morning and the next night thousands will rush to the theatre and kick in the doors and scramble for choice seats and pay dollars and applaud the champion of champions.

Since his retirement from the ring, due to excessive thirst, which John L. himself admits, and a few other things, he has been picking up easy money on this side of the water in vaudeville and burlesque. The field here is growing barren. Hence, the jaunt abroad.

While T. Roosevelt, ex-president, is chasing the roaring lion and creeping tiger and dodging box constrictors and sand fleas in the deserts of Africa, John L. will convey the ideas of strenuous American life to the natives via the more polite steam-heated theatre. It's a great stunt. The United States are sure going to be expounded abroad in more ways than one within the next twelve months.

There may be no more glory in "bearding lions," which listens like a further step than in boxing tame exhibitions, but it's dollars to dot buttons John L. comes home with more cash than T. R. and with as many press notices.

The Salvation Army is applying for provincial and Dominion charters to operate as a business concern. W. S. Calvert, Liberal whip, has resigned, and is succeeded by Fred Pardee, to be assisted by Hal McGivern.

LADY BAXTER FOURTH

Horse Racing on the Ice at Ottawa.

Bowling League Games on Saturday.

Ottawa, Jan. 17.—The eleventh annual meeting of the Central Canada Racing Association opened here Saturday under most favorable conditions. The weather, though cold, was clear, and the fifteen hundred spectators thoroughly enjoyed the afternoon's sport. The track was entirely free from snow, and presented a fine appearance. Horsemen are here from all parts of Canada, and many from the United States, although the embargo kept a large number of horses from the other side away.

The card consisted of the King Edward Hotel Stake for 2.15 class, pacers or trotters. It was a case of Grand Opera one, two, three, as none of the others could get near enough to the son of Tom Wood to compel Peters to make a drive. The local race was an easy thing for Victory Hall, a bay colt by Hal B. (2:04 1/2). He won in straight heats without difficulty. The following is the summary of the racing:

2.40 class (local)—	
Victory Hall, b.m., by Hal B.;	1 1 1
Alex. Hunter, Ottawa	2 2 2
Waterloo, C. M. Putnam	3 3 3
May B. A. Bourgin	4 4 4
Star Forest, E. J. O'Neill	5 5 5
Peter L. A. Leduc	6 6 6
Maid-at-Arms, W. Wilson	7 7 7
Baron Gazette, E. F. Richards	8 8 8
Miss Dote, C. Quinn	9 9 9
Time—2:31 1/2, 2:30 1/2, 2:28 1/2	
2.15 pace or trot, 1:40, 1:40, 1:40	
Grand Opera, b.m., by Tom Wood, L. H. Edmunds, Blenheim (Peters)	1 1 1
J. B. Wilkes, b.m., by Prohibition Wilkes, Moore Bros.	2 2 2
Sarnia (Moore)	3 3 3
Black Bill, b.m., by Thompson, R. Stewart, Ottawa (Tracy)	4 4 4
Nettie Wright, b.m., by Corn-cracker, J. H. Acton, Gan-anokue (Seas)	5 5 5
Merry Widow, b.m., by Redcap, S. G. Camp, Oneonta, N.Y. (Rathbun)	6 6 6
Tommy Baze, b.m., by Monarch, W. Hodson, Montreal (Hart)	7 7 7
Time—2:24 1/2, 2:24 1/2	

NEW ORLEANS BEGINS. New Orleans, Jan. 17.—The winter meet at suburban Park race track was successfully operated Saturday afternoon, when the Algiers Inaugural Handicap, the first of six races, was run shortly after 3 o'clock. Copperfield, at 13 to 5, won the race, which was a five-furlong event.

A dozen men mingling in the crowds had odds written on their programmes. The Sheriff and District Attorney of Jefferson Parish were present with Deputies. They said they did not note any violation of the so-called Locke anti-racing law passed at the last session of the Louisiana Assembly.

SADDLE AND SULKY. Presiding Judge A. Blume, who went off the job at E. Paso, returned a couple of days later.

The Windsor Driving Park Association will hold a big harness meeting July 12-13, which brings it in just ahead of the Blue Ribbon meet at Detroit.

Buffalo Times—An East Side carpenter claims to have been robbed of a wooden horse. If we were a policeman we'd look in Hotsup McBride's barn.

Joeey Jack Martin, of Burlington, won his suit against Dave Johnson and Frank Farrell in the New York court for payment for his contract services, and recovered a verdict for \$1,977.25.

Joeey Walter Miller refuses to pay his fine of \$200 at Oakland for rough riding, and says he will quit the business first, as he feels he is being discriminated against. They often say that, but they pay.

A Boston despatch says: A leg broken by a slip on the ice to-day ended the turf career of My Star, 2:03 3/4, a chestnut horse owned by John and Lotta Crabtree. The horse was the sensation of the turf in 1906. He was a winner at Readville and later defeated Argot by at Poughkeepsie. His value was placed at \$20,000.

STEEL PLANT WON

Two Games in Bowling Leagues on Saturday.

Two league bowling matches were rolled at the H. B. & A. C. alleys on Saturday night. One was in League A and the other in the Westinghouse League. The scores were as follows:

CLASS A.	
Steel Plant No. 1—	
McQuillan	174 150 170 494
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Foulis	157 156 159 472
Hinchiffe	170 194 153 517
Pratt	172 139 190 501
Westinghouse—	853 824 855 2532
Peacock	160 116 149 425
McKelvey	147 194 180 521
Morton	151 166 177 494
Smith	174 157 208 539
Mitchell	158 158 149 465
	790 791 863 2444

WESTINGHOUSE LEAGUE. Canvasser No. 3—

D. A. Wilson	135 148 144 427
W. Brown	139 193 107 439
	711 829 642 2182
Canvasser No. 1—	
C. W. Adam	98 124 124 346
R. McMillan	153 143 152 448
E. Arnold	216 164 124 504
W. E. Sprague	135 100 121 356
W. F. Lester	142 131 163 436
	744 682 684 2090

A FIVE O'CLOCK LEAGUE. A new league is being formed, games to be rolled at the H. B. & A. C. in the afternoon, which promises to be of large dimensions. Entries have been received from the City Hall clerks, the various bank teams, city travellers, school and college principals and teachers and others. Additional entries will be received at the meeting to be held in the club parlors to-morrow evening at 5 o'clock, when the league officers and committees will be elected and other business transacted.

The handicap tournament has been extended until Thursday, 21st inst., in order to allow all members entered to complete their scores. The sealed handicaps will then be declared open and the winners announced.

London, Eng., Jan. 18.—The Canadian curlers reached Edinburgh Saturday night, having been detained by a snowstorm. The entrance of the train to Waverley Station was heralded by the explosion of detonators and cheers of a large crowd.



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Nashville, Tenn., Jan. 18.—A local theatrical man has offered a \$60,000 purse for a fight between Jeffries and Johnson to take place in California. As

TO TEACH MEN TO LIVE RIGHT

At the meeting of the Ontario Y. M. C. A. Athletic League at Toronto an excellent address was delivered by Dr. Fisher, of Toronto. In view of the deplorable fact that the human body was so often "skinned against the grain," raised the point that an efficient mechanism was an absolute necessity. One's emotions and intellect were largely dependent on and affected by the muscles of the body. "The ideal is the efficient man," he said.

Some rather startling figures were given by the speaker to prove that physical weakness, due either to neglect or careless living, was responsible for a great deal of misery, sickness and death in the world.

For instance, in New York, 70 per cent. of the children, it had been reliably estimated, were subject to serious physical defects, from which resulted moral obliquity and spiritual weakness. Again, fully one-third of the deaths of young men in America last year was due to tuberculosis. This, he contended, was not the result of heredity. "No group of individuals," he said, "are so reckless in their living as young men. This dread disease is either caused by errors in living or vicious living."

According to Dr. Fisher, the aim of the Y. M. C. A. was:

Not to teach men to exercise, but to teach them to live.

To train the body in the way nature intended it to be done, always in keeping with nature's laws, and following the teaching of physical science.

Public playgrounds were strongly advocated by Dr. Fisher. They were of untold value to the children. Fully 40 per cent. of the playgrounds inaugurated last year were by the Y. M. C. A. "The field of this association is every

man or boy in this district of the city with a physical need that no one else is administering to."

The following officers for Ontario were elected: Chairman, E. H. A. Watson, Toronto West End; Vice-Chairman, John C. Miller, Orillia; Secretary, B. O. Hooper, Hamilton; Treasurer, F. Kin-sar, Kingston. The representatives on the provincial committee will be: Robert Kerr, Hamilton; E. B. Archibald, Toronto, with H. A. Watson, chairman of the district, and B. O. Hooper, Hamilton, secretary.

The league sanctioned the Ontario Basketball League in the following groups, as adopted two weeks ago:

- Group 1—Toronto Central and Toronto West End.
- Group 2—Hamilton Central and Brantford.
- Group 3—Stratford and London.
- Group 4—Peterboro and Kingston.
- Group 5—St. Catharines and Welland.
- Group 6—Hamilton East, Hamilton Central and Dundas.
- Group 7—Paris, Brantford and Galt.
- Group 8—Collingwood and Owen Sound.
- Group 9—Orillia and Midland.
- Group 10—Lindsay, Peterboro and Port Hope.
- Group 11—Belleville and Kingston.
- Group 12—Toronto West End and Toronto Central.
- Group 13—London, Stratford and Woodstock.

The dates have not been decided upon as yet. No junior series will be formed. The purpose of instituting a basketball league in Ontario is to give unity among the many Y. M. C. A. clubs, and keep the sports that are connected with the association clean and strictly amateur. Nothing was done to bring about games with United States teams.

"Added Miles Are Plum Pudding", Says Shrubbs.

One's first impression of Alfred Shrubbs, the great English athlete whom competent judges pronounce the grandest distance runner of all time, is pleasing. Below the average height, neat and jovial in a quiet way, he is modest, but shows confidence, and it is evident he intends to make the most of his ability.

His attitude toward challenges that have been flung his way since the Marathon craze struck this country, is truly Burns-esque. He believes in his superiority over Longboat, Doran and the rest, but realizes that if one race brings 10 three may bring 30, and he demands a guarantee of three races before he will consent to swap strides with any of these good grinder.

When I asked Shrubbs in Boston whether he felt confident of beating the relay team on Jan. 9, in the 12 mile race at Madison Square, he shrugged his shoulders and smiled enigmatically.

"Of course, one doesn't enter into a race without confidence," he said. "But how can I judge accurately what is to happen when I don't even know who is to run against me?"

"Will you train here?"

"No, in New York. Arthur Duffy has offered me his hospitality, and I expect John Daley to work with me. I like company, and John is an old friend."

"Will you train on the road?"

"No. I never run except on a track if I can help it. Why should I train over rough ground when I'm going to run on a good, springy track?"

"And do you run every day?"

"Not quite. About five days a week is my average."

"And do you go your full distance every time?"

"By Jove, no! It would kill me."

"How do you train, then?"

"Why, it depends on the distance. If I'm to run 10 miles I go about five in practice."

"Never going the full distance?"

"No, of course not."

"How do you know you can cover it, then?"

"How do you know you are going to be able to eat twice as much on Christmas day?"

"Experience and hope," I guessed, laughing.

"Exactly. You are answered," he said.

"But it's different," I objected.

"Not very," he said, "and you would realize it if you trained as we do in England. I think our system of train-

ing in a moderate way is more liable to give results than yours of preparing for an important event by upsetting all your habits for a period of terrific strain during which you use ten times as much vitality as you should, only to go to the other extreme after the effort."

"We keep fit the year round, because we like it. You train to capture a prize. We eat normally, drink and smoke a little, and exercise mildly week in and week out. You cram your work into a few weeks, do ten times as much as we do in that period, and never live normally."

"I believe your training is the reason of your constant reversal of form. You run too much vitality in short, strenuous training. After a punishing pace you have no recuperative power."

"I myself run a few miles almost daily, and always have the reserve force to go ten or more miles when I have to."

"Have you ever gone the Marathon distance?" I asked, thinking of the proposed Dorando Longboat-Shrubbs race.

"No," he admitted, frankly, "and I don't intend to until you have to. If any man wishes me to go out of my class I'll do it if it is under conditions, but only if he will give me two return races at my own distances."

"I don't want someone I know I can beat at my distances, going round with a victory over me."

"Then the Longboat match is off?"

"Not a bit of it. It's under consideration. I think we'll run 5, 10 and 20 miles. We will, at least, unless Longboat is willing to cut out the longer distance."

"Have you ever gone 26 miles?"

"No."

"Yet you feel sure that you can?"

"Yes, as I told you. Those added miles are the plum-pudding that we eat on Christmas day."

"By the way, what do you eat in training?"

"Pretty nearly everything," he said.

"Meats, vegetables and plenty of fresh fruit. My appetite is good, and I eat heartily and enjoy things and haven't yet had to coax my stomach with French dishes."

"And you say you drink in training?"

"A glass of beer or ale now and then; nothing more."

"Some men had been trying to lull in for a few minutes, and now Shrubbs turned from me with a polite 'Good-afternoon; hope you have it all correct.'"

I left, by L. de B. Handley, in an American exchange.

SOLDIERS WON.

Kingston Hockey Team Defeated Osgoode Hall.

Toronto, Jan. 16.—The newly organized Osgoode team showed some class at Mutual Street Saturday night, and while the Senior O. H. A. champions, the 14th Regiment, of Kingston, made them taste defeat to the tune of 6 to 5, they plainly showed their mettle and incidentally took to be the best senior O. H. A. team Toronto has had in years.

To use the expression, Osgoode were just nipped at the wire, they coming as we do in the two minutes, and the Kingston timekeeper to save the day rang the gong, although there was still 30 seconds to play, according to the Toronto timekeeper, and the whistle stopped the play with Osgoode hammering away at the Kingston goal. The half time score was 4 to 2 in favor of the visitors.

Referee Wettlaufer refereed a good game. The teams:

14th Regiment (6)—Saunders, Powell, Vanhome, Crawford, Bernier, Richardson, Davidson.

Osgoode (6)—Addison Macdonald, Stockton, Moses, Ebbs, Davidson, Stewart.

Referee, E. Wettlaufer, Berlin. BRANTFORD NOT SATISFIED.

Brantford, Jan. 18.—The Brantford management is not yet satisfied with the arrangements which have been made for filling the positions of Miller and Marks, of the local team. Johnny Ward, is satisfactory, and will be kept. Crou-

ate of Galt, however, did not show good form in Friday's game, and the management are now casting about for another man. MacNamara, of the Montreal Shamrocks, is available, but he would be debarré from Stanley Cup games at Edmonton this year. The management prefer a man who could play for the cup in case Brantford wins the Ontario championship.

FOUR FOR TORONTO. Toronto, Jan. 18.—While the other teams of the Ontario professional league are casting about for men to strengthen their line-ups Manager Min has been doing some hustling on his own account, and last night announced that he had four new players for the champions.

Doran, the husky cover-point, the star of the Pittsburgh hockey colony, has arrived here, and will go against Berlin to-night. Another new face on the local line-up against the Dutchmen will be Stocker, of Midland, the fastest man in the north country. He will be tried as rover, where he will have a chance to show his reputed speed and shooting ability.

MacNamara, of the Kingston Stanley Cup chasers, arrived yesterday